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COMMISSION.

VICTORIA R.

Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To our trusty and well-beloved Alexander Staveley Hill, Esquire, Thomas Irwin Barstow, Esquire, and Robert Milnes Newton, Esquire, greeting.

Whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, have by a joint address humbly represented unto Us, that a Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to try a petition complaining of an undue election and return for the Borough of Lancaster have reported to the House that they had reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the last Election for the Borough of Lancaster, and have humbly prayed that We will be graciously pleased to cause inquiry to be made pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Parliament passed in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign, intituled "An Act to provide for more effectual Inquiry into the Existence of Corrupt Practices "at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament," by the appointment of you the said Alexander Staveley Hill, Thomas Irwin Barstow, and Robert Milnes Newton, as Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices.

Know ye, that We, in compliance with the prayer of the said joint address, have authorized and appointed, and do by these presents, in pursuance of the powers vested in Us, by the said Act, authorize and appoint you, the said Alexander Staveley Hill, Thomas Irwin Barstow, and Robert Milnes Newton, to be Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry under the said Act into the existence of such corrupt practices in the said joint address referred to.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Sixteenth Day of June 1866, in the twenty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's command.

(Signed) G. GREY.

REPORT.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

We, the Commissioners appointed under Your Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to inquire into the existence of Bribery at the last Election for the Borough of Lancaster, having completed the inquiry which we were commanded to make, humbly submit this Report to Your Majesty.

The magistrates of the county of Lancashire having most kindly granted us the use of the Shire Hall, we opened the Commission there on the 27th day of August 1866, and prosecuted our inquiry by daily sittings until the 29th day of September. Afterwards, we resumed our sittings in Lancaster on the 4th day of January, and finally closed our inquiry there on the 9th day of January in the present year.

Before entering on the details of our report, we have great pleasure in acknowledging the services rendered by our secretary Mr. James H. Patteson, not only by his address in conducting preliminary inquiries which have greatly facilitated our investigation, but also for the admirable forethought and method by which he regulated the list of witnesses provided for each day's examination, so as to unite the least possible inconvenience to them with the utmost economy of public time.

The evidence given before us clearly establishes the existence of very great corruption at the election of July 1865.

The election immediately preceding, took place in January 1865, and was uncontested, and as from this cause no opportunity was then afforded for any corrupt practices, we held ourselves precluded by the terms of the Statute of the 15th & 16th years of Your Majesty's reign, c. 57. s. 6., from making any formal inquiry into any preceding election; but, in the course of our inquiry, much testimony was given by which the character of previous elections is sufficiently indicated.

We think it but fair to say at the outset that the witnesses who appeared before us generally gave their evidence with great candour and clearness, and by the fulness of their disclosures have enabled us to lay before Your Majesty what we believe to be a correct and particular account of the matters into which we were charged to inquire.

The borough of Lancaster is an ancient seaport town situated at the mouth of the river Lune. The present parliamentary borough consists of the old borough of Lancaster and part of the township of Bulk on the southern side of the Lune, and the township of Skerton on the northern. The gross population of the parliamentary borough which in 1851 had been 16,158, in 1861 had declined to 16,005. At the latter date there were,—inhabited houses in Lancaster, 2,680; in Bulk 8; in Skerton 303; uninhabited,—in Lancaster, 264; in Bulk 0; in Skerton 35. We have reason to believe that since that date the population has somewhat increased, the number of uninhabited houses has diminished, house-rent has been generally higher, and there is a good demand for labour at increased wages. We may add that though the town lacks the bustle and busy look of many in the same county, it has by no means the air of a decaying or impoverished place; it has a considerable trade in cotton, silk, oilcloth, and furniture, and lately iron ship-building and railway-waggon works have been established, both of which afford employment to a considerable number of hands.

The borough first returned members to Parliament in the 23rd of Edward I. At the date of the Reform Bill the right of voting was vested in the freemen alone. The number of voters on the register of 1864-65 was 1,419, but as some names appear twice

on the register in respect of several qualifications, the actual number of persons entitled to vote was 1,408; of these 980 are qualified as freemen and 439 as householders; of the freemen 608 are working men earning weekly wages by manual industry and 169 live in houses of an annual rental of 10*l.*; of the 439 householders 59 are working men; the number who actually voted at the last election was 1,339.

The freedom of the borough is acquired by birth or by having served an apprenticeship within the borough. A small fee of about 30*s.* is due on admission, and we note as an abuse that this fee is very commonly paid by the sitting Members of Parliament or by the candidates, and the payment is accepted by the freeman as a sort of retaining fee on behalf of the party making it. The freemen are entitled to some small corporate property, and also enjoy some privileges which do not seem to call for special notice.

At the time of the dissolution of Parliament in 1865, Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider, both Liberals, were members for the borough. Mr. Fenwick is a barrister living in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, and Mr. Schneider was at that time a partner in the firm of Schneider, Hannay, and Co., ironmasters, at Barrow-in-Furness. He had formerly represented Norwich in Parliament, and had been unseated on petition for bribery. The former gentleman had been returned to Parliament on the 13th of April 1864, after a contest with Mr. Saunders, in which the numbers at the close of the poll stood thus:

For Mr. Fenwick, Liberal - - - - -	682
For Mr. Saunders, Conservative - - - -	525

Upon the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Gregson, Mr. Schneider was in January 1865 returned without opposition; upon this occasion the Conservatives discussed the propriety of bringing forward a candidate, but forbore to do so, partly, as we were told, from being unwilling "to throw away powder and shot," with another contest at hand in consequence of the impending dissolution, and also from the opinion that their organization was at that time defective. They began, however, to prepare for the future, and placed themselves under the direction of Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson, who thenceforth took the chief part in all that related to election matters on the Conservative side. Mr. H. T. Wilson is a ship owner at Liverpool, and connected with Lancaster both by ties of relationship, and of business as chairman of the Lune Ship-building Company (Limited), and as manager through his firm of the Lune Ship-owning Company. He had already taken part in Lancaster elections, and had sent gold from Liverpool for the use of Mr. Saunders on the occasion of the above-named contest between that gentleman and Mr. Fenwick.

p. 276, ev., 15,716, *et seq.*

Mr. Wilson undertook to find a suitable Conservative candidate, and his thoughts turned to Mr. Edward Lawrence, an eminent merchant of Liverpool, and then Mayor of that borough. To him, some time in the course of April 1865, Mr. H. T. Wilson applied and requested that he would allow himself to be put in nomination.

Mr. Lawrence appears to have been loth to accept the proferred honour, and, indeed, at first positively declined it. In May, Mr. Wilson, backed by Mr. Saunders, renewed his solicitations. Mr. Lawrence's scruples were so far overcome that he consented to receive, and on the 1st of June did receive, a deputation from the Lancaster Conservatives, On the 6th of June he issued an address, and, on the 7th was declared Conservative candidate for Lancaster. On the 29th an active canvass was begun on the part of Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider on one side, who acted throughout in close coalition, and Mr. Lawrence on the other, and pursued on both sides with due decorum, as if they really believed the result of the election would be affected by it. Mr. G. W. Maxsted was retained as general agent for the Liberals, Mr. C. T. Clarke for the Conservatives. The colours of the Liberal party were yellow, of the Conservative blue. On the 11th of July the candidates were nominated; on the 12th the polling took place, at the close of which the numbers were as follows:

For Mr. Fenwick - - - - - -	713
For Mr. Schneider - - - - - -	687
For Mr. Lawrence - - - - - -	665

and the two former gentlemen were declared to be duly elected.

Your Commissioners desire to bring especially before Your Majesty the working of the provisions of the "Corrupt Practices Acts," as regards the office of election agents, in the borough of Lancaster. The election expenses agent for Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider was Mr. William Tilly, an attorney practising at Lancaster; he produced before us the accounts furnished by him, to the returning officer, in accordance with the Act, purporting to be an account of all monies received and paid in the matter of the election on behalf of the above candidates, amounting to 1,404*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*

Ev. p. 5.

Mr. Thomas Gibson, also an attorney practising at Lancaster, produced a like account furnished by him as election expenses agent on behalf of Mr. Lawrence,

Ev. p. 12

amounting to 1,192*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* These two statements may be divided under the following heads:—

	Tilly's Account for Fenwick and Schneider.	Gibson's Account for Lawrence.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Stationery, postage, and delivering circulars, advertising and posting bills, clerks in committee rooms, poll clerks, check clerk, and agent at booths	183 13 8	169 18 6
2. Carriages and conveyance of voters	405 6 10	448 17 6
3. Hire of committee rooms	126 7 4	120 17 0
4. Employment of voters and others as committee men, canvassers, runners, and staffmen	309 6 4	171 18 0
5. Police, public meetings, and bell-ringers	24 12 2	2 12 6
6. Payment to town clerk	103 15 4	59 16 6
7. Personal expenses of candidates	34 [illegible] 6	0 0 0
8. Professional services and fee to election agent	216 3 0	155 3 0
	£1,404 2 2	£1,129 3 0

With the exception of items 3 and 4 these two accounts appear to represent fairly the amounts spent on behalf of the candidates. The two excepted items, however, being really payments made for the purpose of influencing votes, form but a small portion of the money spent in a manner precisely similar to the sums thus accounted for.

Both the accounts were prepared in this respect without any relation to the real truth of the case, and the sums returned were fixed upon merely to carry out what Mr. Tilly avowed to be his object, viz., that the amount returned should be "somewhere about 1,200*l.*" The estimate that was formed by these two election agents of the duties of the office to which they had been appointed will be found in the evidence given by each of them on this subject. Ev. 609.

The heading of Mr. Gibson's account is as follows: "A detailed statement of all election expenses incurred by or on behalf of Edward Lawrence, Esq., a candidate at the "election," &c.

This statement was verified by Mr. Gibson's signature. He stated, however, to the Commissioners that he paid other sums on account of the election not included in this account, and specified one sum of 50*l.* paid by himself, in sums of 10*s.* each, to 100 staffmen during the week of the election, and he further added that after the election the heads of the party held a meeting, at which he was present, to discuss virtually which of the bills should be paid by Mr. Gibson and should appear in his accounts, and which should be paid by others and should not appear.

Mr. Tilly's account was accompanied by a statement very much to the same effect as that signed by Mr. Gibson.

His evidence was that through him came all the legitimate expenses of the election, and that he "paid no monies only such as were put down in the accounts produced," and it will be seen that, by arrangement, Tilly, as being "only the authorized agent," took just so many accounts as he "thought proper to put into his bill," and that the other bills were to be paid by somebody else.

To sum up this matter, it appears to be the practice at Lancaster, receiving the sanction of the judgment of the principal men, professional and others, engaged in the elections, there, that the duty devolving, under the Act, upon an election agent is to hand in to the returning officer a plausibly reasonable account of what might have been expected to be the amount spent if no recourse had been had on either side to any illegal practices or payments.

Though the amounts returned as above by the election expenses agents on each side form but a very small portion of the money spent in this disgraceful contest, they are in truth very far in excess of the requirements of a pure election. It is quite inconceivable that it should be necessary to spend an aggregate sum of 854*l.* 4*s.* 4*d* on carriages and conveyance of voters; the whole number of country voters can scarcely exceed 330. Railways run north, south, and east of Lancaster; there are stations at Morecambe, Carnforth, Galgate, Halton, and almost every considerable village in the neighbourhood. The conveyances can only be required on one day, viz., the polling day; and we cannot see why this item should have exceeded 50*l.* on each side, if each had been really desirous to repress unnecessary expense. We consider that item 3 is about double the necessary amount, and item 4 should disappear altogether, as being a payment for a purpose useless, mischievous and dangerous. For the above reasons we think that the cost of a really pure election at Lancaster ought not to exceed from 600*l.* to 700*l.* a side.

We have said that Mr. Schneider was returned without opposition on the 20th day of February 1865. On that occasion, in view of a contest at the general election, he retained
Ev. p. 39. the services of Henry Welch, a grocer in the town, who had before served the Liberal party in Lancaster as their cashier, to be his agent for illegal expenses, and to him as the contest drew near Mr. Schneider entrusted the sums he proposed to be used for the purposes of the election. Welch informed us that on the presentation of the petition, both he and the other principal Liberal managers destroyed all papers relating to the election; but though he spoke from memory we have no reason to doubt his accuracy, at least as far as his receipts are concerned. The following is his account of the different monies he received and of the times and manner of his receiving them. On—

	£	s.	d.
June 13, left in his shop by an unknown hand - - -	290	0	0
Date unknown, by Wearing - - - - - -	710	10	0
July 6, by Sanderson - - - - - - -	500	0	0
,, by ditto - - - - - - -	500	0	0
July 11, by ditto - - - - - - -	500	0	0
July 12, found in a cupboard in the "Queen's Hotel" - -	1,500	0	0
,, by Wearing, from Mr. Fenwick - - -	1,000	0	0
,, per Barton - - - - - - -	1,000	0	0
Dec. 15, by Sanderson - - - - - -	55	0	0
	£6,055	10	0

The sum of 1,000*l.* received per Barton, was returned to the bank entire, and afterwards drawn against by Welch to discharge liabilities incurred during the contest.

No part of this sum of 6,055*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* was applied to the discharge of the so-called legal expenses, the whole of which amounting, as we have shown, on the part of the Liberal candidates, to 1,404*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*, was furnished, 500*l.* by Mr. Fenwick, and the balance by Mr. Schneider, to Mr. Maxsted, their general agent, and by him from time to time to Mr. Tilly, their election expenses agent. The total cost, therefore, of this election to Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider appears to have been 7,459*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*

Under the circumstances of the contest, the Conservatives only aiming at one seat, it was not considered fair that Mr. Fenwick, the senior, and supposed to be the popular candidate, should incur a heavy expenditure, the less so as he had already stood an expensive contest with Mr. Saunders. We believe that in the first instance it was agreed that the cost to him should not exceed 1,000*l.*; to this sum of 1,000*l.*, paid under the circumstances hereafter mentioned, he afterwards added 500*l.* making the total sum contributed by him 1,500*l.* The balance of the amount was furnished by Mr. Schneider, whose first act towards providing money for the election was to make a promissory note as follows:

£2,500. London, April 28, 1865.

On demand I promise to pay to J. Coulston, Esq., or order, the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds for value received, with interest thereon at five per cent.

[30*s.* stamp.]

(Signed) W. H. Schneider.

This note Mr. Schneider kept by him until after the election when he enclosed it in the following letter to Mr. J. Coulston (then manager of the Lancaster Banking Company).

My dear Sir, Ulverston, July 15, 1865.

With many thanks I enclose you the promissory note as arranged.

(Signed) W. H. Schneider.

Mr. Hadwen, sub-manager of the Lancaster Banking Company at Lancaster, added that although Mr. Schneider had not at that time a private account with the bank, his credit was such that they should not have required any security from him; the above security, however, was given to cover drawings already made and interest to the amount of 3,500*l.*

In order to provide himself still further to meet the anticipated disbursement for illegal expenses, Mr. Schneider, some six weeks before the election, desired his manager at Barrow, J. T. Smith, to get together 1,000*l.* in gold, in small sums, and keep the amount until he should ask him for it. A few days afterwards Mr. Schneider asked Smith for the sum he had at that time collected, and Smith then gave him 290*l.* The balance of 710*l.* Smith took to Lancaster, and by Mr. Schneider's directions, left it for Welch at the house

of Milner, the proprietor of "The Lancaster Guardian," a local newspaper of Liberal politics. Milner sent it by his shopman to Stephen Wright Wearing, a very prominent person on the Liberal side, who in turn delivered it to Welch; and we have no doubt that the sum of 290*l.*, spoken to by Welch as being the first sum deposited with him for election purposes, was the same sum which Mr. Schneider received from Smith as above stated, and conveyed himself to Lancaster, and that the whole 1,000 sovereigns collected by Smith at Mr. Schneider's request were thus lodged in the coffers of the Liberal cashier.

The third and two following sums, each of 500*l.* in gold, were delivered to Welch by J. Sanderson, cashier to the Lancaster Bank. The first on the 6th of July, the last on the 11th, the day of the nomination, and the second on some day in the interval. They were made up into parcels by him by order of the late Mr. Coulston, then manager of the Lancaster Banking Company, and charged to Mr. Coulston's private account; a further sum of 1,000*l.* was paid into Mr. Schneider's hands in gold on the evening of the nomination day, which, together with 500*l.*, the proceeds of a Bank of England note changed by Mr. Schneider at the same place is the 1,500*l.* spoken to by H. Welch as having been found by him on the morning of the polling day in a cupboard in his room at the "Queen's Hotel." The next sum Welch received was 1,000*l.* in gold, by the hands of Stephen Wright Wearing, to whom it was given by Mr. Fenwick in his bed room in the "Queen's Hotel," also on the morning of the polling day. The last sum of 1000*l.* mentioned in the above account was brought to Welch at the same place, by Mr. Barton, of Church-steps, Lancaster. Mr. Barton told us that about noon on the same day, something being said in the committee as to the "necessity of strengthening Welch's hands," Mr. Schneider suggested "the desirability of seeing if 1,000*l.* in gold could be obtained at the Lancaster Banking Company." Mr. Barton proceeded forthwith to the Bank, and having in a short time obtained the amount from Mr. Hadwen, in the parlour of the bank, he brought it with him to Welch, in his room at the "Queen's Hotel." A further small sum of 55*l.* paid by Mr. Schneider's order to Welch on the Lancaster Banking Company, in December 1865, completes the amount of money passing through Welch's hands on account of this election. p. 203 ev., 11,681.

On the Conservative side the cashier was Wilson Barker, a draper in Church Street, Lancaster, who accepted the post at the request of Mr. H. T. Wilson. W. Barker furnished us with a very clear account of his receipts and disbursements. Ev., p. 190.

He stated that he received the undermentioned sums in the following manner—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
July 1st at Kennan's Hotel, Cheapside, in London, from the office of Messrs. Bilbrough, Mr. H. T. Wilson's London partners	500	0	0
July 8th, by T. E. Taylor to reimburse for advances	400	0	0
July 11th, Cash	500	0	0
July 11th, in sovs., by Wollaston and others, from Liverpool	2,000	0	0
July 12th, per cheque, drawn by John T. Lawrence (brother of candidate) in favour of W. Barker, cashed at Lancaster Branch of Preston Bank	1,000	0	0
July 12th, by post from W. E. Chambers	450	0	0
July 12th, by Stirzaker to Wollaston, and accounted for to W. Barker	400	0	0
	£5,250	0	0

The above sums were all received before or during the day of the polling.

He also drew out on his own cheque 500*l.* "as a reserve," which he returned after the election, and the remainder of the sum expended on account of the election was furnished to him as follows:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
July 15th, by W. E. Chambers	500	0	0
August 17th do.	250	0	0
September 8th do.	400	0	0
January, 2nd, 1866 do.	500	0	0
March 7th, do.	150	0	0
And a further sum due to Wilson Barker	11	2	0
	£7,061	2	0

The Conservative exchequer was fed from two sources, first, from the Liverpool house of Messrs. H. T. Wilson & Cunningham, secondly, from that of E. Lawrence & Co., in which Mr. E. Lawrence the candidate was senior partner. Mr. Wilson told us that on the 7th of June, when Mr. Lawrence consented to become a candidate, the probable cost of the contest was discussed and that Mr. E. Lawrence consented to furnish 1,000*l.* Mr. H. T. Wilson thought the cost would probably be 2,000*l.* Part of the difference he proposed to contribute himself and part, 500*l.*, was to be contributed by Mr. John Lawrence. As the contest drew near Mr. H. T. Wilson saw the nature of it more clearly, and on Monday the 10th of July he knew that to ensure his candidate's return many votes must be bought, but before making any arrangements for contesting the election on that footing, he consulted Mr. Sharpe a solicitor at Lancaster, chairman of Mr. E. Lawrence's committee, as to whether he should bribe or conduct the election purely and afterwards, on petition, pray the seat. Mr. Sharpe recommended the latter course, but Mr. H. T. Wilson resolved on the former, and, in his own words, "determined to fight Schneider with his own weapons." They were the only weapons left to him, for at that time the Conservative party were quite as deeply steeped in corruption as their opponents, so much so that it would have been impossible for them to hide their misdeeds from a Committee of the House of Commons. To take one example out of many: on July the 7th, the Friday before this consultation, George Vince, an active Conservative partisan, paid 32 Morecambe voters 2*l.* each by way of a retaining fee. It remained, then, to continue the contest as it had been begun, and to provide for the very heavy expenditure this determination implied.

p. 277, ev., 15,749.

p. 278 ev., 15,823.

Mr. H. T. Wilson's financial agent in Liverpool, in all matters connected with this election, was W. E. Chambers, cashier to his firm, who died a few weeks before we began our inquiry. Mr. H. T. Wilson, however produced his books and pointed out to us all entries in them having reference to the Lancaster election. We extracted them as follows:—

			£	*s.*	*d.*
July 1st	Per Barker.	Debited by London firm to Liverpool firm -	500	0	0
„ 11th		Cash - - - - - -	500	0	0
„ 12th		„ - - - - -	400	0	0
„ 12th		Paid to Lee and Nightingale - -	450	0	0
„ 15th		Cash - - - - - -	500	0	0
„ 15th		„ P. W. - - - -	5	18	6
„ „		„ "Liverpool Courier" - - -	10	0	0
„ „		„ "Porcupine" - - - -	0	15	0
„ „		„ Kelly - - - -	1	0	0
„ „		„ Maddock - - - -	1	0	0
Aug. 12th		Cash - - - - - -	250	0	0
Sept. 12th		Cash - - - - - -	400	0	0
			£3,018	13	6

This amount appears to have been entered as above in the cash-book of Mr. Wilson's firm as charged to the "suspense" account—an account containing those items which do not fall into any of the regular business payments or receipts, and which the cashier cannot charge to any of the usual business accounts, and therefore places to a separate account pending the direction of his principal. Against this sum of 3,018*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* on the debit side of the suspense account, there appears on the credit side on "July 15 1865 "To J. T. Lawrence, 750*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*" so that the account stands "3,018*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, less 750*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*=2,268*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*; which sum at the time of our investigation had not been settled as between Mr. Wilson and his partners, but for which he holds himself liable, and which may be regarded as his contribution to the Conservative resources.

Mr. John Toulmin Lawrence, brother of the candidate, told us that about the 1st of July 1865 he had a conversation with Mr. H. T. Wilson on the subject of the election expenses, in which Mr. H. T. Wilson estimated their amount at between 2,000*l.* and 3,000*l.* He added that the candidate declined to pay more than 1,000*l.*, and requested Mr. J. T. Lawrence to contribute. Mr. J. T. Lawrence expressed his readiness to furnish 500*l.*, or even a larger sum, if more should be required. He told us, further, that about a week before the election he left orders with Littlewood the cashier of their firm, to allow Mr. H. T. Wilson or his cashier to have whatever money they wanted; he did not limit the sum, but he says the amount to be drawn was based on an estimate that the election expenses would not exceed 3,000*l.* To what extent W. E. Chambers availed himself of Mr. J. T. Lawrence's permission appears from the following account furnished by Littlewood.

1865.	£	s.	d.
July 7th, E. L. per T. E. T. - - - - -	400	0	0
July 11th, to Tronson - - - - - -	2,000	0	0
July 15th, to J. T. L. or T. E. T. - - - - -	750	0	0
July 17th, cheque, J. T. L. - - - - - -	1,000	0	0

On November 15, 1865, this account was diminished by a payment of 1,000*l.* by Mr. John T. Lawrence, but in effect by Mr. E Lawrence, and became 3,150*l.* The next payment of 500*l.* was made on December 30th, but not entered to suspense account until 1866, when the account stands as follows:

	£	s.	d.
January 22nd, brought forward - - - - -	3,150	0	0
„ H. T. Wilson - - - - -	500	0	0
„ E. L. per Hagart - - - -	2	2	0
March 6th, paid Taylor - - - - -	150	0	0
	£3,802	2	0

at which amount it stood at the time of our inquiry.

As to the mode in which the account is to be settled it seems to be agreed between Mr. Edward and Mr. John T. Lawrence that it is to be equally divided between them, and as Mr. E. Lawrence pays in addition the 1,000*l.* originally proposed to be advanced by him, the sums paid by Mr. E. Lawrence, Mr. J. T. Lawrence, and Mr. H. T. Wilson respectively are as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Mr. E. Lawrence - - - - - - -	2,901	1	0
Mr. J. T. Lawrence - - - - - -	1,901	1	0
Mr. H. T. Wilson - - - - - -	2,268	13	6
	£7,070	15	6

Before leaving this branch of our subject we propose to explain the mode in which the two first-mentioned sums in the above account were sent from Liverpool to Lancaster. The one of 400*l.* was paid by John Littlewood, cash-keeper to the firm of Edward Lawrence and Co. to Mr. T. E. Taylor, then a clerk and now a partner in that firm, the initials E. L. being intended by the cash-keeper at the time he made the payment to stand for Edward Lawrence. It does not seem, however, that Mr. Taylor had authority from Mr. E. Lawrence to procure 400*l.* for him from his firm, or that he ever represented that he had. Littlewood told us that he used those initials on his own assumption that the money was required for the use of Mr. Lawrence. That money Mr. Taylor brought to Lancaster in sovereigns in a bag and handed to Wilson Barker.

The sum of 2,000*l.* was procured on the 11th of July from Littlewood, partly in notes and partly in gold, by Robert Tronson, the manager of the firm of E. Lawrence and Co., who procured it at the request of and paid it over to W. E. Chambers, by the hand of Robert Hagart, a clerk in the office of E. Lawrence and Co. Chambers gave 4 bags, each containing 500 sovereigns, to P. Wollaston and others, who brought them to Lancaster, and deposited them with Wilson Barker.

The machinery by which these sums were passed from the pockets of the candidates and their friends into those of the voters were much the same on either side. Each had a cashier to whom was entrusted the whole of the funds employed. The borough and country within the circuit of seven miles were divided into districts, over each of which was set an officer called a "captain," who dealt directly with the cashier, and drew from him the money required within the district allotted to his charge. Under the captains were "sub-captains," who looked after sub-divisions of the district, or particular families, or knots of voters working under the same employer. To these were joined a staff of assistants, and sub-assistants, whose duty it was to treat and drink with the voters and collect them at the critical times of payment and voting.

It is due to the chief captains on either side to say that they discharged the shameful work in which they had engaged with zeal and fidelity. Very few received remuneration. On the Conservative side were five chief captains clearly marked off from all subordinates. Their services were all gratuitous. The Liberals divided their ground into many more districts, requiring a corresponding number of captains, and rendering it more difficult to draw a line separating chiefs from subalterns.

On either side was a kind of ostensible committee. Mr. Wm. Jackson, a cotton spinner and a director of the Lancaster Banking Company, was chairman of the Liberal,

Mr. Sharpe, an attorney, of the Conservative committee. But the real direction of the contest was in the hands, on the Liberal side, of Henry Welch, Stephen Wright Wearing, and Charles Blades; on the Conservatives, of Mr. H. T. Wilson and the five chief captains, George Christopher Clark, William Storey, John Cross, James Hatch and Richard Coupland. The Liberal directors sat in an upper room in the "Queen's Hotel." Thither on the evening of the 11th, and throughout the eventful 12th, the captains flocked, with news from their districts of the doings of the enemy, desertions, gains, and actual and probable price of votes, and thence the means of their purchase flowed in a never failing stream. The Conservatives certainly consulted on like subjects, but their method was something different, and they do not seem on the election day to have been under the control of a decided central authority. Each captain seems to have been supreme within his district, but though their outlay far exceeded their anticipations, their bank never stopped payment, and on the evening of the 12th Wilson Barker returned untouched to the Lancaster Banking Company the 500*l.* which he had prepared as a reserve.

We have spoken of a make-believe canvass carried on by the candidates and their supporters. The real canvass was a very different matter. About three weeks before the election the emissaries of either party began to go among the lower class of electors, assemble them at public-houses, treat them, and discuss the merits of the respective candidates. Among voters of this class the whole affair was regarded as a contest between Liverpool and Barrow. If Lawrence was wealthy, so was Schneider. There would be a great advance in the price of votes. They would decide for whom to vote when the time drew nearer, and when the time drew nearer there was no shame, nor even the flimsy disguise of cant words. They ran from one party to the other, proclaiming the last offer, demanding an increase, avowing that they were for the highest bidder. One witness tells us the terms used were those of a cattle market, only that "the beasts sold themselves." p. 76 ev. 3806.

Nothing can be more degrading than the effect of this sort of canvass on voters of the class we have described: they struck work, they spent the nights in public-houses and the days in wandering about begging from the known assistants on either side a few shillings, to enable them to continue their debauch. One witness describes how he kept a small sum by him in a drawer for the low voters who came to him from time to time for a shilling or two to "fuddle" with when they were dry of a morning. The amounts spent in this manner must have been enormous; the Liberal party alone, had over forty public and beer-houses in Lancaster, and four in the adjoining village of Skerton. We cannot ascertain the number of those opened in the surrounding villages, but we doubt if there was a house not engaged on one side or the other, and this bears out Henry Welch's statement, which at first seemed incredible, that he spent over 1,000*l.* before the election in small sums for canvassing expenses, and that of 1,300*l.*, which remained to him at the close of the poll, about 1,000*l.* was paid to discharge outstanding public-house accounts.

One form of corruption practised by both sides alike was the employment of a number of the lowest class of voters, on what was called "a committee." On the Liberal side the committee was paid by Mr. W. Tilly and R. P. Moser; on the Conservative side by Mr. Gibson, and Geo. Danson an auctioneer who told us that it was an old Lancaster custom for the freemen to be put on committee, and that if they had not done so, and paid them accordingly, they would have gone to the other side. He adds that he paid 48 on the 1st of July and 160 on the 8th; they were all working men earning weekly wages; they were paid weekly each Saturday night, at the rate of 5*s.* a day; many were on the committees on both sides; they did nothing towards the forwarding the candidates' election, but Danson told us they caught men whom he could not find when canvassing; they went about at night drinking at the district committee-rooms, where, no doubt, they were treated by the sub-captains and assistants on either side. We inquired of many witnesses what took place at these meetings, and met but with one answer—drinking, drinking, drinking.

On either side were enrolled a large number of stout fellows, called staffmen, to escort the candidates on the nomination day, cheer, hold up their hands, and "keep order;" these men were not voters, nor were they selected with a view of influencing voters, nor do they seem to us to have been of the slightest use, unless as a means of swelling the public-house bills. One witness named Hadfield, a Liberal, speaks to paying 53*l.* 10*s.* for 68 of them in one district; Thomas Cleminson, a prominent Liberal captain, to paying for breakfasts for a body of 56 in another district, and on the same side, Col. Yeadell, a retired Indian officer, officiously, it is true, and without any authority, enlisted a body of over 140 to whom he paid 10*s.* a piece, and to their 14 "captains" 12*s.* 6*d.* each for their two days' services. Henry Welch tells us that as many were employed by the Conservative as by the Liberal party, a conclusion not borne out by the evidence of the Conservative captains. But we soon ceased to prosecute our inquiries on this head, as

we were convinced that the staffmen were a mere idle, useless expense, without any influence on the result of the election. We may here mention that we were assured that the election was a remarkably quiet and good-humoured one—a circumstance which we think reflects more credit on the good temper of the hired than on the sense of the hirers.

Very little concealment was affected in the payment of voters. Most of the Liberal captains dealt directly with their voters, though there were some exceptions. Baines, Slater, and Hosking, the two latter in the employment of Messrs. Schneider, Hannay, and Co., came over from Barrow, and Tinker, late one of Henry Welch's shopmen, from Liverpool, to assist in bribing on the Liberal side. From the manner in which they conducted their operations we can scarcely imagine that secrecy was the object aimed at, but perhaps greater accuracy in account was attained by their employment.

When Mr. H. T. Wilson and the Conservative captains found that bribery on their side was to be such a serious affair, it was arranged to engage the assistance of strangers from Liverpool. At Mr. H. T. Wilson's instance one Maddock, who plays a most discreditable part in this history, some days before the election had been staying at Morecambe as a sort of spy. A Mr. T. E. Taylor, now Mr. E. Lawrence's partner, and then late his agent at Nassau, had also been in Lancaster a few days before the election. On Monday, July the 10th, Mr. Wilson's brother-in-law, Isaac Jackson, came over; and on the 11th, R. Hagart, a clerk in the employment of Messrs. E. Lawrence and Company, Wollaston, Scanlan, Eaves, Pace, Bakewell, Nelson, and Connor, all but the last then clerks in the office of Messrs. Wilson and Cunningham, came from Liverpool by the direction of Mr. H. T. Wilson, to assist in the election.

Some of the Liberal and all the Conservative captains availed themselves of the services of one of the above gentlemen as paymaster. The paymaster and the captain met by appointment at some publichouse early on the morning of the election; the latter, with the money, was shown into an upper room, the door of which was guarded. The voters were collected in some other room. The sub-captain introduced the voter to the captain, who then gave the voter a paper, on which was written the consideration agreed on. The voter was ushered upstairs; as he entered the room his name was announced; he presented his paper and received his bribe from the hand of the stranger, who kept the papers as vouchers, and at the close of the business made up his book from them and accounted to his cashier.

It would be impossible in this report to give a full account of the proceedings of each captain and his manner of dealing with his company of voters; such an account would present a list of names of persons and places unintelligible without local knowledge and wearying from its sameness. But we think our report would be imperfect if it did not present a few samples of the scenes which were described to us, by way of filling in the general outline, which we have endeavoured to give of the mode in which the election was conducted.

Skerton is a village on the northern side of the Lune, forming a part of the Parliamentary borough of Lancaster; it has 1,500 inhabitants, of whom 62 are voters, 36 being freemen and 26 householders. Just over the bridge on the left hand side, going north from Lancaster, is the "Red Cross," the head-quarters of the Liberal party, standing at the angle formed by the road and the river. Exactly opposite is the "Black Bull," the principal Conservative house; there are four other publichouses or beershops, three of which were engaged by the Liberals and one by the Conservatives. William Towers, a grocer, was the Liberal captain; his assistants were Thomas Roberts, Edmund Boardley, Richard Garth, John Ireland, and Thomas Wilson. He had received above 170*l.* from Henry Welch. C. Blades had told him their side could "win in a gallop" at 6*l.* a head. With this impression he went over to Skerton on the night before the polling and took up his quarters at the "Black Horse." He was soon disabused. Thomas Knowles, a 10*l.* householder living in his own house, who had promised to vote for the Liberals, demanded 100*l.* for himself and six others. James Redhead and Robert Wilson, who had made like promises, refused to vote for less than 12*l.* each, while John Cowperthwaite, John Lamb and William Lamb were unwilling to poll for the bribe agreed on. Thus pressed, Towers sent Thomas Wilson for instructions to the three who sat at the "Queen's"; at 5 in the morning he returned, with orders for Towers to use his discretion; votes must not be lost. He accordingly raised his price, but found he had come too late into the market, and that several of those on whom he relied were irretrievably gone. He took the most insecure to the poll in carriages as early as he could, and having procured a further supply of money, came back for the others. Thomas Wilson acted as stakeholder, and paid each man after he had voted. Towers told us that he preferred to offer the money as for services rendered, and added, with some pride, that he did not pay one voter before he had polled.

The Conservative interests in Skerton were entrusted to James Carruthers, William Atkinson and Robert Aldren, but the funds were in the hands of Bakewell, one of Mr. H. T. Wilson's importations from Liverpool, who gave the following account of his doings on the nomination day and morning of the polling. After delivering up his parcel of sovereigns which he had brought with him from Liverpool to the "official" at the "King's Arms," he went, by Mr. H. T. Wilson's request, to the committee room at the "Royal Oak," and was there introduced to the Conservative captain of the Skerton district; he went with him to Skerton, and after looking up the voters, had them all assembled and comfortably at supper at the "Black Bull" by about 1 o'clock on the morning of the 12th. On the election morning he rose at 5, and went to the "King's Arms," where he inquired for Mr. H. T. Wilson. Not finding him, he went across to W. Barker's, and having procured 150*l.*, returned to the "Black Bull," to a room upstairs. Voters soon flocked to him, introduced by the captain, whom he believed to be Carruthers. As he paid each voter the sum mentioned by the captain, he took down his name with the amount of the bribe, and produced his original account before us. He, too, complained that after having bargained for 5*l.* "in the early part," the demand was suddenly raised. He paid G. Wilson for himself and five others 72*l.* Wilson came into the room and bargained for himself and the other five, who were "in a hand" with him; he said the enemy had got into their camp and were offering from 12*l.* to 15*l.*, and that if Bakewell would not pay him 12*l.* he and the others would vote the other way. Bakewell, after some demur, being overruled by the captain, consented, and 12*l.* became the ruling price. T. Knowles got that sum, as did also Matthew Bailey, whom Towers thought to have polled for nothing, and Bakewell had to draw from the cashier a further supply of 150*l.* He would have done well to have imitated Towers' prudence. H. Smith was picked up on his way to the poll, and on being promised 15*l.* by Whiteside, a Liberal captain, he voted for Fenwick and Schneider. The total sum which this man Smith received from both sides was 30*l.* Two others were enabled to extort a further 10*l.* each from other Conservative paymasters. Bakewell finished paying his voters at 2 p.m. He then made over a balance of 9*l.* 5*s.* to Wilson Barker and returned the same night to Liverpool. Of the 26 householders in Skerton 16 were bribed; of the 36 freemen three did not vote, and 27 were bribed.

p. 251, ev., 14,286.

Morecambe, or as it was till lately called, Poulton-le-Sands, is a large village on the coast four miles from Lancaster, much used as a watering place; it has greatly increased since it has become connected by railways with the neighbouring large towns. 68 freemen live there, mostly fishermen and boatmen, and have earned the reputation of being the most venal part of the constituency. Robert Shackleton was the Liberal manager, and the "Joiners' Arms," kept by Daniel Edmondson (who had changed sides since the last election for very sufficient reasons) was the principal scene of his labours, but accounts for treating voters were opened at the "Chieftain Inn," the "Queen's Hotel," the "Ship Inn," and the "New Inn." A fortnight or so before the election, Shackleton began to speak on the subject of it to the freemen whom he met, to collect, and treat them, the demands and actual payments increasing as the time drew near. He thus spent 50*l.* He sat up all the night of the 11th at the "Joiners' Arms;" at one time 40 freemen were there, drinking and bargaining for the sale of their votes. The price then offered was 10*l.*, but many of them kept saying they could do better elsewhere; nothing could be done without ready money. Shortly before midnight a person of the name of Carruthers, who was not a voter, but was then practising at Morecambe as a doctor of medicine, and Christopher Hartley walked to Lancaster, and returned with Baines, who, before starting, had received 200*l.* in a room at the "Queen's," in which were Welch, Wearing, C. Blades, and G. Cleminson. At 6 in the morning he began to pay it away in an upper room at the "Joiners' Arms;" the mode adopted was the usual one. Shackleton wrote the voter's name and price on a slip of tobacco-paper; Baines, for the nonce called "Jenkins," paid the sum written, varying from 8*l.* to 15*l.*, and kept the papers as his voucher. He had paid his last voter by 9 a.m.; the voters were taken in carriages to Lancaster, and Baines followed in the last, and accounted to Henry Welch. Shackleton told us the gross amount he received was 241*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*, which, with the 200*l.* paid as above described, by Baines, proves that at least 441*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.* was spent at Morecambe on the Liberal side.

The Conservatives had many active partisans, Vince, Bulfield, Procter, Connor, Curwen, but undoubtedly their mainstay was Mrs. Isabella Willacy, of the "King's Arms." From her we learnt that not much was done on that side till the Friday before the election (Friday, July 7th), on which day Vince came from Lancaster, and learnt from Daniel Edmondson, of the "Joiners' Arms," that Shackleton proposed to pay the voters there on the next day; he consulted Mrs. Willacy and was advised by her to "be in before them;" accordingly he paid 31 Morecambe voters 2*l.* each, as a kind

of earnest to keep them in good humour till the bargain could be clinched by the payment of the balance of their demand.

The great bulk of money intended for the payment of voters was taken down from Lancaster, by William Connor, of Liverpool, who describes himself as out-door manager of some steamships; he came over to Lancaster on Monday, July 10th, and on the afternoon of the ensuing day, by the desire of Mr. H. T. Wilson, went to Wilson Barker, and having received 400*l.* from him, proceeded to Morecambe in an omnibus and four, "with a lot of gentlemen." He gave Mrs. Willacy 150*l.* that night, and the same sum next morning, and took her receipt for the amounts; he paid away besides in Lancaster 76*l.*, almost all to voters with Morecambe names, and which therefore may be regarded as part of the Morecambe expenses.

The amount of Conservative disbursements in this district stands as follows:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Mrs. Willacy paid 31 voters - - - - -	288	7	6
Other payments - - - - - -	14	14	0
Connor as above - - - - - -	76	0	0
Vince, at least - - - - - -	70	0	0
Mrs. Willacy's bill - - - - - -	37	11	0
	£486	12	6

But, besides this, many small sums were given as sops to the voters, and spent in treating them, so that we cannot doubt that the Morecambe expenses on the Conservative side exceeded 500*l.*

By the confession of both parties not more than 12, or at the outside 13 Morecambe freemen voted without being bribed, or in other words, 55 out of the 68 were paid for their votes; nor is this disgraceful proportion varied in the neighbouring townships. At Heysham 17 freemen were bribed out of 20; at Middleton of five all were bribed, and at Overton 15 were bribed out of 17, or only five were pure out of 42 voters, making the number of bribed in these townships 92 out of 110 voters.

Before we leave the country we will name some of the principal bribers on the Liberal side. E. P. Hutchinson on the morning of the polling day spent a sum of about 110*l.* in bribing 12 or 13 Heysham and Middleton voters. The whole cost of the district would be about 125*l.* John Albright worked the adjoining township of Overton, his nine freemen cost 74*l.* in direct bribes, the cost of the district altogether would probably be something under 100*l.* Josiah Ball and William Jackson managed Scotforth; their payments to nine voters amounted to 84*l.*, the cost of the township to about 100*l.*, Edward Bradshaw, a tanner, at Farington, near Preston, paid the Galgate voters. He secured 15 out of the 29 on the register, to whom he paid in bribes 136*l.* 10*s.*, the other expenses of the district would make up the amount to about 170*l.*

John Birchall, of Glasson dock, agent to the Lancaster Canal Company, took charge of the surrounding district on the same side; he received about 65*l.*, almost all of which he paid away in bribing 10 voters.

An episode in this part of our inquiry shows how electoral corruption is connected with those coarser and commoner forms of criminality which bring their perpetrators to the dock and the treadmill. Associated with John Birchall was a draper in the town named Henry Rawes, a man apparently in a good business. On his first examination before us he swore that he received on the day of the election 40*l.* from Welch. He professed to account for a part of it by describing with much circumstance how he had bribed two voters, named John Towers and Thomas Parker, with 7*l.* 10*s.* each. They denied it, and on being confronted with them, he admitted that he had sworn falsely on his former examination, that he had kept the money himself, and paid it back on the 7th September, ten days after the commencement of our Inquiry. p. 92., ev., 4670, *et seq.* p. 453, ev., 26,273, *et seq.*

R. W. Blades paid away about 165*l.* in Caton and Brookhouse, 60*l.* in bribing seven voters. Carnforth and Warton were intrusted to Joseph Wilson, formerly a tailor in Lancaster and a local preacher, we do not know of what denomination. Welch stated that he gave him about 130*l.* The sum must, however, have been much larger. He bribed 12 voters at prices varying from 5*l.* to 15*l.*, mostly, however, the latter sum.

And here we must notice a matter arising incidentally from our Inquiry, though not necessarily within the scope of it. On the hearing of the Lancaster Election Petition before the committee of the House of Commons, Joseph Wilson, Richard and Thomas Whormby, John and Thomas Mashiter, and Thomas Harrison Stirzaker were summoned

as witnesses. Joseph Wilson left home to avoid being served with the Speaker's warrant; he was absent a month. He received for his support during his absence 10*l.* from Henry Welch; that is in effect from the then sitting members, though, we presume, without their knowledge. The Committee, deceived by representations which we now know to have been false, excused the Whormby's from attending before them. John Mashiter, Thomas Mashiter and T. H. Stirzaker denied before the Committee having received any money whatever in respect of their votes; but before us, both Wilson swore and they confessed, that he had bribed them, the two Mashiters by payments of 15*l.* each, Stirzaker by a payment of 11*l.* 10*s.*, and the two Whormby's by payment of 15*l.* each. We beg leave to point out the great improbability that persons unconnected by any tie except that of being paid by a common briber should unite to perjure themselves, in a matter too in which they had but a slight personal interest, unless they were moved and tutored thereto by some other person; and we think that the evidence points to Joseph Wilson as being that person, and that it was by his contrivance, concerted and agreed among them, that Wilson should absent himself, and they should perjure themselves with a view to baffle and mislead the committee and to prevent their coming to a right finding.

p. 130, ev., 7098.

p. 558, ev., 32,369.

The town itself was divided by the Liberals into twelve districts. We propose only to mention some of the most prominent captains, with the numbers of voters bribed by them, and the amounts paid. Arthur Cole, book-keeper to the Messrs. Williamson, oilcloth manufacturers, gave us a list of 21 voters who were paid 10*l.* each in a publichouse on the Quay. The money was paid by the hand of William Slater, farm bailiff to Mr. R. Hannay, Mr. Schneider's late partner, in the manner we have had so many occasions to describe. John Bleasdale, a grocer, and John Marsden, a brushmaker, took charge of the Liberal interest in Penny Street; the former bribed 18, the latter 14 voters, at a cost of 150*l.* and 140*l.* respectively; they both received remuneration for their services. King, a reporter, Edward Johnson, and Robert Whiteside were concerned together in the Edward Street district: they bribed 14, 9, and 6 voters, at a cost of 130*l.*, 85*l.*, and 50*l.* respectively. Anthony Knowles Allinson, of the "Golden Lion," Moor Lane, retained the 41 houses of entertainment hired by the Liberal party in Lancaster. Though he had no district assigned him, he earned the distinction of being the most active briber on the Liberal side. He gave us a list of 40 voters whom he had bribed, at a cost of about 350*l.*; he received for the purpose 361*l.*, of which the balance was paid in treating and incidental expenses; he was paid besides 26*l.* 5*s.* for his services. The last names we mention in our account of the bribery of the Liberal party are those of Thomas Cleminson, Richard Cleminson, and William Stewardson. The first spent 140*l.* with very little direct result; and the second, with an expense of 45*l.*, realized seven votes for his party. We mention the last mainly because he conducted the Liberal candidates on their canvass, and seems to have made an illegal payment by the direction of Mr. Schneider himself. He received altogether about 60*l.*, bribed four voters, exclusive of the one above alluded to, and had a present of 26*l.* 5*s.* for his services and vote. To extend our list of Liberal bribers, would be little else than an anticipation of our schedule.

p. 109, ev. 10,945.

On the Conservative side the country voters were, as a rule, paid in the manner we have explained in the cases of Morecambe and Skerton. One of the Liverpool clerks acted as paymaster, attended by some one having local knowledge. Thus Maddock, having received 200*l.* from Wilson Barker, went to Heaton and Overton, conducted by Henry Gorst, a provision dealer of Lancaster and William Thompson of Overton. He bribed, on the evening of July 11th, 22 voters; his price was generally 10*l.* a head. The next morning he obtained 250*l.* from Wilson Barker, as to the expenditure of which he gave so foolish and incredible an account as to leave no doubt on our minds that he had converted it to his own use. On the same evening, in like manner, Wollaston accompanied Halstead to Scotforth; he there purchased five votes at a total price of 42*l.* 10*s.* Richard Eaves, received on the evening of the nomination day, 35*l.* from Wilson Barker. He proceeded to Conder Green, where he met a man named Holmes, under whose direction he paid altogether nine voters, principally sums of 3*l.* 3*s.*

Seven voters at Quernmore and the neighbourhood were paid under the superintendence of T. Cranston, steward to Mr. Garnett, late M.P. for Lancaster. The Heysham voters on the Conservative side, six in number, were paid at Heysham by James Hatch, one of the Conservative captains; the rest of the country freemen were mostly paid in town under the superintendence of the other four Conservative captains, G. C. Clark, Richard Coupland, John Cross, and Storey. The first, the proprietor of the "Lancaster

Gazette," a Conservative newspaper, acted as sub-cashier to Wilson Barker and received from him 778*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* Of this sum he distributed 592*l.* to the captains of other districts and their inferior agents, to be spent in preliminary expenses, paying amongst others to William Storey 105*l.*, to Cross 100*l.*, and to Coupland 90*l.*, which sums appear in their respective accounts. With regard to direct bribery, Clark gave us the following account of the way in which the affair was managed. He met at the "King's Arms," Thomas Scanlan, who said he had come to do a little business for him. Clark took him to the "White Cross," in Penny Street, between 5 and 6 in the morning of the 12th; they sat in separate rooms, and as each district captain came in he told Clark what the men wanted for voting. Clark then wrote the name and price of each on a ticket, at the same time marking the amount against the voter's name in the register. The district captain gave the ticket to the voter, who then went into the room where the stranger sat alone, and there received his money. This went on from 8 in the morning till 4 in the afternoon; 58 voters were thus paid a gross sum of 518*l.* By far the larger number received 10*l.*; none more. The above payments were made out of a sum of 650*l.*, which Scanlan received during the polling day, from Wilson Barker, in three separate sums; he returned 118*l.* 10*s.* Clark's principal assistant was Robert Lawson, a land surveyor, who canvassed the country voters living in Clark's district, and Henry High, William Speight, John Speight, and James Wilson, who were paid by him after the election the sums affixed to their names in the appended schedule.

William Storey, a cotton and American cloth manufacturer presided over district No. 1. The total amount which he received was 175*l.*; 105*l.* from G. C. Clark, and 70*l.* from Wilson Barker. This sum was mostly dispensed to lesser distributors for the usual preliminary expenses. He told us of two voters only bribed by himself, at a cost of 20*l.*, and of these one voted against him. On the day of battle he left the charge of his company to his lieutenant, Stanton, and his paymaster, Pace. At 7 on the morning Pace repaired to an upstairs room in the "Sun Inn;" the usual course was pursued; Stanton was assisted by Thomas Capstick, W. A. Greenall, William Bond, and Thomas Procter, who brought the voters to the "Sun." Stanton made his bargain with them, one by one, in the billiard-room, whence they were conducted to Pace and paid. Pace received 534*l.* from W. Barker, of which sum he returned 6*l.* 58 voters received direct bribes; those paid colourably, as for assistance, tavern bills, use of their houses, and the like, run up the total number bribed by the Conservatives in this district to about 65.

John Cross and James Hatch took charge of districts Nos. 2 and 3. Hatch confined his exertions to the country, and, as far as the town was concerned the two districts were treated as one. Cross received 655*l.*: 100*l.* from G. C. Clark; 550*l.* from Wilson Barker on the 11th July, and 5*l.* on the 14th of May, 1866; 100*l.* was spent before the election. On the 12th of July, the paymaster was Hagart, who paid the voters, under Cross's direction, in part at their own houses on the evening of the 11th July, and in part at the "Golden Ball," on the following day. 475*l.* was spent in bribing 58 voters, and 75*l.* returned to Wilson Barker. To those directly bribed must be added four innkeepers whose houses were hired as committee rooms at 10*l.* each, which raised the number of town voters bribed by the Conservatives in these two districts to 62. T. P. Standen, Lodge Street, and Thomas Foster, of China Lane, were Cross's principal assistants.

Richard Coupland, an upholsterer, took the command of district No 5. About 240*l.* was received by him and disbursed in preparations; on the decisive day he took his post at the "Boar's Head," with his military chest in charge of T. E. Taylor; 505*l.* was spent in bribing 46 voters. It may be worth while to mention that four butchers asked and received "a score" each for their votes, being the largest sum received as a bribe in one payment, of which we have any account, and generally Coupland seems to have been the most profuse of any briber on either side. But the other expenses of the district were comparatively small, only one publichouse, and "no staffmen" but those paid by the election expenses agent. Here we close our account of the Conservative chief captains, of whom, however, it is but fair to add that they all served gratuitously and accounted to the last farthing. p. 398. ev. 22,939.

The name of George Danson, an auctioneer living at Lancaster, was brought very prominently before us as "leading the canvass" on the Conservative side; he had charge also of the "committees" and seems to have been busy everywhere, and to have occupied a position something analogous to that of A. K. Allinson on the Liberal side. The large sum of 688*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.* including his fee of 50*l.* came to his hands.

His account is, that he paid—	£	s.	d.
July 1st (committee)	39	12	6
„ 8th Ditto	219	7	6
Treating, journies, &c.	33	0	0
July 12th 30 voters	317	10	0
His own fee	50	0	0
	£659	10	0

leaving 28*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* unaccounted for. He kept no memoranda and rendered no account to Wilson Barker; those whom he named as recipients of money paid for alleged services as committee men, in very many instances denied having received the amount set down to them; some stating that they had not received anything; and as it was not worth the time it would have taken to investigate the difference, we cannot append the list he gave us of "committee men" with payment to each, as being an undisputed account. We are satisfied, however, that about the numbers he has given us were enrolled as "committee men" and did receive something approaching the sums named by him. About noon six voters came to him from the other side and demanded 15*l.* each; he bargained with them for 12*l.* and paid them, and they voted accordingly.

The next account we propose to give of wholesale bribery on the Conservative side, took place at the house of Robert Hodgson, the "Lord Nelson," China Lane. Hodgson said that on the evening of the 11th, Mr. H. T. Wilson told him he would send a stranger to his house next morning to pay the voters from Slyne, Bolton, Bare, and other neighbouring villages. Accordingly Isaac Jackson, Mr. H. T. Wilson's brother-in-law, and Wollaston, proceeded there on the morning of the election. The voters were mainly introduced by Hodgson, who himself received the money for them. We may here observe that the strangers do not accurately know the bribed voters' names and we cannot rely on Hodgson's evidence. Wollaston received—

	£	s.	d.
From Wilson Barker	530	0	0
p. 234. ev. „ John Lawrence	200	0	0
„ Stirzaker	400	0	0
	£1,130	0	0

which he paid away in the following manner :—

	£	s.	d.
July 11th, at Scotforth	47	0	0
July 12th, 43 voters	297	0	0
Geo. Danson	273	0	0
Isaac Jackson	180	0	0
Balance (returned)	345	0	0
	£1,142	0	0

by which it would seem that Wollaston paid 12*l.* more than he received, but the inaccuracy is not very important in so large a sum spent in such a manner. During Wollaston's absence to obtain further supplies, Isaac Jackson took his place; he paid away 180*l.* The largest bribe he gave was one of 12*l.*, but with that exception nothing over 10*l.* He was able to give us the names of but few whom he paid, but it would seem that he must have bribed about 18. Hodgson gave us a list of the names of 31 voters bribed at his house, which he told us was made out from memory; in truth it was made out on the very morning on which we examined him, and we found him to be a most untrustworthy witness.

The gross sums which we find to have been expended were:

	£	s.	d.
On the Liberal side	£7,459	14	2
On the Conservative side	7,070	15	6
Total	£14,530	9	8

Besides these sums, which we have thus traced, some small amounts were expended by volunteers on either side, principally in treating; they were, however, too trifling to demand further notice.

In the above narrative we have endeavoured, without aiming at minuteness of detail, to give a clear general view of the course of procedure adopted by both parties at this election. We have shown the sources whence flowed that stream of corruption which saturated the borough; we have traced its descent through each intermediate channel of distribution till it was spread and dispersed among its thirsty and venal recipients. We have now to point out by name those on whom rests the guilt of thus debauching and degrading the constituency; we have no hesitation in affixing this stigma on Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider, nor of adding that, with regard to the latter at least, a deliberate and long-formed determination had existed of carrying his election at any cost, by corrupt means and in defiance of the law. The very gold destined to be used in bribing in several instances passed through these gentlemen's hands on its way to those who were then engaged in bribing on their behalf, thus conclusively establishing their personal knowledge of, and privity to the manner in which their election was being conducted. We forbore to summon them as witnesses, both because they could add little or nothing to the information we had already received, and because we were unwilling to place them in a position to demand from us a certificate which might have the effect of shielding them from the consequences which their conduct seemed to us to have deserved. We, however, offered them the opportunity of making voluntary statements before us, of which Mr. Fenwick availed himself, but we have been unable to extract from his statement any matter which could vary the testimony we had already received, or throw any new light on the subject of our Inquiry.

Beyond all question, the Conservatives as a body, were quite as guilty as the Liberals, yet, as we had no evidence to connect Mr. Lawrence with bribery in the same sense as the late sitting members were connected, that is, by direct personal action, and as it was only by a strict examination of him that we could hope to arrive at a true conclusion upon this point, we felt that we should not be justified in abstaining from calling him; and we cannot find, either from other evidence or from his own, any proof that he was cognizant of the acts of bribery committed in his name. We do not wish to be understood as acquitting him from all blame; we cannot but think that, from his own account, he surrendered his own judgment and followed his "injudicious friends" with a too passive submission. We cannot but think that, to a man dwelling in Liverpool, versed in politics, the character of the borough of Lancaster, even at that time but too well known, should have raised a spirit of inquiry. We think also that he did contemplate the expenditure of a sum, indefinite, though within limits, yet in excess of what he must have conceived a perfectly pure election could cost. We think, too, the aspect of the town as described to us by his general agent, Mr. Clark, should have caused inquiry on his part. On the other hand it is proved that he did clearly give his supporters to understand that he would contribute no more than 1,000*l.* and that he did not in fact at any time intend to contribute more than that sum, and that the above-mentioned payments of money by the firm of E. Lawrence & Co. were made during his absence and were, in fact, without his knowledge and consent. p. 486, 28,124.

On the Conservative side the guilt of originating a corrupt expenditure rests upon Mr. H. T. Wilson. He knew what a Lancaster election was, and had sent gold from Liverpool to aid in a former contest. We do not doubt that, when he undertook the conduct of the election, he was aware that it would be a corrupt one, and was prepared from the first to bribe, and for that purpose furnished the funds to Wilson Barker, in whose accounts every item, except perhaps the "400*l.* per T. E. Taylor," is clearly traced to his intervention. Moreover, as we have before said, he arranged to bring over from Liverpool those gentlemen whom we have called paymasters, and he assigned to each his part. In short, he took the direction of the illegal part of the election, and for the consequences he is in the first degree responsible.

Though this election, into which we have been directed by Your Majesty to inquire, far surpasses all its predecessors in amount of expenditure and of individual bribes, and thus the deluge of corruption has been both more universal and has reached a higher level of society than ever before, we have plenty of direct evidence that former elections have been very corrupt. We do not wish, however, to rely on such evidence as has cropped out, as it were, in the course of our proper inquiry; we would rather take our stand on the mass of facts proved before us in investigating the circumstances of the election of July 1865. Whether we look to the numbers of the bribers or of the bribed, or at the readiness, zeal, and system with which their operations have been carried on, it is clear that the former were well versed in all the arts of corruption, and the latter debased by long-standing habits of venality.

As in the course of our Inquiry we have examined almost every elector for the borough of Lancaster, we have thought it desirable to adopt the course of publishing

the Register of the Voters for the year of the election. This course has enabled us to distinguish, in the first place, those who received money for any purpose connected with the election from those who did not; and, in the next place, as regards the former, to show for what purpose, and from which political party, money was received; and, also, the trade and occupation of each voter, as described on the register.

It now only remains for us to report to Your Majesty what we find in reference to the matter into which we were directed to inquire.

We find that corrupt practices very extensively prevailed at the election of July 1865.

We find that 843 persons were guilty of bribery at the said election by receiving money or other valuable consideration for having given, or to induce them to give, their votes.

We find that a further number of 139 persons were guilty of corrupt practices at the said election by corruptly giving or promising money or other valuable consideration to voters for the purchase of their votes, or on account of their having voted, or by corruptly advancing money for the purpose of bribery, or by treating; and we further find that of the said 139 persons 89 were electors and 50 (named in Schedule B of this Report) were not voters for the Borough.

Finally, we report to Your Majesty that, with rare exceptions, corrupt practices have for a long time prevailed at contested elections for members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Lancaster.

All which we humbly submit to Your Majesty's gracious consideration.

THOMAS IRWIN BARSTOW. (L.S.)
ROBERT MILNES NEWTON. (L.S.)
ALEXANDER STAVELEY HILL. (L.S.)

Schedule A.

FREEMEN.

Number and Name on Register.	Occupation.	From the Liberals.		From the Conservatives.		Total Sum received.	Remarks.
		For Vote.	For Committee or other Services.	For Vote.	For Committee or other Services.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1. Addison, William	Tailor	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
2. Ainslie, Gilbert	Clerk	—	—	—	—	—	Not examined.
3. Albright, John	Grocer, householder	—	—	—	—	80 0 0	Bribing and treating.
4. Albright, Joseph	Druggist, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
5. Albright, Thomas	Tea dealer, householder	—	—	—	—	6 10 0	Engaged as committee clerk.
6. Albright, Thomas	Watchmaker, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
7. Albright, Charles	Ironmonger	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
8. Allinson, Anthony Knowles	Innkeeper, householder	—	26 5 0	—	—	387 5 0	Bribed, bribing, and treating.
9. Anderson, Thomas	Brushmaker, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	12 0 0	Do. and treating.
10. Armer, Thomas	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
11. Armer, John	Labourer, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
12. Armer, Richard	Labourer, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
13. Armer, Anthony	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
14. Armer, William	Labourer, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
15. Armistead, James	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Dead, did not vote.
16. Armistead, Richard	Fisherman (son of Jas.), w. m.	12 0 0	2 0 0	4 0 0	—	18 0 0	Bribed; voted F. and S.
17. Armistead, William	Fisherman (son of Jas.), w. m.	15 0 0	4 0 0	—	1 0 0	20 0 0	Do.
18. Armistead, Richard	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	11 0 0	—	11 0 0	Do.
19. Armistead, William, senior	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
20. Armistead, Isaac	Blacksmith, w. m.	12 0 0	—	—	—	12 0 0	Do.
21. Armistead, Nathan	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
22. Armistead, William, junior	Fisherman, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
23. Armistead, John	Husbandman, w. m.	11 0 0	—	—	—	11 0 0	Do.
24. Armistead, James	Fisherman, w. m.	—	—	11 0 0	—	11 0 0	Do.
25. Armistead, Thomas	Fisherman, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
26. Armstrong, Richard Baynes	Esquire, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Not examined.
27. Atkinson, William	Shoemaker, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
28. Atkinson, Richard	Clerk	—	—	—	—	—	Not examined.
29. Atkinson, William	Painter, w. m.	10 0 0	0 5 0	—	—	10 5 0	Bribed.
30. Atkinson, Thomas	Grocer, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
31. Atkinson, James	Hoopmaker, w. m.	2 10 0	—	—	—	2 10 0	Bribed; dead.
32. Atkinson, Richard	Labourer, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
33. Austin, William	Stonemason, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
34. Austin, Frederick	Railway ticket collector	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
35. Austin, Simeon	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.

Note.—The description "w. m." (working man) and "householder," in the column headed "Occupation," was supplied by James Grant, clerk to the guardians of the Lancaster Union, as prepared by him for the Electoral Statistics required by Government in December 1865. *See* Evidence p. 578, question 33,442.

FREEMEN.

Number and Name on Register.	Occupation.	From the Liberals. For Vote. £ s. d.	From the Liberals. For Committee or other Services. £ s. d.	From the Conservatives. For Vote. £ s. d.	From the Conservatives. For Committee or other Services. £ s. d.	Total Sum received. £ s. d.	Remarks.
36. Bagot, John	Watchmaker, w. m.	6 0 0	6 0 0	—	—	17 6 0	Bribed; treating.
37. Bailey, Matthew	Painter, w. m.	—	—	12 2 6	—	12 2 6	Do.; dead.
38. Bainbridge, Thomas Henry	Book-keeper	—	—	—	—	6 0 0	Committee clerk.
39. Baines, Levi Grisedale	Stonemason, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed; dead.
40. Ball, Robert	Farmer	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
41. Ball John	Joiner	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
42. Ball, John	Innkeeper, householder	7 10 0	—	—	—	7 10 0	Bribed; use of "Red Lion."
43. Ball, John	Boatman, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 10 0	11 10 0	Do.
44. Ball, George	Husbandman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
45. Ball, Henry	Husbandman	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed.
46. Ball, Robert	Coachman, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	—	12 0 0	Do.
47. Ball, John	Farmer	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do; 50 or 60 acres of his own freehold.
48. Barber, James	Tailor, w. m.	—	—	8 0 0	—	8 0 0	Do.
49. Barber, Richard	Shoemaker, w. m.	—	—	8 0 0	—	8 0 0	Do.
50. Barber, John	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	8 0 0	—	8 0 0	Do.
51. Barker, Robert	Currier	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
52. Barrow, Corbyn	Gentleman, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote; dead.
53. Barrow, John	Gentleman, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote; dead.
54. Barrow, Thomas	Draper, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
55. Barrow, William	Grocer, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
56. Barrow, John	Painter, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
57. Barrow, John	Draper, householder	—	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribing.
58. Barrow, William	Cabinet maker, w. m.	2 10 0	—	—	—	2 10 0	Bribed.
59. Barrow, Thomas	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
60. Barrow, Joseph	Cabinet maker	—	—	—	2 0 0	2 0 0	Bribed.
61. Barrow, Matthew	Cordwainer, w. m.	9 0 0	—	—	—	9 0 0	Do.
62. Barrow, Edward	Master mariner, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
63. Barrow, Edward	Mariner, w. m.	13 0 0	—	—	—	13 0 0	Bribed.
64. Barrow, William	Cabinet maker, householder	12 0 0	—	—	—	25 10 0	Do.; use of "Red Cross," and bill.
65. Barrow, John	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
66. Barwick, Joseph	Stationer, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
67. Bateson, Isaac	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Sick.
68. Battersby, Samuel	Grocer, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
69. Battersby, William	Druggist, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
70. Batty, John	Joiner	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed.
71. Batty, William	Railway clerk, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.

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72. Batty, Richard	Painter, householder	10 0 0	—	—	—	21 10 0	Bribed ; use of "Crown"; and bill.
73. Baxter, Robert	Farmer	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do. ; rental 180*l*.
74. Baxter, Thomas	Husbandman, w. m.	15 0 0	1 10 0	—	—	16 10 0	Do.
75. Baynes, Christopher	Stonemason, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
76. Beckett, John	Cabinet maker, householder	—	—	—	—	2 2 0	Deputy mayor.
77. Beeley, Robert	Brushmaker, householder	—	—	6 0 0	—	6 0 0	Bribed.
78. Beeley, John	Upholsterer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
79. Beesley, William Thomas	Tailor, w. m.	—	—	7 0 0	—	7 0 0	Do.
80. Bell, John	Fisherman, w. m.	16 0 0	—	—	—	16 0 0	Do.
81. Bell, James	Yeoman	—	—	—	—	7 0 0	Bribing and treating.
82. Bell, Daniel	Fisherman, w. m.	—	—	11 0 0	—	11 0 0	Bribed.
83. Bennison, Thomas	Weaver, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
84. Bibby, James	Cooper	—	—	10 0 0	0 4 0	10 4 0	Do.
85. Bindloss, Thomas	Shipwright, w. m.	—	—	2 0 0	—	2 0 0	Do.
86. Bingham, William Hodgson	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	10 10 0	1 10 0	12 0 0	Do.
87. Binless, Thomas	Painter, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.
88. Birkett, James, junior	Husbandman	6 0 0	—	—	—	6 0 0	Do.
89. Birkett, James	Woolcomber, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
90. Birkett, Roger	Husbandman	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
91. Blacow, George	Cooper, w. m., householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
92. Blacow, William	Hatter, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
93. Blacow, John	Painter, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
94. Bland, John	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
95. Bleasdale, William	Grocer, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
96. Bleasdale, John, junior	Grocer, householder	10 0 0	—	—	—	296 0 0	Bribed ; bribing, treating.
97. Bleasdale, Anthony	Painter, householder	—	3 0 0	—	—	3 0 0	Do.
98. Bleasdale, William	Joiner, w. m.	8 10 0	—	—	—	8 10 0	Do.
99. Bleasdale, William	Hairdresser, w. m., householdr.	12 0 0	—	—	—	12 0 0	Do.
100. Bleasdale, William	Husbandman	—	—	4 0 0	—	4 0 0	Do.
101. Blezard, George	Painter, w. m.	—	—	2 0 0	—	2 0 0	Do.
102. Blezard, John	Tinman, w. m., householder	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
103. Boardley Edmund	Woolcomber, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	8 11 0	Do. and treating.
104. Bolden, Samuel Edward	Esquire	—	—	—	—	—	Not examined.
105. Bond, Robert	Husbandman, w. m.	12 0 0	—	—	—	12 0 0	Bribed.
106. Bond, Thomas	Laborer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
107. Bond, Charles	Joiner, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	—	12 0 0	Do.

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
108. Bond, William	Cordwainer, householder	—	—	10 0 0	—	24 0 0	Bribed; use of "Three Mariners;" and [bill.
109. Bond, Edmund	Engineer, w. m.	—	—	13 0 0	—	13 0 0	Do.; dead.
110. Bond, Robert	Yeoman	—	—	4 0 0	—	4 0 0	Do.
111. Bond, Richard	Fisherman, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
112. Bond, Richard, junior	Fisherman, w. m.	—	—	11 0 0	—	11 0 0	Bribed.
113. Bond, Richard	Fisherman (son of Thos.) w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
114. Bond, George	Fisherman, w.m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
115. Bond, John	Land surveyor	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
116. Bond, John	Farmer	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.; dead.
117. Bond, John Hartley	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	0 15 0	12 15 0	Do.
118. Bond, James	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	—	12 0 0	Do.
119. Bond, John	Fisherman, w. m.	20 0 0	—	—	2 0 0	22 0 0	Do.
120. Bond, Charles	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	0 5 0	12 5 0	Do. and treating.
121. Bond, William	Farmer, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	—	24 0 0	Do.
122. Bond, Frank	Fisherman, w. m.	—	—	11 0 0	—	11 0 0	Do.
123. Bond, Thomas	Farmer, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	—	12 0 0	Do.
124. Bond, Edward	Painter, w. m.	—	1 0 0	10 0 0	—	11 0 0	Do.
125. Bonnell, Richard	Husbandman, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.
126. Bower, Charles	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
127. Bradley, Robert Greene	Esquire	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
128. Bradley, John	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
129. Bradshaw, Edward	Currier, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
130. Bradshaw, William	Gentleman, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Sick.
131. Bradshaw, Isaac	Cabinet maker, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
132. Bradshaw, Bartholomew	Surgeon	—	—	—	—	3 0 0	Bribing; treating.
133. Bradshaw, Edward	Block maker, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed.
134. Bradshaw, Edward, junior	Currier	—	—	—	—	188 0 0	Bribing; treating.
135. Brewer, William	Labourer, w. m.	8 0 0	2 5 0	—	—	10 5 0	Bribed.
136. Brewer, William, junior	Weaver, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
137. Briggs, William	Broker	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
138. Briscoe, Richard	Cotton spinner, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	1 0 0	9 0 0	Bribed.
139. Briscoe, William	Gunsmith, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	1 10 0	9 10 0	Do.
140. Brockbank, John	Attorney, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
141. Brown, Henry	Plumber, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed.
142. Brunton, James	Accountant	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
143. Bulfield, Thomas	Tailor, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed; dead.

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
144. Bulfield, William	Tailor, householder	—	—	—	—	30 0 0	Bribing and treating.
145. Butcher, Thomas	Tailor, w. m.	5 0 0	3 0 0	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed.
146. Butcher, Richard	Tailor, w. m.	5 0 0	0 5 0	—	—	5 5 0	Do.
147. Calvert, James	Shoemaker, w. m.	—	—	15 0 0	0 5 0	15 5 0	Do.
148. Calvert, Robert	Tailor, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
149. Calvert, Thomas	Joiner, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	1 10 0	11 10 0	Bribed.
150. Calvert, Robert	Railway signalman, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
151. Capstick, John	Painter, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
152. Casson, Richard	Husbandman, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
153. Casson, Richard, junior	Husbandman, w. m.	12 0 0	—	—	—	12 0 0	Do ; and expenses from Yorkshire.
154. Casson, Henry	Husbandman, w. m.	12 0 0	—	—	—	12 0 0	Do.
155. Caton, James	Farm servant, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
156. Caton, Thomas	Farmer, w. m.	10 0 0	—	5 0 0	—	15 0 0	Do. voted F. and S.
157. Cawson, William	Shoemaker, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
158. Charnley, Rowland	Ironmonger, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
159. Chatburn, Robert	Yeoman	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
160. Chester, Richard Capstick	Painter, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
161. Chippindall, John	Esquire, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Not examined.
162. Christopherson, Richard	Mariner, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed ; absent.
163. Christopherson, Anthony	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
164. Christopherson, John	Labourer	—	—	10 0 0	2 5 0	12 5 0	Do.
165. Clark, Christopher Thornton	Attorney, householder	—	—	—	—	114 13 0	General agent for Conservatives.
166. Clark, George Christopher	Stationer, householder	—	—	—	—	718 3 6	Bribing ; treating.
167. Clark, Edward	Chemist, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
168. Clark, Anthony	Silk spinner, w. m.	12 0 0	—	—	—	19 10 0	Bribed ; bribing ; treating.
169. Clark, John	Silk piecer, w. m.	7 0 0	2 10 0	—	1 10 0	11 0 0	Bribed.
170. Clarkson, William Thompson	Shoemaker, w. m	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
171. Clarkson, Thomas	Printer, w. m.	—	1 0 0	—	—	1 0 0	Bribed.
172. Cleminson, George	Plumber, householder	—	—	—	—	40 0 0	Bribing ; treating.
173. Cleminson, Richard	Tailor, householder	—	—	—	—	70 0 0	Do. do.
174. Collinson, John	Plumber	—	—	12 0 0	—	12 0 0	Bribed.
175. Cooper, Edward	Cabinet maker, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.
176. Cottam, Adam	Farmer	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do. Rent 130*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*
177. Cottam, John	Farmer (son of Adam), w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do. Rent 138*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*
178. Cottam, Thomas	Farmer	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.

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179. Cottam, Thomas	Joiner, w. m.		—			—			—			—			—		Did not vote.
180. Cottam, Thomas	Farmer		—			—		20	0	0		—		20	0	0	Bribed; rent 236*l.* owns 8 acres freehold.
181. Cottam, John	Farmer		—			—		10	0	0		—		10	0	0	Do.
182. Cottam, John	Farmer, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0		—		10	0	0	Do.
183. Cottam, Henry	Farmer	10	0	0		—			—			—		10	0	0	Do. 82*l.* rent.
184. Coupland, Richard	Upholsterer, householder		—			—			—			—		583	13	1	Bribing; treating.
185. Coulston, John Adam	Tailor, w. m.	10	0	0		—			—			—		10	0	0	Bribed.
186. Cragg, Richard	Husbandman		—			—		5	0	0		—		5	0	0	Do; rent with his mother 220*l.*
187. Cragg, William	Farmer		—			—			—			—			—		Nothing.
188. Cragg, David	Husbandman		—			—		10	0	0		—		10	0	0	Bribed; dead.
189. Crane, Thomas junior	Railway clerk		—			—			—			—			—		Nothing.
190. Crane, Thomas	Hairdresser, householder	5	0	0		—			—			—		5	0	0	Bribed.
191. Croft, James	Gentleman, householder		—			—			—			—			—		Dead.
192. Croft, Henry	Draper, w. m.	10	0	0		—			—			—		10	0	0	Bribed.
193. Croft, James, junior	Gentleman		—			—			—			—		3	15	0	Committee clerk.
194. Crossfield, Thomas	Labourer, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0	1	10	0	11	10	0	Bribed.
195. Croskell, John	Farmer		—			—		10	0	0		—		10	0	0	Do.
196. Croskell, Joseph, junior	Husbandman		—			—		12	0	0		—		12	0	0	Do.; rent 250*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*
197. Croskell, George	Yeoman		—			—			—			—			—		Nothing.
198. Croskell, George	Ironmonger, householder		—			—			—			—			—		Nothing.
199. Cross, Thomas	Painter, householder		—			—			—			—		12	7	0	Bribing; treating.
200. Crosthwaite, James	Painter, w. m.	11	0	0		—			—			—		11	0	0	Bribed.
201. Cubin, William	Whitesmith, w. m.		—			—		5	0	0	0	15	0	5	15	0	Do.
202. Cumpsty, Bryan	Tailor, w. m.	10	0	0		—			—			—		10	0	0	Do.
203. Cumpsty, William Robinson	Tailor, w. m.		—		1	10	0		—			—		1	10	0	Do.
204. Cumpsty, William	Tailor, w. m.		—			—		12	0	0		—		12	0	0	Do.
205. Cumpsty, William	Tinplate worker, w. m.	8	0	0		—			—			—		8	0	0	Do.
206. Cumpsty, Richard Robinson	Plumber, w. m.	6	0	0		—			—			—		6	0	0	Do.; expenses from Halifax.
207. Cumpsty, Thomas Smith	Plumber, w. m.	10	0	0		—			—			—		10	0	0	Do.; absent.
208. Curwen, Robert	Husbandman, w. m.		—			—		5	0	0		—		5	0	0	Do.
209. Curwen, William	Husbandman (son of Rbt.) w. m.		—			—		5	0	0		—		5	0	0	Do.
210. Curwen, Thomas	Labourer, w. m.		—			—		2	0	0		—		2	0	0	Do.; rent 55*l.*
211. Curwen, John	Labourer, w. m.		—			—		5	0	0		—		5	0	0	Do.
212. Curwen, James	Labourer, w. m.		—			—		5	0	0		—		5	0	0	Do.
213. Curwen, John	Book keeper		—			—		5	0	0		—		14	0	0	Do.; bribing; treating.
214. Curwen, James	Husbandman, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0		—		10	0	0	Do.

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215. Cutts, Edward	Cabinet maker, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	9 0 0	Bribed, treating.
216. Danson, George	Auctioneer, householder	—	—	—	50 0 0	688 0 0	Bribed ; bribing, treating.
217. Davis, John	Asylum attendant, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
218. Dawson, Edward	Esquire	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
219. Dawson, Edward Bousfield	Barrister-at-Law	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
220. Day, John	Cooper	—	—	—	—	—	Sick.
221. Dean, John	Weaver, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 0 0	12 0 0	Bribed.
222. Dickinson, William	Accountant, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
223. Dickinson, John	Shoemaker, w. m.	5 0 0	0 15 0	—	—	5 15 0	Bribed.
224. Dobson, John	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
225. Dobson, John	Book-keeper	—	—	10 0 0	—	59 10 0	Do.; bribing, treating.
226. Dobson, Samuel	Cabinet maker, householder	5 0 0	—	—	—	6 0 0	Do.; use of "Craven Inn."
227. Dobson, Thomas	Joiner, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
228. Dodgson, Samuel Mashiter	Blacksmith	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
229. Dodgson, James	Husbandman	—	—	12 0 0	2 0 0	14 0 0	Do.
230. Dodgson, Simon Gibson	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
231. Dodson, John	Stonemason, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
232. Dodson, John	Clerk	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
233. Dodson, Charles Edward	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
234. Dunderdale, William	Upholsterer, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
235. Dunderdale, John Taylor	Painter, w. m.	—	—	7 10 0	—	7 10 0	Bribed ; absent.
236. Eastwood, Thomas	Cabinet maker, w. m.	4 0 0	—	—	—	4 0 0	Bribed.
237. Edmondson, John	Esquire	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
238. Edmondson, Thomas Grassyard	Esquire	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
239. Edmondson, Thomas	Gentleman	7 0 0	—	—	—	7 0 0	Bribed, dead.
240. Edmondson, Thomas	Bookseller, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
241. Edmondson, Daniel	Yeoman	—	—	2 0 0	—	2 0 0	Bribed.
242. Edmondson, Daniel junior	Fisherman	10 0 0	—	—	—	56 15 6	Do.; use of "Joiners' Arms," and bill.
243. Edmondson, Jonas	Fisherman, w. m.	12 0 0	—	—	—	12 0 0	Do.
244. Edmondson, Thomas	Fisherman, w. m.	12 0 0	—	—	—	12 0 0	Do.
245. Edmondson, Robert	Butcher, w. m.	—	—	11 0 0	—	11 0 0	Do.
246. Edmondson, John	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	11 0 0	—	11 0 0	Do.
247. Edmondson, Thomas	Fisherman, w. m.	14 0 0	—	—	—	14 0 0	Do. expenses from Londonderry.
248. Edmondson, Edward	Yeoman	—	—	2 0 0	—	2 0 0	Do.

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249. Edmondson, Edward, junior	Farmer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 0 0	12 0 0	Bribed.
250. Edmondson, Thomas	Farmer, w. m.	—	—	11 0 0	—	11 0 0	Do.
251. Edmondson, John	Wood turner, w. m., househr.	—	—	13 12 6	—	13 12 6	Do.
252. Edmondson, John	Fisherman, w. m.	13 0 0	—	—	—	25 0 0	Do. and treating.
253. Edmondson, Daniel	Fisherman (son of Jonas), w.m.	12 0 0	—	—	—	12 0 0	Do.
254. Edmondson, James	Engine fitter, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
255. Edmondson, Jonas, junior	Fisherman, w. m.	—	—	11 0 0	—	13 0 0	Do. and treating.
256. Ellwood, William	Shoemaker, w. m.	—	—	6 10 0	1 10 0	8 0 0	Do.
257. Emley, Joseph	Husbandman, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
258. Faithwaite, Thomas Winder	Yeoman, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
259. Fawcett, William	Tailor, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 15 0	11 15 0	Bribed.
260. Fawcett, Robert	Cabinet maker, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.; dead.
261. Fawcett, Christopher	Cabinet maker, w. m.	8 0 0	1 15 0	—	2 5 0	12 0 0	Do.
262. Fawcett, Christopher	Book-keeper, w. m.	—	—	6 10 0	—	6 10 0	Do.
263. Fell, Robert	Warehouseman, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.
264. Fisher, William	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
265. Fisher Edward Dawson	Tailor, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed; dead.
266. Fletcher, Christopher	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
267. Fober, William	Shoemaker, w. m.	5 0 0	2 0 0	—	—	7 0 0	Bribed.
268. Ford William	Esquire	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
269. Forrest, Joseph	Currier, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	2 5 0	14 5 0	Bribed.
270. Fort, John, junior	Woollen draper	—	—	—	—	3 10 0	Expenses from Newark; absent.
271. Foster, Thomas	Book-keeper	—	—	12 0 0	2 10 0	17 10 0	Bribed; bribing; treating.
272. Fox, William	Farmer	2 10 0	—	—	—	2 10 0	Do.
273. Fox, William	Farmer	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do. rent 220*l.*
274. Fox, Joseph	Farmer	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do. rent 140*l.*
275. Fox, Anthony Knowles	Joiner, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
276. Fox, Ambrose	Grocer	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
277. Fox, Thomas	Farmer, w. m.	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Bribed.
278. Fox, Richard	Farmer	1 0 0	—	—	—	1 0 0	Do.
279. Fox, John	Farmer	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
280. Fox, Andrew	Farmer, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
281. Fox, John	Farmer	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
282. Fox, Andrew	Labourer, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed.
283. Fox, Thomas	Farmer	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
284. Furness, James	Labourer, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.

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285. Gaffney, Edward	Shoemaker, w. m.	10	0	0		—			—			—		10	0	0	Bribed.
286. Gardner, James	Plasterer, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0		—		10	0	0	Do; expenses from Gloucester.
287. Gardner, John	Cotton spinner, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0	2	5	0	12	5	0	Do.
288. Gardner, John	Plasterer, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0	2	5	0	12	5	0	Do.
289. Gardner, John	Carver, w. m., householder		—			—		8	5	0		—		8	5	0	Do.
290. Gardner, James	Farmer		—			—		3	3	0		—		3	3	0	Do.; rent, 67*l.*
291. Gardner, James, junior	Farmer, w. m.		—			—		3	3	0		—		3	3	0	Do.
292. Gardner, William	Labourer, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0	2	5	0	12	5	0	Do.
293. Gardner, Francis	Plasterer, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0	2	5	0	12	5	0	Do.
294. Gardner, Edward	Yeoman		—			—			—			—			—		Nothing.
295. Gardner, James	Attorney	20	0	0		—			—			—		28	0	0	Bribed; bribing; treating.
296. Gardner, Edward	Watchmaker, householder		—			—		5	0	0	5	0	0	6	10	0	Do.; treating.
297. Gardner, William	Joiner, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0	2	5	0	12	5	0	Do.; treating.
298. Gardner, William	Cordwainer, w. m.		—			—			—			—			—		Did not vote; was personated.
299. Gardner, Joseph	Tailor, w. m.	5	0	0	4	0	0		—			—		9	0	0	Bribed.
300. Gardner, Richard	Labourer, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0	2	5	0	12	5	0	Do.
301. Garnett, Edmund	Coal dealer		—			—		4	0	0		—		4	0	0	Do.
302. Garnett, John	Yeoman, householder		—			—		2	0	0		—		2	0	0	Do.; sick.
303. Garnett, William	Farmer		—			—		3	0	0		—		3	0	0	Do.
304. Garnett, George	Farmer		—			—		3	0	0		—		3	0	0	Do.
305. Garth, Roger	Labourer, w. m.		—			—		12	0	0		—		12	0	0	Do.
306. Garth, Roger, junior	Labourer, w. m.		—			—		12	0	0		—		12	0	0	Do.
307. Garth, Edward	Labourer		—			—			—			—			—		Did not vote.
308. Garth, John	Husbandman, w. m.		—			—		12	0	0	0	10	0	12	10	0	Bribed.
309. Garth, Matthew	Husbandman, w. m.	11	0	0		—			—			—		11	0	0	Do.
310. Garth, Richard	Silk piecer, w. m.	9	0	0		—			—			—		9	0	0	Do.
311. Garth, William	Silk spinner, w. m.		—			—			—			—		2	0	0	Treating.
312. Garth, John	Husbandman, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0		—		10	0	0	Bribed.
313. Garth, John	Labourer, w. m.		—			—			—			—			—		Did not vote; dead.
314. Garth, Thomas	Labourer, w. m.		—			—			—			—			—		Nothing.
315. Garth, Richard	Shoemaker, w. m.	4	0	0	1	15	0		—			—		5	15	0	Bribed.
316. Garth, Richard Lewis	Labourer, w. m.	10	0	0		—			—		0	10	0	10	10	0	Do.
317. Gerrard, James	Farmer		—			—			—			—			—		Nothing.
318. Gibson, Robert	Clerk		—			—			—			—			—		Not examined.
319. Gibson, John	Cotton spinner, w. m.	8	0	0		—			—			—		8	0	0	Bribed.
320. Gibson, William	Husbandman, w. m.	8	0	0		—			—			—		8	0	0	Do; absent; expenses from Kendal.

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321. Gibson, Lawrence	Cotton spinner, w. m.	8	0	0	—			—			—			8	0	0	Bribed.
322. Gibson, William	Shopman, w. m.	—			—			10	0	0	2	15	0	12	15	0	Do.
323. Gelgrass, Robert	Wool comber	—			—			4	0	0	—			4	0	0	Do.
324. Gilloe, Richard	Farmer	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
325. Goad, Thomas Turner	Watchmaker, w. m.	—			—			10	0	0	—			10	0	0	Bribed.
326. Greaves, James	Tailor, householder	2	0	0	—			—			—			2	0	0	Do.
327. Green, James	Shoemaker, w. m.	8	2	6	—			—			—			8	2	6	Do.; dead.
328. Greenall, Thomas	Whitesmith, w. m.	5	0	0	2	10	0	—			—			7	10	0	Do.
329. Greenwood, Isaac	Gentleman	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
330. Gregson, Bryan Padget	Esquire, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
331. Gregson, Thomas	Stonemason, w. m.	10	0	0	1	10	0	—			1	0	0	12	10	0	Bribed.
332. Gregson, John	Whitesmith, w. m.	—			—			—			—			—			Did not vote.
333. Gregson, William	Tinplate worker, w. m.	—			—			12	0	0	—			12	0	0	Bribed.
334. Gregson, John, junior	Labourer, w. m.	—			—			—			—			—			Did not vote.
335. Gregson, James	Painter, w. m.	—			—			12	0	0	—			12	0	0	Bribed.
336. Gregson, Matthew	Smith, w. m.	10	0	0	1	10	0	—			—			11	10	0	Do.
337. Gregson, Benjamin	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
338. Gudgeon, Christopher	Twine spinner, w. m.	—			—			12	0	0	1	10	0	13	10	0	Bribed.
339. Gudgeon, Thomas Martin	Blacksmith, w. m.	5	0	0	—			—			—			5	0	0	Do.
340. Gudgeon, William	Twine spinner, w, m.	—			—			14	0	0	1	10	0	15	10	0	Do.
341. Gudgeon, Daniel	Blacksmith	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
342. Gudgeon, Richard	Carter, w. m.	10	0	0	—			—			—			10	0	0	Bribed.
343. Gunson, Joseph	Gentleman	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
344. Gunson, William	Cabinet maker, householder	3	0	0	—			—			—			3	0	0	Bribed.; dead.
345. Gunson, Samuel	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—			—			10	10	0	2	5	0	12	15	0	Bribed.
346. Hadwen, Thomas	Fisherman, w. m.	—			—			11	0	0	—			11	0	0	Do.
347. Hadwen, Joseph	Husbandman, w. m.	10	0	0	—			11	0	0	—			21	0	0	Do. voted. F. & L.
348. Hadwen, Tobias	Innkeeper	—			—			11	0	0	—			11	0	0	Do. Not examined.
349. Hadwen, William, junior	Fisherman, w. m.	—			—			11	0	0	—			11	0	0	Do.
350. Hadwen, Matthew	Fish dealer, w. m.	10	0	0	—			—			—			10	0	0	Do.
351. Hadwen, Tobias	Labourer, w. m.	5	0	0	—			—			—			5	0	0	Do.
352. Hadwen, Joseph	Fisherman, w. m.	10	0	0	—			—			—			10	0	0	Do.
353. Hadwen, William	Fisherman, w. m.	10	0	0	—			—			—			10	0	0	Do.
354. Hall, John	Attorney, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
355. Hall, Robert	Attorney	—			—			—			—			26	5	0	Retained professionally for Conservatives
356. Hall, William	Surgeon, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.

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357. Hall, Richard	Druggist	8	0	0	9	16	0	—			—			17	16	0	Bribed and treating.
358. Hall, William	Druggist, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
359. Hardy, Daniel	Tailor, w. m.	—			—			8	0	0	—			8	0	0	Bribed.
360. Hargreaves, John	Gardener	—			—			5	0	0	—			5	0	0	Do.
361. Hargreaves, Anthony	Gardener	—			—			10	0	0	—			10	0	0	Do.; rent, 170*l.*
362. Hargreaves, Joseph	Gardener, householder	—			—			10	0	0	—			10	0	0	Do.
363. Hargreaves, Thomas	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—			3	10	0	—			—			3	10	0	Do.
364. Hargreaves, Anthony	Plumber, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing; sick.
365. Harrison, James Stockdale	Esquire, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Absent.
366. Harrison, John	Whitesmith, w. m.	—			—			12	0	0	1	10	0	13	10	0	Bribed.
367. Harrison, William	Nail maker, w. m.	—			—			13	10	0	—			13	10	0	Do.
368. Harrison, Thomas	Stonemason, householder	—			—			—			—			147	0	0	Bribing; treating.
369. Harrison, Henry	Borough surveyor, householdr.	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
370. Harrison, John Swainson	Labourer, w. m.	6	0	0	—			—			—			6	0	0	Bribed; dead.
371. Harrison, James	Whitesmith, w. m.	—			—			15	0	0	—			15	0	0	Do.
372. Harrison, John Hadwen	Joiner, w. m.	—			—			10	0	0	4	5	0	14	5	0	Do.
373. Harrison, William	Tinman, householder	—			—			10	0	0	—			59	0	0	Do.; treating.
374. Harrison, Richard	Shoemaker, w. m.	—			—			10	0	0	—			10	0	0	Do.
375. Harrison, William	Butcher	—			—			2	0	0	—			2	0	0	Do.
376. Harrison, Edward	Silk piecer, w. m.	—			—			10	0	0	1	15	0	11	15	0	Do.
377. Harrison, William	Moulder, w, m.	—			—			10	0	0	—			10	0	0	Do.
378. Harrison, Robert Holt	Nail maker, w. m.	—			1	10	0	12	0	0	1	10	0	15	0	0	Do.
379. Harrison, William	Nail maker, w. m., householdr.	—			—			13	10	0	—			13	10	0	Do.; absent.
380. Harrison, John	Architect	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
381. Harrison, Thomas	Book-keeper	—			—			10	10	0	1	10	0	12	0	0	Bribed.
382. Harrison, Henry	Stonemason, w. m.	4	10	0	—			—			—			4	10	0	Do.
383. Harrison, William	Coach maker, w. m.	—			—			14	0	0	—			14	0	0	Do.
384. Harrison, John	Farm servant, w. m.	8	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	—			19	0	0	Do.; voted L.
385. Hartley, Henry	Stonemason, w. m.	—			—			0	10	0	1	10	0	2	0	0	Do.
386. Hartley, Thomas	Stonemason, w. m.	—			—			10	0	0	—			10	0	0	Do.
387. Hartley, James	Wheelwright, w. m.	5	0	0	—			—			—			5	0	0	Do.
388. Hartley, James	Plasterer, w. m.	—			—			9	0	0	—			9	0	0	Do.
389. Hartley, Henry	Husbandman, w. m.	—			—			5	0	0	—			5	0	0	Do.
390. Hartley, William	Silk spinner, w. m.	10	0	0	1	10	0	—			—			11	10	0	Do.
391. Hartley, Edward	Silk comber, w. m.	10	0	0	—			—			—			10	0	0	Do.
392. Hartley, John	Stonemason, w. m.	10	0	0	—			—			—			10	0	0	Do.

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393. Hartley, Christopher	Wheelwright, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
394. Hartley, John Rowland	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
395. Hartley, Henry	Plasterer	—	—	12 0 0	—	12 0 0	Bribed.
396. Hathornthwaite, Thomas	Doctor of Divinity, househr.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
397. Hatton, George Cooper	Painter, householder	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
398. Hatton, Thomas	Brass founder, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
399. Haworth, Thomas	Cabinet maker, w. m., hldr.	—	—	—	—	1 1 0	Poll Clerk.
400. Heald, William	Livery stable keeper, hldr.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
401. Heald, Abraham	Farmer, w. m.	—	—	7 0 0	—	7 0 0	Bribed.
402. Heald, William	Book-keeper, householder	—	—	—	—	1 1 0	Poll Clerk.
403. Helme, William	Sawyer, w.m,	—	—	8 0 0	1 10 0	9 10 0	Bribed.
404. Henderson, Adam	Shoemaker	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
405. Herbert, John	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote; dead.
406. Hill, John	Tailor, w. m.	—	—	1 5 0	—	1 5 0	Bribed.
407. Hill, Thomas Bennett	Whitesmith, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	21 15 0	Do.; bribing and treating.
408. Hinde, Richard	Merchant, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
409. Hinde, Thomas Bryer	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
410. Hinde, John	Husbandman, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
411. Hinde, John	Shoemaker, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 5 0	12 5 0	Bribed.
412. Hinde, William	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
413. Hinde, William	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.; dead.
414. Hinde, George	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
415. Hinde, Christopher	Gentleman	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed; dead.
416. Hinde, Robert	Chemist, householder	5 0 0	—	—	—	45 0 0	Do.; bribing and treating.
417. Hodgson, William	Butcher	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote; dead.
418. Hodgson, John	Butcher, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
419. Hodgson, Robert	Carter, w. m.	—	—	15 0 0	1 0 0	16 0 0	Do.
420. Hodgson, Thomas	Corn dealer, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
421. Hodgson, John	Whitesmith, w. m.	—	—	15 0 0	1 10 0	16 10 0	Bribed.
422. Hodgson, John	Farmer	—	—	3 0 0	—	3 0 0	Do.
423. Hodgson, Thomas	Farmer	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do.
424. Hodgson, Richard	Corn dealer, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
425. Hodgson, William	Smith, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 10 0	11 10 0	Bribed.
426. Hodgson, Robert	Farmer, householder	—	—	—	—	46 15 5	Do.; bribing and treating; use of "Lord Nelson," and bill.
427. Hodgson, Thomas	Farmer	—	—	—	—	1 0 0	Treating.
428. Hodgson, Thomas Wilkinson	Farmer	—	—	3 0 0	—	3 0 0	Bribed.

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429. Holden, Lawrence	Attorney, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
430. Holme, Robert	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	6 0 0	2 0 0	8 0 0	Bribed; treating.
431. Hornby, James	Painter, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
432. Hornby, Edward Clark	Joiner, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Ditto, absent.
433. Hosfield, John	Painter, w. m.	10 0 0	1 10 0	—	—	11 10 0	Do.
434. Housman, Robert Fletcher	Esquire, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
435. Housman, William	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
436. Howson, James Stainbank	Glazier, householder	—	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed; dead.
437. Howson, William	Glazier	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Bribed.
438. Howson, James	Glazier	—	—	12 0 0	—	12 0 0	Do.
439. Howson, John	Glazier	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
440. Howson, Robert	Joiner, w. m.	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do.
441. Howson, William	Farmer	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
442. Howson, Giles	Currier, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Do.
443. Howson, James	Breaksman, w. m.	7 0 0	—	—	—	7 0 0	Bribed.
444. Hoyle, William	Upholsterer, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
445. Hudson, Christopher	Surgeon's assistant	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
446. Hudson, John Charles	Draper, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
447. Hudson, Henry	Silk mercer, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
448. Huntington, John	Labourer, w. m.	1 3 0	1 10 0	12 0 0	2 5 0	16 18 0	Bribed; voted F. & S.
449. Hutton, John	Painter, householder	—	—	3 10 0	—	5 0 0	Bribed; expenses, self and others from Manchester.
450. Illingworth, John	Silk spinner, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
451. Illingworth, John, junior	Silk spinner, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
452. Illingsworth, Robert	Mechanic, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
453. Illingsworth, William	Silk piecer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
454. Ingall, George	Upholsterer, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
455. Ireland, George Romney	Packer, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	1 0 0	13 0 0	Bribed.
456. Ireland, William	Ironfounder, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	1 0 0	13 0 0	Do.
457. Jackson, William	Manufacturer, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing: chairman, Liberal Committee.
458. Jackson, George	Wine merchant, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
459. Jackson, George	Upholsterer, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
460. Jackson, James	Publican, householder	—	—	7 0 0	—	30 14 6	Bribed; use of "Spinners' Arms" & bill.
461. Jackson, Daniel Paget	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
462. Jackson, Robert	Attorney, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.

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463. Jackson, Edmund	Druggist, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
464. Jackson, William, junior	Watchmaker, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed; dead.
465. Jackson, James	Groom, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do. dead.
466. Jackson, William, junior	Blacksmith, w. m.	13 1 0	—	10 0 0	—	23 0 0	Do. voted L.
467. Jackson, Thomas	Farmer	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
468. Jackson, Thomas	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
469. Jackson, William	Farmer	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
470. Jackson, Matthew	Husbandman	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed; rent 80*l.* or 90*l.*
471. Jackson, George	Blacksmith, w. m.	8 0 0	3 0 0	—	—	11 0 0	Do.
472. Jackson, Edmund	Barrister-at-Law, householdr.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
473. Jackson, William, junior	Husbandman, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed.
474. Jackson, Thomas	Innkeeper, w. m.	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do.
475. Jackson, John	Husbandman	—	—	—	—	4 4 0	Treating.
476. Jackson, William	Farmer	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed.
477. Jackson, William	Labourer, w. m.	18 0 0	1 0 0	—	—	19 0 0	Do.
478. Jackson, William	Whitesmith, w. m.	10 0 0	—	1 0 0	—	11 0 0	Do. voted F. and S.
479. Jackson, Samuel	Farmer	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
480. Jackson, Ralph	Farmer	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
481. Jackson, William	Farm servant, w. m.	—	—	6 0 0	—	16 5 0	Do., use of "Bowling Green" and bill.
482. Jackson, William	Attendant, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
483. Jackson, James	Labourer, w. m.	10 0 0	1 10 0	2 5 0	1 10 0	15 5 0	Do., voted F. and S.
484. Jackson, John	Farm servant, w. m.	—	—	8 0 0	—	8 0 0	Do.
485. Jackson, Joseph	Labourer, w. m.	—	1 10 0	12 0 0	—	13 10 0	Do.
486. Jackson, William	Carder, w. m.	—	1 10 0	12 0 0	1 10 0	13 0 0	Do., and bribing.
487. Jackson, Henry Richard	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	8 0 0	Nothing.
488. Jackson, William	Blacksmith	8 0 0	—	—	—	40 0 0	Bribed, bribing, treating.
489. Jackson, John Varley	Shoemaker, w. m.	10 10 0	—	—	—	10 10 0	Do.; dead.
490. Jackson, William	Twine spinner, w. m.	10 10 0	1 0 0	—	—	11 0 0	Do.
491. Jackson, James	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
492. Jackson, Robert	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
493. Jackson, John	Printer, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
494. Jemmison, Richard	Tinman, w. m.	10 0 0	1 10 0	—	1 0 0	12 10 0	Bribed.
495. Johnson, Christopher	Esquire	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
496. Johnson, James	Esquire	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
497. Johnson, Christopher, junior	Surgeon, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
498. Johnson, Thomas	Attorney, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.

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499. Johnson, John	Iron turner, w. m.	7 0 0	—	—	—	7 0 0	Bribed.
500. Johnson, John	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do.; expenses from Southport.
501. Johnston, William	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	—	—	1 0 0	Committee clerk.
502. Kearton, Richard	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 5 0	12 5 0	Bribed.
503. Kelsall, Thomas	Farmer	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
504. Kelsall, Joseph	Husbandman	3 0 0	—	—	—	3 0 0	Bribed.
505. Kelsall, William	Husbandman	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do.
506. Kelsall, Joseph	Farmer	3 10 0	—	—	—	3 10 0	Do.; 45*l.* rent.
507. Kelsall, Joshua	Husbandman	2 5 0	—	—	—	2 5 0	Do.
508. Kelsall, Thomas	Farmer	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
509. Kelsall, William	Farmer	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed; rent 62*l.*
510. Kelsall, Thomas, junior	Joiner, householder	5 0 0	—	—	—	6 0 0	Do.; bribing, treating.
511. Kelsall, Thomas, junior	Husbandman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
512. Kendall, George Knipe	Upholsterer	—	—	—	—	7 10 0	Committee clerk.
513. Kew, William	Cooper, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	—	2 0 0	Bribed.
514. Kirk, Allen	Cabinet maker, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.
515. Kirby, George	Farmer	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
516. Kitchen, John	Stonemason, w. m.	—	—	15 0 0	—	16 7 0	Bribed; bribing, treating.
517. Kitchen, George	Stonemason, w. m., househdr.	10 0 0	3 0 0	—	—	13 0 0	Do.
518. Kitchen, John, junior	Stonemason, w. m.	10 10 0	—	—	—	10 10 0	Do.
519. Kitchen, Daniel	Tailor, w. m.	2 0 0	—	—	—	2 0 0	Do.
520. Kitchen, Richard	Labourer, w. m.	9 0 0	—	—	—	9 0 0	Do.; absent.
521. Kitchen, John	Stonemason, w. m.	—	—	13 0 0	—	13 0 0	Do.
522. Knipe, Joseph	Husbandman	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
523. Knipe, George	Husbandman	15 0 0	—	—	—	15 0 0	Do.
524. Knott, George Rolins	Butcher, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
525. Lamb, Thomas	Attorney, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
526. Lamb, Thomas	Silk grinder, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
527. Lamb, Richard	Cotton spinner, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 4 0	11 4 0	Bribed.
528. Lamb, William	Silk spinner, w. m.	12 0 0	—	—	1 10 0	13 10 0	Do.
529. Lamb, John	Silk comber, w. m.	12 0 0	4 0 0	—	1 10 0	17 10 0	Do.
530. Lamb, John	Farmer	—	—	12 0 0	—	12 0 0	Do.
531. Langshaw, James Pearson	Surgeon, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
532. Latham, Benjamin	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed.

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533. Lawrence, Lawrence	Farmer	10 0 0	2 10 0	—		12 10 0	Bribed.
534. Lawrence, Timothy	Gardener, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	2 0 0	10 0 0	Do.
535. Lawrence, Lawrence, junior	Farmer	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
536. Lawrence, Lawrence	Labourer, w. m.	10 0 0	1 10 0	—	—	11 10 0	Do.
537. Lawson, John	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
538. Lawson, Robert	Cabinet maker, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
539. Lawson, John	Farmer	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed ; rent 276*l.*
540. Lawson, Robert, junior	Land surveyor, householder	—	—	—	—	17 10 0	Bribing ; treating.
541. Laytham, John	Labourer, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
542. Leatherbarrow, John	Stonemason, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
543. Lee, William	Porter, w. m.	—	2 0 0	5 0 0	—	7 0 0	Do.
544. Leeming, John	Cabinet maker, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
545. Leeming, James	Painter, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
546. Leighton, John	Policeman, w. m.	—	1 0 0	8 0 0	—	9 0 0	Bribed.
547. Leighton, William	Tailor, w. m.	11 0 0	—	—	—	11 0 0	Do.
548. Leytham, Thomas	Draper	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
549. Liver, Thomas	Weaver, w. m.	—	2 5 0	2 0 0	—	4 5 0	Bribed.
550. Lodge, Charles	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	2 0 0	Treating.
551. Lodge, John	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Sick.
552. Lofthouse, William	Cabinet maker, householder	10 0 0	—	—	—	60 0 0	Bribed ; use of "Old Sir Simon," and bill.
553. Lord, William	Spinning master	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
554. Lupton, Charles	Labourer, w. m.	10 10 0	—	—	—	10 10 0	Do.
555. Machell, James	Farmer	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do. ; rent, 40*l.*
556. Mallinson, Edward	Silk boiler, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
557. Mallinson, Edward, junior	Silk dresser, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
558. Mallinson, Thomas	Labourer w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do. Dead.
559. Manby, Edward Francis	Clerk	—	—	—	—	—	Not examined.
560. Manby, John Ralph George	Clerk	—	—	—	—	—	Not examined.
561. Marshall, George	Farmer	6 0 0	—	—	—	6 0 0	Bribed.
562. Marshall, Thomas	Shoemaker, w. m.	—	0 14 6	13 0 0	1 10 0	15 4 6	Do.
563. Marshall, Edward	Smith, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	1 10 0	13 10 0	Do.
564. Masheder, Edward	Draper, householder	—	—	—	—	11 0 0	Do. Treating.
565. Masheder, Richard	Cordwainer, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
566. Masheder, John	Tobacconist, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 15 0	12 15 0	Do.
567. Masheder, William, junior	Farmer, w. m.	—	—	19 0 0	—	38 0 0	Do. ; bribing.

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568. Masheder, John	Husbandman, w. m.	5 0 0	0 10 0	—	—	5 10 0	Bribed.
569. Masheder, Edmund	Miller	5 0 0	—	6 0 0	—	11 0 0	Do. ; voted S. and L.
570. Masheder, Robert	Draper	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do.
571. Mashiter, Thomas	Farmer	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
572. Mashiter, James	Farmer, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
573. Mashiter, John	Joiner, w. m.	15 0 0	—	—	—	15 0 0	Do.
574. Mashiter, John	Yeoman	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
575. Mashiter, William	Husbandman	—	—	10 3 0	—	10 3 0	Bribed.
576. Mashiter, Robert	Wheelwright, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
577. Mashiter, William	Printer, w. m.	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do.
578. Mason, Joseph	Printer, w. m.	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do.
579. Mason, Benjamin	Plasterer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 5 0	12 5 0	Do.
580. Mason, Samuel	Weaver, w. m.	2 0 0	—	—	—	4 0 0	Do. ; bribing.
581. Mason, Thomas	Silk spinner, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
582. Mason, Thomas	Farmer	—	—	3 3 0	—	3 3 0	Bribed.
583. Mawson, Moses	Farmer	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
584. Mawson, Moses	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	7 10 0	—	7 10 0	Do.
585. Mawson, Moses, junior	Book-keeper	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do.
586. Mawson, Moses	Husbandman, w. m.	11 0 0	—	—	—	11 0 0	Do. ; sick.
587. Metcalf, William	Blockmaker, w. m.	—	—	3 0 0	—	3 0 0	Do.
588. Metcalfe, John	Labourer, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
589. Metcalfe, George Thompson	Tallow chandler, w. m.	5 0 0	1 0 0	—	—	6 0 0	Do.
590. Middleton, Thomas	Stonemason, w.m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 10 0	11 10 0	Do.
591. Miller, John	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	16 0 0	2 0 0	18 0 0	Do.
592. Miller, James Ellershaw	Cabinet maker, w.m. househdr.	5 10 0	—	—	—	5 10 0	Do.
593. Miller, Francis	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 5 0	22 5 0	Do. ; bribing, treating.
594. Miller, Joseph	Yeoman	10 0 0	—	—	—	11 0 0	Do ; treating.
595. Moon, James Carter	Cabinet maker, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
596. Moore, David	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
597. Moore, Bernard	Clerk	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
598. Moser, Richard Pateson	Printer	26 5 0	—	—	—	26 5 0	Bribed ; bribing.
599. Moser, Jacob	Cabinet maker, householder	—	—	—	—	44 10 0	Bribing ; treating.
600. Mounsey, William	Silk spinner, w. m.	7 10 0	—	—	—	7 10 0	Bribed.
601. Mounsey, William	Labourer, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
602. Mounsey, John	Weaver, w. m.	8 5 0	—	—	—	8 5 0	Do.
603. Mounsey, James	Silk comber, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.

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604. Mounsey, James	Silk dresser, w. m.	9 0 0	—	—	—	9 0 0	Bribed.
605. Mounsey, William	Shoemaker, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
606. Nelson, Henry	Farmer	—	—	5 0 0	—	13 0 0	Do., bribing, treating.
607. Nelson, William, junior	Shoemaker, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
608. Nelson, Thomas	Husbandman	4 0 0	—	5 0 0	—	9 0 0	Do., voted F. & L.
609. Nelson, Gabriel	Cabinet maker, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
610. Nelson, Albert	Cabinet maker, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
611. Nelson, George	Coachsmith, w. m.	8 0 0	1 10 0	—	2 5 0	11 15 0	Bribed
612. Nelson, Richard	Coachman	14 0 0	—	—	2 0 0	16 0 0	Do.; rent 60*l.*
613. Nelson, William	Plumber, w. m.	8 0 0	1 10 0	—	—	9 10 0	Do.
614. Newton, Thomas	Tinman, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
615. Newton, William	Painter, w. m.	10 0 0	1 10 0	—	—	11 10 0	Do.
616. Nicholson, Richard	Stonemason, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
617. Nicholson, Timothy Jackson	Cabinet maker, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
618. Nickal, John	Painter, w. m.	—	1 10 0	10 0 0	—	11 10 0	Do.
619. Nickal, William	Painter, w. m., householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
620. Noble, William	Farmer	3 0 0	—	—	—	3 0 0	Bribed, and expenses from Preston.
621. Norman, Thomas	Farmer	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
622. Norman, Robert	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
623. Norman, George	Boatman	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
624. Norman, William	Labourer, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	13 0 0	Do.; bribing.
625. Nottage, James Barton	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
626. Oglethorpe, James	Attorney's clerk	—	—	—	—	1 1 0	Poll clerk.
627. Ormerod, William	Shoemaker, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
628. Overend, Thomas Bryan	Husbandman, w. m.	16 0 0	—	—	—	16 10 0	Bribed; treating.
629. Overend, John	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
630. Pailling, Amos	Ironmonger	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Bribed; expenses from Coventry.
631. Palmer, Robert	Labourer, w. m.	8 0 0	1 10 0	—	2 5 0	11 15 0	Do.
632. Parker John	Farmer	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
633. Parker, Thomas	Joiner, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
634. Parker, Henry	Book-keeper	—	—	—	—	4 16 0	Committee clerk.
635. Parker, William Shepherd	Clogmaker, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
636. Parker, William	Smith, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	1 0 0	11 0 0	Bribed.

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637. Parker, Thomas	Wheelwright	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
638. Parker, James	Clogmaker, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
639. Parker, John	Farmer	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Bribed ; rental 70*l.*
640. Parker, Robert	Tinplate worker, w. m.	13 0 0	—	—	—	13 0 0	Do.
641. Parker, Robert	Horsebreaker, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 4 0	11 4 0	Do.
642. Parker, Matthew	Joiner, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
643. Parker, John	Joiner	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
644. Parker, William	Joiner, w.m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
645. Parker, Richard	Farmer	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do. ; rent 70*l.*
646. Parker, William	Whitesmith, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.
647. Parkinson, John	Joiner, w. m.	—	—	5 0 0	3 0 0	8 0 0	Do.
648. Parkinson, Richard	Painter, w. m.	—	—	9 0 0	—	9 0 0	Do. ; absent.
649. Parkinson, William	Painter	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
650. Parkinson, William George	Draper, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
651. Patterson, William	Cabinet maker, w. m.	8 0 0	0 15 0	—	—	8 15 0	Bribed ; expenses from Southport.
652. Pedder, Edward	Clerk, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Not examined.
653. Pedder, Abraham	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
654. Pedder, Robert	Husbandman	7 0 0	—	—	—	7 0 0	Do.
655. Pennington, James	Stonemason, w. m.	10 0 0	1 10 0	—	1 15 0	13 5 0	Do.
656. Pilkington, John Randolph Beckett	Book-keeper	—	—	—	—	3 0 0	Treating.
657. Pimm, William	Cordwainer, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
658. Pimm, George	Cordwainer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 5 0	12 5 0	Bribed.
659. Pimm, Reuben	Whitesmith, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
660. Pimm, Reuben, junior	Stonemason, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	3 5 0	15 5 0	Do.
661. Pimm, Philip, junior	Cab driver, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
662. Pimm, John	Tailor, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed.
663. Pimm, Robert	Tailor, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 10 0	11 10 0	Do.
664. Pimm, George Austin	Tailor, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
665. Pimm, Christopher	Smith, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 10 0	11 10 0	Do.
666. Powell, Robert	Pawnbroker, householder	—	—	—	—	12 10 0	Bribing ; treating.
667. Powell, William	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 5 0	12 5 0	Bribed.
668. Preston, Edward	Husbandman	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
669. Preston, John	Twine Spinner, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.
670. Preston, John, junior	Twine spinner, w. m.	10 0 0	0 10 0	—	—	10 10 0	Do., and treating.
671. Preston, William	Attendant, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 0 0	11 0 0	Do.
672. Preston Robert	Twine spinner	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.

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673. Procter, William	Smith, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed.
674. Procter, William	Tailor, householder	—	—	—	—	38 0 0	Bribing and treating.
675. Procter, James	Husbandman	—	—	6 0 0	—	6 0 0	Bribed; rent 153*l.*
676. Procter, Richard	Husbandman	—	—	2 0 0	—	2 0 0	Do.
677. Punch, John	Labourer, w. m.	—	0 10 0	12 0 0	1 5 0	13 15 0	Do.
678. Raby, Francis	Mariner, w. m.	—	—	9 0 0	—	9 0 0	Do.
679. Raby, John Richard	Whitesmith, w. m.	5 10 0	—	—	—	5 10 0	Do.
680. Ralph, William	Smith, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.; absent.
681. Ralph, William	Painter, w. m.	3 0 0	—	12 0 0	—	15 0 0	Do.; voted L.
682. Ralph, Robert	Painter, w. m.	—	2 10 0	10 0 0	1 10 0	14 0 0	Do.
683. Ralph, John	Painter, w. m.	—	2 10 0	10 0 0	1 10 0	14 0 0	Do.
684. Ralph, John	Spinner, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
685. Ralph, Thomas	Painter w. m., householder	—	—	10 0 0	2 5 0	16 5 0	Do.; treating.
686. Ralph, Joseph	Tailor, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
687. Ralph, Charles	Weaver, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
688. Ralph, William	Shoemaker, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
689. Ralph, Robert	Railway porter, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed.
690. Rawlinson, Edward	Attorney, householder	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
691. Redhead, William	Joiner, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	1 10 0	13 10 0	Do.
692. Redmayne, Leonard	Esquire, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
693. Remington, Thomas Machell	Clerk	—	—	—	—	—	Not examined.
694. Rennison, Thomas	Shoemaker, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 4 0	11 4 0	Bribed.
695. Rennison, William	Painter, w.m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 4 0	11 4 0	Do.
696. Richardson, Thomas	Shoemaker, w. m.	10 0 0	1 10 0	—	—	11 10 0	Do.
697. Richardson, John	Labourer, w. m.	10 0 0	2 0 0	—	—	12 0 0	Do.
698. Richardson, William	Joiner, w. m.	8 0 0	2 0 0	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
699. Richardson, James	Labourer, w. m.	8 0 0	1 10 0	—	—	9 10 0	Do.
700. Richardson, Thomas	Joiner, w. m.	5 10 0	—	—	—	5 10 0	Do.
701. Richardson, Anthony	Printer, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
702. Richmond, William	Painter, householder	—	—	—	—	1 1 0	Poll clerk.
703. Richmond, Benjamin	Painter, householder	9 0 0	—	—	—	9 0 0	Bribed.
704. Richmond, William	Wood dealer, w.m.	11 0 0	—	—	—	11 0 0	Do.
705. Richmond, John	Farmer, w. m.	6 0 0	—	—	—	6 0 0	Do.
706. Richmond, Richard	Husbandman, w. m.	6 0 0	—	—	—	6 0 0	Do.
707. Richmond, Joseph Bond	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	17 10 0	—	17 10 0	Do; treating.

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708. Richmond, William	Gamekeeper, w. m.	6 0 0	—	—	—	6 0 0	Bribed; dead.
709. Richmond, Henry	Ironmonger, householder	10 0 0	—	—	—	36 17 6	Do., use of "Commercial Inn," and bill.
710. Richmond, Thomas	Painter, w. m.	—	—	9 0 0	—	9 0 0	Do.
711. Richmond, Richard	Roller coverer, w. m.	6 0 0	—	—	—	6 0 0	Do.
712. Richmond, George	Painter, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
713. Richmond, William	Coal dealer	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
714. Richmond, Nathaniel George	Wood cutter, w. m.	—	—	24 0 0	—	24 0 0	Bribed.
715. Rigg, Richard	Gardener, w. m.	—	—	2 0 0	—	2 0 0	Do.
716. Roberts, Thomas	Tinplate worker, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.
717. Roberts, Robert	Moulder, w. m.	—	—	—	—	6 0 0	Bribing.
718. Roberts, Thomas	Ironfounder, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	1 10 0	11 10 0	Bribed.
719. Roberts, William	Iron turner, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
720. Roberts, Charles	Labourer, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
721. Roper, William	Wine merchant, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
722. Ross, Stephen	Gentleman, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
723. Rothery, William	Bookbinder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
724. Row, William Smith	Printer, w. m.	12 0 0	—	—	—	12 0 0	Bribed.
725. Row, Henry	Servant, w. m.	—	—	6 0 0	—	6 0 0	Do.
726. Row, James	Innkeeper, householder	—	—	10 0 0	—	12 14 0	Do., use of "Dolphin Inn," and bill.
727. Row, James	Brushmaker, w. m.	12 0 0	—	—	—	13 0 0	Do., treating.
728. Row, Charles	Husbandman, householder	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do.; rental, 250*l.*
729. Rowe, Thomas Bennison	Painter, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
730. Sanderson, Christopher	Smith, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
731. Sandham, Benjamin	Painter, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 10 0	11 10 0	Bribed.
732. Satterthwaite, Robert	Upholsterer, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
733. Satterthwaite, John	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	11 0 0	Bribed; treating.
734. Satterthwaite, Thomas	Farmer	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
735. Satterthwaite, Edward Hughes	Esquire, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
736. Scales, George	Shoemaker, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed.
737. Scales, William	Tailor, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.
738. Seward, Abram	Brass founder, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
739. Sharp, John	Attorney, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing; chairman of Conservative committee.
740. Sharp, William Thomas	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	1 10 0	Bribing.
741. Sharp, John Rimington	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
742. Sharples, William	Shoemaker, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.

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743. Sharples, James	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	6 0 0	1 15 0	7 15 0	Bribed.
744. Sharples, James	Shoemaker, w. m.	9 0 0	4 0 0	—	—	13 0 0	Do.
745. Sharples, John	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 15 0	11 15 0	Do.
746. Sharples, Bartholomew	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	—	3 0 0	4 10 0	Do. bribing ; treating.
747. Sharples, Joseph	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
748. Sharples, Richard	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
749. Sharples, Richard, junior	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
750. Shaw, William	Joiner, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	1 0 0	13 0 0	Do.
751. Shaw, Thomas	Shoemaker (son of Edw.) w.m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
752. Shaw, John	Gentleman, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
753. Shaw, George Lawson	Joiner, householder	3 0 0	—	—	—	14 16 0	Bribed ; bribing ; treating.
754. Shaw, Stephen	Joiner, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
755. Shaw, James	Farmer	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
756. Shaw, William	Shoemaker, w. m.	—	1 10 0	6 0 0	—	7 10 0	Do.
757. Shaw, Henry	Steward, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
758. Shaw, Richard	Husbandman, w. m.	4 0 0	—	10 0 0	—	14 0 0	Bribed ; voted L.
759. Shaw, Thomas	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 5 0	—	10 5 0	Do.
760. Sherson, William	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	—	12 0 0	Do.
761. Sherson, John	Labourer, w. m.	10 0 0	0 18 0	—	—	10 18 0	Do.
762. Shrigley, James	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 13 0	11 13 0	Do.
763. Shrigley, Joseph	Painter, householder	—	—	10 0 0	1 10 0	11 10 0	Do.
764. Simpson, John	Cordwainer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	6 0 0	16 0 0	Do.
765. Simpson, Edmund	Cabinet maker, householder	—	—	—	—	13 0 0	Bribing.
766. Simpson, James	Painter, w. m.	13 0 0	—	—	—	13 0 0	Bribed.
767. Simpson, William	Whitesmith, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	2 0 0	14 0 0	Do.
768. Singleton, William	Joiner, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 0 0	12 0 0	Do.
769. Singleton, Benjamin	Joiner, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 0 0	12 0 0	Do.
770. Singleton, William Henry	Plumber, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 0 0	12 0 0	Do.
771. Singleton, John	Silk dresser, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	2 0 0	12 0 0	Do.
772. Slinger, Jonathan	Book-keeper	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
773. Smith, Joseph	Silk comber, w. m.	2 0 0	—	—	—	2 0 0	Bribed.
774. Smith, William	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
775. Smith, George	Yeoman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
776. Smith, John	Tailor, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed.
777. Smith, Richard	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
778. Smith, Josias	Tailor, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.

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779. Smith, Thomas	Servant, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
780. Smith, Henry	Cotton spinner, w. m.	15	0	0	1	10	0	12	0	0	1	10	0	30	0	0	Bribed; voted F. and S.
781. Smith, Robert	Cotton spinner, w. m.	10	0	0	1	15	0	—			—			11	15	1	Do.
782. Smith, Edward	Piecer, w. m.	8	0	0	6	0	0	12	2	6	2	0	0	28	2	6	Do. voted F. and S.
783. Smith, Henry Gardner	Farmer	—			—			—			—			1	0	0	Treating.
784. Sowerby, Joseph	Butcher, w. m.	—			—			10	0	0	1	0	0	11	0	0	Bribed.
785. Speight, Peter	Brushmaker, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
786. Standen, Thomas	Butcher	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
787. Standen, John Langhorn	Currier, w. m.	—			—			3	0	0	1	10	0	4	10	0	Bribed; treating.
788. Standen, Thomas Parkin	Painter, w. m.	—			—			2	0	0	—			36	0	0	Bribed; bribing; treating.
789. Standen, William	Currier, w. m.	—			—			7	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	Do.
790. Starnforth, John	Plasterer, w. m.	—			—			7	0	0	—			7	0	0	Do.; expenses from Chester.
791. Stephenson, John	Cotton spinner, w. m.	7	0	0	—			—			—			7	0	0	Do.
792. Stewardson, William	Painter, householder	—			26	5	0	—			—			65	5	0	Do.; bribing; treating.
793. Stirzaker, Henry	Gardener, w. m.	—			—			—			—			1	10	0	Not bribed.
794. Stirzaker, John	Gardener, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
795. Stirzaker, Henry	Gardener, householder	—			—			—			—			400	0	0	Bribing. Obtained 400*l.* at bank to bribe Conservatives.
796. Stirzaker, Richard	Gardener, householder	—			—			—			—			—			
797. Stirzaker, Thomas Harrison	Gardener, w. m.	11	10	0	—			—			—			11	10	0	Bribed.
798. Stirzaker, Henry	Painter, w. m.	10	0	0	—			—			—			10	0	0	Do.
799. Sutton, John	Plumber, w. m.	—			—			—			—			—			Did not vote.
800. Swainson, John Powell	Butcher, w. m.	—			—			20	0	0	—			20	0	0	Bribed.
801. Swainson, Thomas	Shoemaker, w. m.	5	0	0	—			—			—			5	0	0	Do.
802. Swainson, Richard	Ship carpenter, w. m.	10	0	0	—			—			—			10	0	0	Do.
803. Swainson, Thomas	Tailor, w. m.	5	0	0	—			—			—			5	0	0	Do.
804. Sykes, Solomon	Cooper, w.m.	5	0	0	—			—			—			5	0	0	Do.
805. Sykes, David	Cooper, w. m.	—			—			9	0	0	—			9	0	0	Do.
806. Sykes, Solomon, junior	Cooper, w. m.	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
807. Talbot, Richard	Ironfounder, w. m.	10	0	0	—			—			—			10	0	0	Bribed.
808. Talbot, Joseph	Ironfounder, w. m.	10	0	0	—			—			—			10	0	0	Do.
809. Taylor, Thomas	Wine merchant, householder	—			—			—			—			47	17	6	Bribing and treating.
810. Taylor, James	Grocer, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
811. Taylor, John	Book-keeper, householder	—			—			—			—			3	10	0	Committee clerk.
812. Taylor, Richard	Silk dresser, w. m.	9	0	0	—			—			—			9	0	0	Bribed.
813. Taylor, Francis	Tinplate worker, w.m. householder.	2	0	0	—			—			—			2	0	0	Do.

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814. Taylor, John	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—			—			8	0	0	0	5	0	8	5	0	Bribed.
815. Taylor, William	Labourer, w. m.	5	0	0	—			—			—			5	0	0	Do.
816. Taylor, Anthony	Labourer, w. m.	—			—			10	0	0	—			10	0	0	Do.
817. Taylor, Robert	Grocer, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
818. Taylor, James, junior	Corn dealer	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
819. Taylor, Samuel	Tinman, householder	5	0	0	—			—			—			5	0	0	Bribed.
820. Taylor, Thomas	Stonemason	—			—			3	0	0	—			3	0	0	Do.
821. Taylor, John	Cabinet maker, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
822. Taylor, John	Labourer, w. m.	—			—			5	0	0	—			5	0	0	Bribed.
823. Taylor, Thomas	Labourer, w. m.	—			—			—			—			—			The same as No. 825.
824. Taylor, Thomas Barrow	Stonemason, w. m.	12	0	0	—			—			—			12	0	0	Bribed.
825. Taylor, Thomas	Labourer, w. m.	11	0	0	—			—			—			11	0	0	Do.
826. Thompson, Thomas	Attorney, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
827. Thompson, Thomas, junior	Upholsterer	2	0	0	—			—			—			2	0	0	Bribed.
828. Thompson, Thomas Gardner	Miller, w. m.	—			—			—			—			—			Nothing.
829. Thompson, William	Farmer	—			—			10	0	0	—			12	0	0	Bribed; treating; rental, 264*l.*
830. Thompson, John	Miller, householder	—			—			—			—			—			Did not vote.
831. Thompson, Thomas Ramsden	Joiner, w. m.	—			—			5	10	0	0	10	0	6	0	0	Bribed.
832. Thompson, John Wilkinson	Painter, w. m.	—			—			12	0	0	2	10	0	14	10	0	Do.
833. Thompson, John	Shoemaker, w. m., householdr.	9	0	0	—			—			—			9	0	0	Do.
834. Thompson, Thomas Taylor	Farmer	8	0	0	—			—			—			8	0	0	Do.; rent, 130*l.*
835. Thompson, James	Farmer	—			—			10	0	0	—			10	0	0	Do. partner with 839.
836. Thornton, William	Farmer	3	0	0	—			—			—			3	0	0	Do.
837. Thornton, Richard	Farmer, w. m.	3	0	0	—			—			—			3	0	0	Do.
838. Thornton, William	Butcher, w. m.	—			—			4	10	0	—			4	10	0	Do.
839. Thornton, Thomas	Wool comber, w. m.	—			—			11	0	0	—			11	0	0	Do.
840. Thornton, Thomas Brennand	Sodawater manufacturer	—			—			10	0	0	—			13	0	0	Do.; treating.
841. Thornton Richard	Husbandman	—			—			10	0	0	—			10	0	0	Do.; rent 120*l.*
842. Thornton, Henry	Labourer, w. m.	—			—			19	0	0	—			19	0	0	Do.
843. Thornton, Richard, junior	Husbandman, w. m.	2	0	0	—			—			—			2	0	0	Do.
844. Threlfall, John	Fisherman, w. m.	1	0	0	—			12	0	0	—			13	0	0	Do., voted L.
845. Threlfall, Henry	Fisherman, w. m.	—			—			14	0	0	—			14	0	0	Do.
846. Threlfall, James	Fisherman, w. m.	—			—			14	0	0	—			14	0	0	Do.
847. Threlfall, James	Ship carpenter, w. m.	—			—			5	12	6	—			5	12	6	Do.
848. Threlfall, Thomas	Labourer, w. m.	—			—			3	3	0	—			3	3	0	Do.
849. Threlfall, William	Fisherman, w. m.	1	0	0	—			12	0	0	—			13	0	0	Do., voted L.

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850. Threlfall, William	Husbandman, w. m.	—	—	7 0 0	—	7 0 0	Bribed.
851. Threlfall, William	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do.
852. Threlfall, Joseph	Ship carpenter, w. m.	4 0 0	—	3 8 0	—	7 3 0	Do.
853. Threlfall, Robert	Silk dresser, w. m.	9 0 0	—	—	—	9 0 0	Do.
854. Threlfall, Robert	Fishmonger, w. m.	—	—	13 5 0	—	13 5 0	Do.
855. Tomlinson, Thomas	Joiner	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
856. Tomlinson, Edward	Cordwainer	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
857. Tomlinson, Thomas	Tailor, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
858. Tomlinson, John	Tailor, w. m.	5 0 0	1 10 0	—	—	6 10 0	Bribed.
859. Tomlinson, Richard, junior	Shoemaker, w. m.	10 0 0	—	5 0 0	1 10 0	16 10 0	Do. Dead.
860. Tomlinson, Thomas	Shoemaker, w. m.	10 0 0	—	5 0 0	1 10 0	16 10 0	Do. Dead.
861. Tomlinson, Richard	Shoemaker, w. m.	10 10 0	—	—	—	10 10 0	Do.
862. Towers, John	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Do.
863. Towers, James	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	22 0 0	Do.; treating.
864. Towers, John	Whitesmith, w. m.	—	1 0 0	10 0 0	2 10 0	13 10 0	Do.
865. Towers, Christopher	Whitesmith, w. m.	8 10 0	1 0 0	—	1 2 0	10 12 0	Do.
866. Townley, John	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
867. Townson, Thomas	Joiner, w. m.	—	1 10 0	10 10 0	1 10 0	13 10 0	Bribed.
868. Townson, Edward	Whitesmith, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
869. Townson, James	Farmer	—	—	10 10 0	1 0 0	11 10 0	Bribed.
870. Trought, William	Twine spinner, w. m.	—	—	10 10 0	1 0 0	11 10 0	Do.
871. Varley, Thomas	Painter, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
872. Verden, James	Shoemaker, w. m. householder	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
873. Verden, Thomas	Cabinet maker, w. m.	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Do.
874. Verity, Henry	Tobacconist, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
875. Verity, Thomas	Tobacconist, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
876. Wadeson, Richard	Station master	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
877. Walker, James	Cotton spinner w. m.	10 0 0	2 2 0	—	1 15 0	13 15 0	Do.
878. Walker, John	Merchant, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Sick.
879. Walker, Christopher Bland	Attorney	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
880. Walmsley, John	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
881. Warbrick, William	Carter, w. m.	7 0 0	2 0 0	—	—	9 0 0	Bribed.
882. Ward, John	Quarryman, w. m.	8 10 0	—	—	—	8 10 0	Do.
883. Waterhouse, Henry Thomas	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	20 0 0	Do. Bribing. Dead.

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884. Wackerson, Richard	Brushmaker, w. m.	10 0 0	1 2 6	—	—	11 2 6	Bribed.
885. Watson, John	Gardener, w. m.	—	—	8 0 0	—	8 0 0	Do.
886. Wearing, Stephen Wright	Shoemaker, householder	—	—	—	—	1,710 10 0	Bribing, see Report, pp. viii. and ix.
887. Wearing, William	Druggist, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
888. Wearing, Richard	Druggist, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
889. Welch, William	Merchant, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
890. Welch, Henry	Grocer, householder	—	—	—	—	6,055 10 0	Bribing. Liberal cashier, see Rep., p. viii.
891. Welch, John	Farmer	—	—	—	—	2 0 0	Treating.
892. Welch, Ackey	Husbandman, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
893. Welch, Richard	Labourer, w. m.	4 0 0	—	—	—	4 0 0	Do. Dead.
894. Welch, William	Grocer	—	—	—	—	62 0 0	Bribing.
895. Western, John	Book-keeper, householder	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
896. Whalley, James Thornton	Weaver, w. m.	9 0 0	1 0 0	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
897. Whalley, Charles Lawson	Gentleman, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
898. Whalley, Joseph Lawson	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
899. Whalley, Thomas	Mechanic, w. m.	9 0 0	1 0 0	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
900. Whalley, Thomas	Labourer, w. m.	9 0 0	1 0 0	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
901. Whalley, John	Weaver, w. m.	9 0 0	1 0 0	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
902. Whinray, William	Labourer, w. m.	—	—	8 0 0	—	8 0 0	Do.; expenses from Liverpool.
903. Whiteside, William	Husbandman	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.; rent, 50*l*.
904. Whiteside, John, junior	Tailor, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Do.
905. Whiteside, Thomas	Cabinet maker, w. m.	2 15 0	—	—	—	2 15 0	Do.
906. Whiteside, William	Innkeeper	—	—	3 3 0	—	3 3 0	Do.; sick.
907. Whiteside, John	Mechanic, w. m.	15 0 0	—	—	—	15 0 0	Do.; dead.
908. Whiteside, William	Husbandman, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
909. Whiteside, William	Book-keeper	—	—	—	—	3 0 0	Treating.
910. Whiteside, Edward	Cabinet maker, w. m.	2 15 0	—	—	—	2 15 0	Bribed.
911. Whiteside, Edward, junior	Tailor, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.
912. Whittaker, James	Tailor, w. m.	—	—	6 0 0	—	6 0 0	Do.
913. Whittaker, Thomas Earle	Tailor & draper, householder	—	—	—	—	10 5 0	Bribing. Treating.
914. Whittaker, John	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
915. Whittaker, John Kilner	Railway clerk	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
916. Whittam, John	Shoemaker, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
917. Whittingham, Samuel	Shoemaker, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote; dead.
918. Whormby, John, junior	Auctioneer	—	—	20 0 0	—	20 0 0	Bribed. Treating.
919. Whormby, Richard	Joiner	15 0 0	—	—	—	15 0 0	Bribed.

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920. Whormby, Thomas	Husbandman	15 0 0	—	—	—	15 0 0	Bribed.
921. Whormby, Robert	Farmer	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
922. Wilcock, William	Tailor, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed.
923. Wilcock, John	Cabinet maker, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
924. Wilcock, Joseph	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	—	—	1 1 0	Poll Clerk.
925. Wilkinson, Isaac	Railway porter, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed.
926. Wilkinson, John	Saddler, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote; dead.
927. Willacy, Richard	Tailor, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 10 0	11 10 0	Bribed.
928. Willan, Miles	Ironmonger, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
929. Willan, Richard	Upholsterer, w. m.	3 3 0	—	—	—	3 3 0	Bribed.
930. Williams, Edward	Painter, w. m.	—	—	6 0 0	1 4 0	7 4 0	Do.
931. Williamson, James	Table cover manufacturer, householder.	—	—	—	—	—	Mayor; did not vote.
932. Williamson, Thomas Miller	Table cover manufacturer	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
933. Williamson, James junior	Table cover manufacturer	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
934. Willock, Thomas	Carver, w. m.	—	—	11 0 0	1 10 0	12 10 0	Bribed.
935. Willock, Richard	Upholsterer, w. m.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
936. Willock, John	Joiner, w. m.	—	—	13 0 0	1 10 0	14 10 0	Bribed.
937. Wilson, Richard	Esquire	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
938. Wilson, Robert	Tailor, w. m.	10 0 0	1 0 0	—	—	11 0 0	Bribed.
939. Wilson, Robert	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	12 0 0	2 0 0	14 0 0	Do.
940. Wilson, George	Tailor, w. m.	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Do.
941. Wilson, John	Tailor, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
942. Wilson, Thomas	Cotton spinner, w. m.	—	—	10 0 0	1 10 0	11 10 0	Bribed.
943. Wilson, George	Cabinet maker, w. m.	—	—	22 0 0	1 10 0	86 2 6	Do. Bribing and treating.
944. Wilson, Robert	Spinner, w. m.	—	—	8 0 0	1 10 0	9 10 0	Do.
945. Wilson, William	Labourer, w. m.	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Do.
946. Wilson, Henry	Gentleman	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing; one of the petitioners.
947. Wilson, John Miller	Piecer, w. m.	11 0 0	—	—	—	11 0 0	Bribed; expenses from Carlisle.
948. Winder, William	Clerk in Probate Registry, householder.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
949. Winder, Edward	Book-keeper	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
950. Winder, William Hothersall	Clerk in Probate Registry	—	—	—	—	3 3 0	Poll Clerk at 1*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.*
951. Winder, Thomas	Auctioneer, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
952. Winder, William Harrison	Coal merchant, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
953. Winder, Edmund	Druggist, householder	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.

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954. Winder, John	Coachsmith, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0		—		10	0	0	Bribed.
955. Winder, Thomas	Labourer, w. m.		—			—		12	0	0		—		37	0	0	Do. Bribing and treating.
956. Winder, Edward	Painter, w. m.	13	0	0		—			—			—		13	0	0	Do.
957. Winder, Isaac	Joiner, w. m.	12	0	0		—			—			—		12	0	0	Do.
958. Winder, William	Labourer, w. m.	13	0	0		—			—			—		13	0	0	Do.
959. Winder, Matthew	Sawyer, w. m.	8	0	0		—			—			—		8	0	0	Do.
960. Winder, Stephen	Stonemason, w. m.		—			—			—			—			—		Did not vote.
961. Winder, John	Joiner, w. m.	13	0	0		—			—			—		13	0	0	Bribed.
962. Winder, Richard	Husbandman, w. m.	8	0	0		—			—			—		8	0	0	Do.
963. Winder, Thomas	Book-keeper		—			—			—			—		1	1	0	Poll Clerk.
964. Winder, Thomas	Printer, w. m.	8	0	0		—			—			—		8	0	0	Bribed; dead.
965. Winder, Stephen	Watchmaker, w. m.	8	0	0		—			—			—		8	0	0	Do.
966. Woodburn, William	Warehouseman, w. m.		—			—		7	10	0		—		7	10	0	Do.
967. Woodhouse, William	Labourer, w. m.		—			—		10	0	0	1	10	0	11	10	0	Do.
968. Woodhouse, Thomas	Fisherman, w. m.	12	0	0		—			—			—		12	0	0	Do.
969. Woodhouse, Richard	Husbandman, w. m.	12	0	0		—			—			—		12	0	0	Do; dead.
970. Woodman, Michael	Labourer, w. m.	5	0	0		—			—			—		5	0	0	Do.
971. Woodman Joseph	Labourer, w. m.	8	0	0		—		10	0	0		—		18	0	0	Do. voted F. & L.
972. Woodman, Thomas	Stonemason, w. m.	8	0	0		—		10	0	0		—		18	0	0	Do. voted F. & L.
973. Woodman, John, junior	Stonemason, w. m.	10	0	0		—		10	0	0		—		20	0	0	Do. voted F. & L.
974. Woodman, Thomas	Wool comber, w. m.	10	0	0		—			—			—		10	0	0	Do.
975. Woodman, John	Farmer, w. m.	8	0	0		—		10	0	0		—		18	0	0	Do. voted L.
976. Woodman, Thomas	Labourer, w. m.	8	0	0		—			—			—		8	0	0	Do.
977. Woodman, James	Labourer, w. m.		—			—		19	0	0		—		19	0	0	Do.
978. Wright, Thomas	Tailor, householder		—			—			—			—			—		Nothing.
979. Wright, William	Brass finisher, w. m.	10	0	0		—			—			—		10	0	0	Bribed.
980. Yeates, James Dickinson	Husbandman	5	0	0		—			—			—		5	10	0	Do.

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BULK.									
981. Bradley, John -	Dalton's Arms Inn, Bulk.	House - -	Dalton's Arms Inn -	10 0 0	—	—	—	21 0 0	Bribed; use of "Dalton's Arms," and bill.
982. Brown, Thomas -	St. Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	Buildings and land	Town End - -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
983. Brown, Thomas -	Dolphinle, Bulk -	House - -	Dolphinle - -	—	—	8 0 0	—	8 0 0	Bribed; voted F. and L.
984. Dixon, Richard -	Bulk's Bottom, Bulk	House - -	Bulk's Bottom -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
985. Huntington, Henry.	Stone Row Head, Bulk.	House and outbuildings.	Stone Row Head -	—	—	20 0 0	—	20 0 0	Bribed; farmer; rental 105*l.*
986. Ireland, Martin -	Nightingale Hall Bulk	House and outbuildings.	Nightingale Hall -	—	—	20 0 0	—	20 0 0	Bribed.
987. Irvine, David -	Ridge Hall, Bulk -	House and outbuildings.	Ridge Hall - -	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Bribed; voted F. and L. Rental 260*l.*
LANCASTER.									
988. Airey, Thomas -	Golgotha, Lancaster -	House and buildings.	24, Golgotha -	7 0 0	—	—	—	7 0 0	Bribed; farmer, rental 250*l.* (has a partner).
989. Allwood, Robert	Castle Grove, Lancaster.	House - -	Castle Grove -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
990. Alston, Thomas -	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	88, Damside Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
991. Altham, Robert -	Cheapside, Lancaster	House and shop -	3, Cheapside -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
992. Atkinson, Joseph	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	143, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
993. Bagnall, William Henry.	New Street, Lancaster	Joint occupier of shop.	8, New Street -	—	—	—	—	3 0 0	Treating.
994. Bailey, John Garnett.	Haverbricks, Lancaster.	House - -	Haverbricks - -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
995. Bailey, Thomas -	Ulleswater Road, Lancaster.	House - -	Ulleswater Road -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
996. Bailie, William -	Ulleswater Road, Lancaster.	House - -	Ulleswater Road -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
997. Bailiffe, George -	Cheapside, Lancaster	House and shop -	18, Cheapside -	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
998. Bainbridge, John	King Street, Lancaster	House - -	17, King Street -	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed; no occupation.
999. Baines, Thomas -	King Street, Lancaster	House - -	5, King Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1000. Baines, Richard -	Bridge Lane, Lancaster	House - -	16, Bridge Lane -	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed; use of "Hatters' Arms;" w. m.
1001. Ball, Thomas -	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House - -	16, Leonard Gate -	—	—	—	—	1 1 0	Poll clerk.

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1002. Ball, Josiah -	Upper King Street, Lancaster.	House - -	2, Upper King Street	—	—	—	—	73 0 0	Bribing and treating ; coal dealer.
1003. Bannister, John	Sun Street, Lancaster	House - -	28, Sun Street -	—	—	5 0 0	—	66 10 0	Bribed ; use of "Sun Inn," and bill.
1004. Barker, Wilson -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	31, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	7,061 2 0	Bribing ; Conservative cashier. See Rep., p. 9.
1005. Barlow, Thomas Varley -	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Damside Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1006. Barrett, Thomas	Moor Lane, Lancaster	House and shop -	Moor Lane - -	3 10 0	1 15 0	—	—	5 5 0	Bribed ; grocer ; w. m.
1007. Barrow, William Spencer -	Common Garden Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	2, Common Garden Street.	—	—	10 0 0	3 7 6	13 7 6	Bribed, and treating ; grocer.
1008. Barton, Thomas	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	4, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	1,000 0 0	Bribing ; conveyed this money to the committee room for Schneider.
1009. Baxter, Richard	Stonewall, Lancaster	House - -	2, Stonewall -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1010. Baxter, John Sanders.	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Church Street -	—	—	—	—	12 0 0	Bribing and treating.
1011. Beckett, William	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	116, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1012. Beesley James -	Cheapside, Lancaster.	House and shop -	43, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1013. Bell, William -	Thurnham Street, Lancaster.	Shop - -	3, New market -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1014. Bell, John -	North Road, Lancaster.	House and shop -	North Road -	—	—	—	—	129 0 0	Bribing and treating.
1015. Bell, Joshua Mansergh.	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	22, Cable Street -	—	—	—	—	9 0 0	Bribing and treating ; w.m.
1016. Bell, Joseph -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	156, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1017. Bell, Anthony -	Chapel Row, Lancaster.	House - -	Chapel Row -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1018. Berry, Henry -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House - -	98, Church Street -	5 0 0	0 10 0	—	—	15 10 0	Bribed ; stonemason ; w. m.
1019. Bibby, John Atkinson.	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	2, Penny Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	28 0 0	Bribed ; use of "Bear and Staff," and bill.
1020. Bibby, William -	Scotforth - -	Land and buildings	Hedgebury - -	—	—	5 0 0	—	—	Bribed ; voted F. and L. Farmer ; rental 41*l.*

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1021. Bickerdike, Robt.	Dalton Square, Lancaster.	House - -	4, Dalton Square -	—	—	—	—	2 0 0	Deputy-Mayor.
1022. Bickerstaff, Thos.	Bulk Street, Lancaster.	House and shop-	26, Bulk street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1023. Binns, Jonathan	West Place, Lancaster.	House - -	8, West Place	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1024. Birchall, John -	Queen Street, Lancaster.	House and building	28, Queen Street	—	—	—	—	60 0 0	Bribing and treating; agent for Lancaster Canal Company.
1025. Black, David -	Borrowdale Road, Lancaster.	House and shop -	10, New Road ..	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1026. Blades, Charles -	Dalton Square, Lancaster.	Shop and yard -	22, Dalton Square -	—	—	—	—	—	Bribing; "Secret Committee" man; builder.
1027. Blades, Robert Williamson.	Dalton Square, Lancaster.	House - -	23, Dalton Square -	—	—	—	—	65 18 0	Bribing and treating; joiner.
1028. Bland, Richard Denny.	Church Street, Lancaster.	House - -	115, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1029. Bland, James -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	21 Penny Street -	2 0 0	—	—	—	2 0 0	Bribed; farmer and butcher.
1030. Boardman, Thos.	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	127, Penny Street -	15 0 0	—	—	—	15 0 0	Bribed; w. m.
1031. Bond, Richard -	Parliament Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Parliament Street, successive occupation of house, Church Street.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1032. Bond, Samuel -	Springfield Terrace, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation, Wood Street and Springfield Terrace.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1033. Bond, James -	Quarry Street, Lancaster.	House and workshop.	Quarry Street -	—	—	—	—	18 0 0	Bribing and treating; builder.
1034. Booth, Richard -	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	Shop - -	2, Stonewall -	—	—	—	—	1 0 0	Treating; smith.
1035. Booth, John -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	60, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	21 0 0	Treating; wine merchant.

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1036. Borrow, Thomas	Church Street, Lancaster.	Land and buildings	Marsh Lane -	—	—	6 0 0	—	6 0 0	Bribed; grocer and gardener.
1037. Bowness, George	North Road, Lancaster.	House and shop -	North Road - -	2 10 0	—	—	—	21 0 0	Bribed; bribing and treating; watchmaker.
1038. Bradley, Thomas	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	101, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	78 0 0	Bribing and treating; tin-plater.
1039. Bradley, Isaac -	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House - -	74, Damside Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1040. Bradley, Richard	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Damside Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1041. Bradshaw, John Leeming.	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	12, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	72 0 0	Bribing and treating; linendraper.
1042. Bradshaw, Richd.	Cheapside, Lancaster.	House and shop -	8, Cheapside -	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
1043. Bradshaw, Wm. -	Ulleswater Road, Lancaster.	Join occupier of house and shop	17, Cheapside -	—	—	—	—	13 0 0	Bribing and treating.
1044. Bratherton, Robt.	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation of Nicholas street and Leonard Gate.	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed; carter.
1045. Briggs, Henry -	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	46, Cable Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1046. Briggs, John Gibson.	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Successive occupation Ulleswater Road and Church Street.	—	—	6 0 0	1 10 0	47 10 0	Bribed; bribing and treating; hatter.
1047. Briscoe, William	Cheapside, Lancaster	House - -	32, Cheapside -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1048. Bromley, John -	Brock Street, Lancaster.	House - -	2, Brock Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1049. Bromley, Peter -	Queen Street, Lancaster.	House - -	14, Queen Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1050. Brown, Richard -	Greenfield, Lancaster	House - -	Greenfield - -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1051. Burrow, Obadiah	New Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	6, New Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.

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1052. Burrow, William	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	17, Penny Street -	—	—	2 0 0	—	2 0 0	Bribed; basket maker.
1053. Burton, Richard	Market Street, Lancaster.	House - -	46, Market Street -	—	—	10 0 0	—	19 0 0	Bribed; use of "Golden Ball" and bill.
1054. Butterworth, Wm.	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House - -	Leonard Gate -	10 0 0	—	—	—	21 17 6	Bribed; use of "White Lion" and bill.
1055. Cairns, Nicholas	Brock Street, Lancaster.	House and warehouse.	19, Brock Street -	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed.
1056. Campbell, Colin	Queen Street, Lancaster.	House - -	41, Queen Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1057. Capstick, Thomas	Nicholas Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation of 21, Nicholas Street and Nicholas Street.	—	—	10 0 0	—	18 15 0	Bribed, and treating; joiner; w.m.
1058. Capstick, John -	Derwent Road, Lancaster.	House - -	Derwent Road -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1059. Cardwell, Thomas.	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	116, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1060. Carruthers, George Brockbank.	New Street, Lancaster	Joint occupier of house and premises.	8, New Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1061. Carruthers, James Simpson.	Lune Street, Skerton.	Joint occupier of warehouse.	1, Leonard Gate -	—	—	—	—	35 0 0	Bribing and treating; wine & spirit merchant.
1062. Carter, Richard -	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	101, Damside Street -	4 4 0	—	—	—	4 4 0	Bribed; value of watch; hosier; w.m.
1063. Carter, James -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	103, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1064. Casson, Richard	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House - -	70, Damside Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed; carpenter; w.m.
1065. Chambers, John	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Church Street -	—	—	5 0 0	—	7 18 0	Bribed.
1066. Charnley, Richard	Gage Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation of North Road and Gage Street.	—	—	—	—	1 10 0	Nothing; paid to runners, non-voters.

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1067. Charnock, Hugh	Church Street, Lancaster.	House - -	41, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote; dead.
1068. Chauncey, Henry Carter Snell.	Fenton Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Fenton Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1069. Clark, Isaac -	Ulleswater Road, Lancaster.	House - -	Ulleswater Road -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1070. Clark, Thomas -	Nicholas Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	35, Nicholas Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed; w. m.
1071. Clark, Arthur -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	Shop - -	133, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing;
1072. Clarkson, Christopher.	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	131, Penny Street -	—	3 0 0	—	—	3 0 0	Bribed; w. m.
1073. Clarkson, Robert	St. Nicholas Street, Lancaster.	House - -	St. Nicholas Street -	—	—	—	—	2 0 0	Treating; mason; w. m.
1074. Cleminson, Thos.	East Road, Lancaster	House - -	31, Bulk Street -	—	—	—	—	139 2 6	Bribing and treating.
1075. Cleminson, George Riley.	Marton Street, Lancaster.	House - -	23, Marton Street -	—	—	—	—	—	See *infra*, No. 1,287.
1076. Cole, Arthur -	Quay, Lancaster -	House - -	Quay - -	—	—	—	—	102 0 0	Bribing and treating.
1077. Colman, Edward	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House - -	48, Leonard Gate -	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed; confectioner.
1078. Cornthwaite, James.	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	141, Penny Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	13 0 0	Bribed; bribing and treating.
1079. Cottam, James -	Quernmore - -	Joint occupier of land and buildings.	Marsh Lane -	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed; farmer; rental 160*l*.
1080. Cottam, John -	Marsh Lane, Lancaster	Joint occupier of land and buildings.	Marsh Lane -	—	—	8 0 0	—	8 0 0	Bribed; farmer; rental 400*l*.
1081. Coulston, Joseph	Robert Street, Lancaster.	Shops - -	7, Great John Street	—	—	—	—	3,500 0 0	Did not vote; banker; bribing. Advanced to Mr. Schneider. Dead.
1082. Coulston, George	Quernmore Road, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation Lune Street, Skerton, and Quernmore Road.	—	—	—	—	29 12 6	Treating; absent.

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1083. Cragg, John -	Quarry Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Quarry Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1084. Cragg, William -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House -	11, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	23 0 0	Bribing; master cabinet-maker.
1085. Crane, William -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House - -	27, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
1086. Crayston, John -	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House and shop -	131, Leonard Gate	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1087. Crook, James -	Brock Street, Lancaster.	House - -	6, Brock Street -	6 0 0	—	—	—	9 10 0	Bribed; use of "Horse and Farrier," and bill.
1088. Cross, John -	Springfield Terrace, Lancaster.	Office and yard -	16, Common Garden Street.	—	—	—	—	596 0 0	Bribing and treating; plasterer.
1089. Cross, William -	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	72, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	28 10 0	Bribing and treating; plasterer.
1090. Cunningham, Thomas.	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Damside Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed; cork cutter. w. m.
1091. Dale, Francis George.	Scotforth, Lancaster -	Warehouse	New Market -	—	—	—	—	19 0 0	Bribing; wine merchant.
1092. Dallabella, John	Anchor Lane, Lancaster.	Houses - -	7 and 8, Anchor Lane.	—	—	9 0 0	—	9 0 0	Bribed; gilder.
1093. Davis, David -	Queen Square, Lancaster.	House - -	Queen Square -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing; absent.
1094. Dawson, Daniel -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	65, Church Street -	16 0 0	—	—	—	16 0 0	Bribed; joiner; w. m.
1095. Dean, Frederick	West Place, Lancaster	House - -	4, West Place -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1096. Dearden, Thomas	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	88, Penny Street -	—	—	6 0 0	—	23 18 0	Bribed; use of "Corporation Arms," and bill.
1097. Dewhurst, Thomas	Cross Street, Parliament Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Cross Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing; absent.
1098. Dickinson, James	Bath Street, Lancaster.	House - -	17, Bath Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1099. Dickinson, Thomas	Church Street, Lancaster.	Shop - -	84, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.

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1100. Dockray, Robert Benson.	Dalton Square, Lancaster.	House - -	12, Dalton Square -	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1101. Dodd, William -	Ulleswater Road, Lancaster.	House - -	Ulleswater Road -	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1102. Dugdale, William	Ulleswater Road, Lancaster.	House - -	Ulleswater Road -	—	—	10 0 0	—	40 0 0	Bribed and bribing; attendant at asylum; w.m.
1103. Duxbury, Humphry.	Springfield Terrace, Lancaster.	Warehouse -	12, Friar Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1104. Earnshaw, John -	Upper King Street, Lancaster.	House - -	15, Upper King Street.	—	—	12 0 0	—	12 0 0	Bribed.
1105. Eastwood, Joseph	Chapel Street, Lancaster.	House - -	14, Chapel Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1106. Eastwood, Luke -	Springfield Terrace, Lancaster.	House - -	Springfield Terrace -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1107. Ellershaw, James	Bridge Lane, Lancaster.	House - -	8 Bridge Lane -	6 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed; use of "Carpenters' Arms," &c.
1108. Ellershaw, James	Moor Road, Lancaster	House - -	Moor Road - -	10 0 0	—	—	—	37 0 0	Bribed; use of "Travellers' Rest," and bill.
1109. Ellershaw, Henry	Common Garden Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	12, Common Garden Street.	—	—	6 0 0	—	6 0 0	Bribed; hosier.
1110. Ellershaw, James	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	146, Market Street -	—	—	6 0 0	—	10 14 0	Bribed and treating; hosier.
1111. Fawcett, Richard	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	Warehouse -	Parliament Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing; mayor.
1112. Fell, Thomas -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	102, Church Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed; voted S. and L.; grocer; w.m.
1113. Fenton, Joseph -	West Place, Lancaster	Shop - -	Successive occupation of Market Street, and 68, Market Street.	—	—	—	—	14 9 0	Bribing; carriages.
1114. Fisher, John -	James Street, Lancaster.	House - -	19, James Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	26 5 0	Bribed; use of "Wellington Arms," and bill.
1115. Fitzsimons, John	Meeting-house Lane, Lancaster.	House - -	Meeting-house Lane -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.

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1116. Fleming, William	Quay, Lancaster -	House - -	Quay, successive occupation of house, pothouses and pothouses.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1117. Fort, William -	New Road, Lancaster	House - -	7, New Road -	—	—	—	—	15 12 0	Paid to Detectives.
1118. Foster, John -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	Joint occupier of warehouse.	Rosemary Lane -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1119. Foster, Richard -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	Joint occupier of warehouse.	Rosemary Lane -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1120. Fothergill, Christopher.	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	73, Damside Street -	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed and treating.
1121. Fothergill, Thomas.	China Lane, Lancaster	House and shop -	60, China Lane -	6 10 0	—	—	—	6 10 0	Bribed.
1122. Fyfe, David Whyte.	Nicholas Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Nicholas Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1123. Gardner, Edward	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House - -	77, Damside Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	16 8 0	Bribed. Use of "Station Inn," travelling expenses, and bill.
1124. Gardner, John -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	37, Church Street -	6 0 0	—	—	—	6 0 0	Bribed and treating. China dealer.
1125. Gardner, George	Quay, Lancaster -	House - -	7, St. George's Quay	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1126. Gardner, Thomas	Parliament Street, Lancaster.	Shop - -	15, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	2 2 0	Acted as deputy-mayor.
1127. Garnett, Thomas	Chapel Street, Lancaster.	Yard and buildings	8, Chapel Street -	—	—	9 0 0	—	9 0 0	Bribed.
1128. Gibson, Thomas -	Cawthorne Street, Lancaster.	Counting-house -	142, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	422 3 6	Agent. See Report, p. 6.
1129. Gilchrist, William	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House - -	13, Cable Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1130. Gill, William -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	130, Penny Street -	—	—	20 0 0	—	20 0 0	Bribed. Butcher.
1131. Gill, Thomas -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	116, Penny Street -	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Bribed.
1132. Gorrill, John -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	9, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.

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1133. Gorrill, Joseph Smith.	Brook Street, Lancaster.	Shop - -	41, Mary Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed. Currier.
1134. Gorst, Henry -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	137, Church Street -	—	—	10 0 0	—	20 0	Bribed. Bribing, Provision dealer.
1135. Green, Richard -	Aldcliffe Lane, Lancaster.	House and land -	Aldcliffe Lane -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1136. Greenall, William Austin.	New Street, Lancaster.	House - -	12, New Street -	—	—	5 5 0	—	11 15 0	Bribed and treating.
1137. Greenall, George	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	117, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1138. Greenwood, Robert.	Brock Street, Lancaster.	House - -	20, Brock Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1139. Greg, John -	Escow Beck, Caton -	Successive occupation of warehouse Brewery Lane, and house Great John Street.	Brewery Lane, and 16, Great John Street.	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1140. Griesdale, George	Moor Lane, Lancaster	House and yard -	Moor Lane - -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1141. Gudgeon, Robert	Moor Lane, Lancaster	Shop - -	Moor Lane - -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1142. Hadwen Henry -	Ashfield House, Lancaster.	House and garden	Ashfield - -	—	—	—	—	—	Sub-manager of Lancaster Banking Co., connected with finding the gold for F. & S.
1143. Hall, Richard -	Great John Street, Lancaster.	House - -	4, Great John Street	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1144. Halstead, William	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	30, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	93 0 0	Bribing and treating. nurseryman.
1145. Happold, Frederick.	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	10, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1146. Hardacre, Thomas	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House and shop -	10, Leonard Gate -	8 15 0	—	—	—	8 15 0	Bribed, and expenses from Blackpool. w. m.
1147. Hardman, Matthew.	Nicholas Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	41, Nicholas Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1148. Harker, John -	KingStreet, Lancaster	House and shop -	11, King Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1149. Harling, Thomas	Monmouth Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Monmouth Street -	7 10 0	—	—	—	7 10 0	Bribed. w. m.

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1150. Harling, William	Edward Street, Lancaster.	House and oven -	Edward Street -	—	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed. w. m.
1151. Harrison, William	Market Street, Lancaster.	House - -	109, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1152. Harrison, Edmund	Church Street, Lancaster.	House - -	145, Church Street -	1 11 0	—	—	—	1 11 0	Bribed; voted S. and L.; dentist.
1153. Harrison, John -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	56, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1154. Harrison, Michael	St. George's Quay, Lancaster.	Warehouses -	43 and 44, St George's Quay.	—	—	—	—	2 0 0	Deputy mayor.
1155. Harrison, Thomas	QuernmoreRoad,Lancaster.	House - -	Quernmore Road -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1156. Hartley, John -	LeonardGate,Lancaster.	Workshops -	Leonard Gate -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1157. Hartley, Christopher.	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	86 0 0	Bribing and treating; grocer.
1158. Hartley, John Rowland.	Nicholas Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Successive occupation of 143, Leonard Gate, and house and shop Nicholas Street.	2 0 0	—	—	—	2 0 0	Bribed; cabinet maker. w. m.
1159. Hartley, Samuel	Chapel Street Lancaster.	House - -	Chapel Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1160. Hatch, James -	Queen's Place, Lancaster,	House - -	Queen's Place -	—	—	—	—	129 18 7	Bribing and treating; builder.
1161. Haworth, James	Rydal Road, Lancaster.	Shop - -	10, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1162. Heath, William Warren.	East Road, Lancaster	House - -	East Road - -	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1163. Helme, James	Great John Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	107, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1164. Hemmingway Joseph.	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House - -	87, Damside Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing. w. m.
1165. Henry, Michael	Castle Hill, Lancaster	House - -	22, Castle Hill -	2 0 0	—	—	—	2 0 0	Bribed; including expenses from Blackpool.

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1166. Hewertson, John	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House and buildings	7, Cable Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
1167. Hewitson, James	Chapel Street, Lancaster.	House - -	1, Chapel Street -	—	—	8 0 0	—	8 0 0	Bribed; wheelwright.
1168. Hewitson, John Winder.	Bath Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Bath Street - -	—	—	—	—	28 6 0	Bribing and treating; timber dealer.
1169. Hewitt, John -	East Road, Lancaster	House - -	East Road -	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1170. High, Henry -	Castle Hill, Lancaster	House - -	67, Castle Hill, Lancaster.	—	—	10 0 0	—	42 0 0	Bribed; bribing and treating, plumber.
1171. Hodgson, Richd.	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House - -	Leonardgate -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1172. Hodgson, John	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	101, Penny Street -	7 0 0	—	—	—	7 0 0	Bribed; joiner. w. m.
1173. Hodgson, Septi.	Spring Garden Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation 29, Penny Street, and 2, Spring Garden Street.	—	—	20 0 0	—	20 0 0	Bribed; butcher.
1174. Hodgson, Willm.	Church Street, Lancaster.	House - -	147, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	22 8 9	Bribed; use of "Black Bull," and bill.
1175. Hodgson, William	West Place, Lancaster	House - -	2, West Place -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1176. Hoggarth, Edward.	King Street, Lancaster.	House - -	King Street -	—	—	—	4 0 0	4 0 0	Bribed; voted F. and L.; coal agent.
1177. Hollinhurst, Thomas.	Cheapside, Lancaster	House and shop -	Cheapside - -	2 0 0	—	—	—	2 0 0	Bribed; railway guard.
1178. Holmes, John -	Pitt Street, Lancaster	House - - -	1, Pitt Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1179. Holmes Thomas.	Spring Garden Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Spring Garden Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing,
1180. Holt, Robert -	Market Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Market Street -	2 0 0	—	—	—	2 0 0	Bribed; book-keeper. w. m.
1181. Horrocks, Thos.	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	89, Penny Street -	12 0 0	—	—	—	12 0 0	Bribed; absent. w. m.
1182. Hothersall, Lawrence.	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House - -	43, Cable Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote. w. m.

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1183. Howe, Charles	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House	11, Leonard Gate	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1184. Howitt, Thomas	Queen Square, Lancaster.	House	16 Queen Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1185. Howson, James	Sulyard Street, Lancaster.	Shop	119, Penny Street	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
1186. Howson, Richard	Upper King Street, Lancaster.	House and premises	Successive occupation house Cable-Street and Upper King Street.	15 0 0	—	—	—	15 0 0	Bribed; wheelwright; rental 24*l.*
1187. Howson, Thomas	Sulyard Street, Lancaster.	Shop	19, Penny Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1188. Howson, Richard	Henry Street, Lancaster.	House and workshops.	Successive occupation of workshop Damside Street and Henry Street.	—	—	—	—	—	The same person as above, No. 1186.
1189. Hoyle, Charles	Moor Lane, Lancaster.	House and premises	120, Moor Lane	—	—	—	—	35 0 0	Bribing.
1190. Huntington, John	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and premises	Market Street	10 0 0	—	—	—	48 10 0	Bribed; use of "Prince William Henry," & bill.
1191. Hutchinson, Edward Procter.	Moor Lane, Lancaster.	House and shop	17, Moor Lane	—	—	—	—	154 0 0	Bribing and treating; grocer.
1192. Ireland, John	Stonewell, Lancaster	House and shop	12, Stonewell	3 0 0	—	—	—	4 0 0	Bribed and treating.
1193. Isaacs, Isaac	Church Street, Lancaster.	House	30, Church Street	—	—	—	—	1 1 0	Agent at booth; briber.
1194. Jackson, Thomas	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	140, Penny Street	10 0 0	—	—	—	34 0 0	Bribed and bribing; plumber.
1195. Jackson, John	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	39, Church Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1196. Jackson, William.	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House	Leonard Gate	10 0 0	—	—	—	58 0 0	Bribed; use of "Malt Shovel," and bill.
1197. Jackson, Thomas	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House	Cable Street	10 0 0	—	—	—	23 0 0	Bribed; use of "Yorkshire House," and bill.

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1198. Jackson, John	Springfield Terrace, Lancaster.	House	Springfield Terrace	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1199. Jackson, Richard	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House	139, Penny Street	—	—	6 0 0	—	19 15 6	Bribed; use of "Fleece Inn," and bill.
1200. Johnson, Metcalfe	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House	3, Leonard Gate	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1201. Johnson, Isaac	Bath Street, Lancaster.	House	Bath Street	—	—	—	—	1 0 0	Nothing; Expenses from Southport.
1202. Johnson, Isaac	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House	29, Cable Street	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote; dead.
1203. Johnson, Edward	Wood Street, Lancaster.	House	20, Wood Street	—	—	10 0 0	—	30 0 0	Bribed; use of "Moulder's Arms," and bill.
1204. Johnson, Edward	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	Successive occupation Marton Street and 36, Penny Street.	—	—	—	—	103 0 0	Bribing and treating.
1205. Kelland, George	Grasmere Road, Lancaster.	House	Grasmere Road	—	—	—	—	1 1 0	Poll Clerk.
1206. Kelly, Hugh	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House	56, Penny Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1207. Kelsall, William	Thurnham Street, Lancaster.	Warehouse	124 and 125 Penny Street.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1208. Kerr, John	Nicholas Street, Lancaster.	House	Successive occupation Common Garden Street and 30, Nicholas Street.	7 0 0	—	—	—	7 0 0	Bribed; sick.
1209. King, William	East Road, Lancaster	House	East Road	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1210. Kirby, William	Cheapside, Lancaster	House and Shop	20, Cheapside	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1211. Knowles, John	King Street, Lancaster.	House	34, King Street	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1212. Knowles, Henry	Castle Hill, Lancaster	House	3, Castle Hill	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed; turnkey.
1213. Lamb, Robert	James Street, Lancaster.	House	James Street	—	—	—	5 0 0	5 0 0	Bribed; use of "Ship Inn."

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1214. Lamb, James -	Mary Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	40, Mary Street -	—	—	—	—	3 0 0	Treating.
1215. Lawson, Ralph Burton.	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	135, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1216. Lawson, William	China Lane, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation 28, and 27, China Lane.	20 0 0	—	—	—	24 10 0	Bribed; use of "Three Tuns," and refreshments.
1217. Lee, Thomas Faulkner.	East Road, Lancaster	House - -	East Road - -	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1218. Leeming, Richard	Queen Street, Lancaster.	Warehouse -	Damside Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1219. Leeming, William	Queen Square, Lancaster.	Warehouse -	St. George's Quay -	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1220. Lever, John -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	18, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1221. Lewtas, Cuthbert	Sun Street, Lancaster	House - -	25, Sun Street -	5 6 0	—	—	—	5 6 0	Bribed; warehouseman.
1222. Lewtas, James -	Sun Street, Lancaster	Warehouse -	7, Nile Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1223. Lofthouse, William.	Cross Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Cross Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1224. Long, John -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House - -	141, Church Street -	3 0 0	—	—	—	4 12 0	Bribed; use of "Rose Tavern," and bill.
1225. Lund, George -	Pitt Street, Lancaster	House - -	4, Pitt Street -	6 0 0	—	—	—	10 15 0	Bribed; use of "Cabinet Makers' Arms," and refreshments.
1226. Lunn, John Calbraith.	Primrose Hill, Lancaster.	House - -	Primrose Hill -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1227. Malley, James -	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House - -	14, Cable Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1228. Mansergh, Robert	Middle Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Middle Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1229. Mansergh, John Birkett.	Slyne, near Lancaster	Joint occupier of house and shop.	36, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1230. Marsden, John -	King Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Upper King Street -	5 0 0	—	—	—	141 0 0	Bribed, bribing, and treating.
1231. Marsden John -	Springfield, Lancaster	House - -	Springfield Terrace -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.

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1232. Marsh James -	New Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation of house 24, Quay, and 4, New Street.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1233. Marshall, John -	High Street, Lancaster.	House - -	2, High Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1234. Marshall, Thomas	Thurnham Street, Lancaster.	House - -	15, Thurnham Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1235. Marshall, John -	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House - -	123, Leonard Gate -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1236. Maudsley, Richard.	Market Street, Lancaster.	Joint occupier of house and shop.	1, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1237. Maudsley, John Joseph.	Market Street, Lancaster.	Joint occupier of house and shop.	1, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1238. Maxsted, George William.	Castle Park, Lancaster.	House, office, and garden.	Successive occupation of house King Street and house Castle-hill.	—	—	—	—	137 8 0	Professional agent for F. and S.
1239. McCann, John -	King Street, Lancaster.	House - -	29, King Street -	—	—	—	—	154 0 0	Bribing, treating, and carriage hire for both sides.
1240. Miller, Thomas -	King Street, Lancaster.	House - -	45, King Street -	—	—	12 0 0	—	12 0 0	Bribed. Painter. w. m.
1241. Mills, Benjamin -	Ulleswater Road, Lancaster.	House - -	Ullesmere Road -	—	—	—	—	19 0 0	Bribing and treating.
1242. Milne, John -	Castle Hill, Lancaster	House - -	28, Castle Hill -	—	—	—	—	12 0 0	Bribing. Cabinet-maker.
1243. Milner, James Leahy.	St. Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House - -	4, Leonard Gate -	—	—	—	—	710 10 0	Bribing, receiving parcel of money for S., and passing it on.
1244. Milner, William -	Queen Street, Lancaster.	House -	17, Queen Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1245. Moloney, John -	Market Street, Lancaster.	Shop - -	Successive occupation 16, Brock Street, and 26, Market Street.	5 0 0	—	—	—	21 0 0	Bribed and treating, shoemaker.
1246. Moore, William -	Halton, near Lancaster.	Shop - -	New Street - -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.

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1247. Moore, Peter -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	1, Penny Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	125 0 0	Bribed, bribing, and treating; use of "White Lion," carriages and bill.
1248. Monks, Enoch -	Cheapside, Lancaster	Shop - -	21, Cheapside -	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed ; clogger, w. m.
1249. Morland, John -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	19, Penny Street -	7 0 0	—	—	—	7 0 0	Bribed.
1250. Moser, John -	Cable Street, Lancaster	House - -	47, Cable Street -	—	—	—	—	—	
1251. Mount, John -	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	2, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1252. Nevatt, Isaac -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	127, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	2 0 0	Bribing ; tea dealer.
1253. Newton, William	Sun Street, Lancaster	House - -	Sun Street - -	1 0 0	—	—	—	1 0 0	Bribed ; tea dealer.
1254. Newton, James -	Sun Street, Lancaster	Shop - -	New Market -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1255. Nicholson, William.	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Cable Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing ; chemist.
1256. Nixon, James -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	108, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1257. Nixon, Richard -	Rose Street, Lancaster	House - -	1, Rose Street -	5 0 0	—	—	—	8 4 0	Bribed ; use of "Sawyer's Arms," and bill.
1258. Noble, Martin -	St. Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House - -	78, St. Leonard Gate	—	—	—	—	3 0 0	Bribing.
1259. Paley, Edward Graham.	Scotforth - -	Counting house -	Castle Hill - -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1260. Park, Robert -	Upper Thurnham Street, Lancaster.	House - -	11, Upper Thurnham Street.	7 10 0	—	—	—	7 10 0	Bribed ; including expenses from Liverpool : w. m.
1261. Parkinson, Thomas.	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation of 126, Penny Street and 20, Penny Street	12 0 0	—	—	—	12 0 0	Bribed ; shoemaker, w. m.
1262. Parkinson, Thomas.	George Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	15, George Street -	—	—	9 0 0	—	9 0 0	Bribed ; tailor, w. m.
1263. Parkinson, John	New Road, Lancaster	House and shop -	1 and 2 New Road -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing ; plumber
1264. Parkinson, William.	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation of workshop and yard Cable Street, and house 26, Cable Street.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing ; painter.

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1265. Parkinson, John	Market Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Market Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	31 0 0	Bribed; use of "New Inn," and bill.
1266. Parkinson, William	Quernmore - -	Warehouse -	137, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1267. Patterson, James	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	78, Penny Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	53 18 8	Bribed; bribing; use of "Wheatsheaf," and bill.
1268. Peacock, David -	Upper Thurnham Street, Lancaster.	House - -	10, Upper Thurnham Street.	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1269. Pease, George -	Market Street, Lancaster.	House - -	37, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	21 0 0	Bribing and treating; absent; tailor.
1270. Peel, Joseph -	Hill Side, Lancaster -	House - -	4, Hill Side - -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1271. Percy, Robert -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House - -	68, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing; coal dealer.
1272. Phizackerley, Thomas.	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House - -	7, Damside Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed; dead; w. m.
1273. Pilkington, Henry	James Street, Lancaster.	House - -	7, James Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	13 10 0	Bribed; use of "Warper's Arms," and bill; bribed.
1274. Preston, Richard	Thurnham Street, Lancaster.	Joint occupier of shop and warehouse.	110, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1275. Preston, Thomas	Dalton Square, Lancaster.	Joint occupier of shop and warehouse.	110, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1276. Pritt, Isaac -	Queen Square, Lancaster.	House - -	Queen Square -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1277. Procter, William	Spring Garden Street, Lancaster.	House - -	7, Spring Garden Street.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1278. Procter, Thomas	China Lane, Lancaster.	House - -	China Lane - -	—	—	8 0 0	—	31 13 0	Bribed; use of "Volunteer," and bill.
1279. Protheroe, William.	Bath Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Bath Street - -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1280. Rawes, Henry -	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Market Street -	15 0 0	—	—	—	15 14 0	Bribed; treating; tailor. See Evidence pp. 90-453.
1281. Reid, George -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House - -	140, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.

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1282. Richardson, Joseph.	New Street, Lancaster.	House - -	14, New Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1283. Richardson, Thomas.	Gage Street, Lancaster.	House - -	1, Gage Street -	—	—	—	—	—	
1284. Richmond, Francis	Church Street, Lancaster.	House - -	45, Church Street -	—	—	7 0 0	—	7 0 0	Bribed ; use of "White Horse."
1285. Robertson, James	Upper King Street, Lancaster.	House - -	20, Upper King Street.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1286. Riley, Nathaniel	Common Garden Street, Lancaster.	House - -	25, Common Garden Street.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1287. Riley, George Cleminson.	Marton Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Marton Street -	10 0 0	—	14 0 0	—	29 0 0	Bribed ; use of "Mitre" and bill, for both sides. Voted F. and S.
1288. Riley, Edward -	Moor Lane, Lancaster	House and shop -	Moor Lane - -	—	—	—	—	32 0 0	Bribing and treating.
1289. Riley, William -	East Road, Lancaster	House - -	East Road - -	2 0 0	—	—	—	22 0 0	Bribed and bribing ; w.m.
1290. Robinson, Richard	Common Garden Street, Lancaster.	House - -	26, Common Garden Street.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1291. Robinson, Christopher.	20, Queen Square, Lancaster.	House - -	20, Queen Square -	10 0 0	—	—	—	13 0 0	Bribed ; coal dealer.
1292. Robinson, Edward	Common Garden Street, Lancaster.	House - -	7, Common Garden Street.	10 0 0	—	—	—	30 0 0	Bribed ; use of "Bull's Head," and bill ; w. m.
1293. Robinson, John -	King Street, Lancaster	House and yard -	33, King Street -	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed and treating.
1294. Rosevear, John -	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	70 , Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1295. Sale, Thomas -	Springfield, Lancaster	House - -	Springfield - -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1296. Sanderson, Thos.	Chapel Street, Lancaster.	House - -	5, Chapel Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	22 0 0	Bribed ; use of "King's Head," and bill.
1297. Sanderson, Lancelot.	Church Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1298. Sanderson, John	Great John Street, Lancaster.	House - -	16, Great John Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1299. Sanderson, John	Ulleswater Road, Lancaster.	House - -	Ulleswater Road -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1300. Satterthwaite, William.	King Street, Lancaster	House - -	14, King Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1301. Scallan, William Henry.	Quarry Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Quarry Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.

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1302. Sergeant, George	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	59, Penny Street -	1 10 0	—	—	—	1 10 0	Bribed; cabinet maker, w. m.
1303. Simpson, Henry -	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	19, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1304. Simpson, Robert	Moor Lane, Lancaster	Warehouse -	19, Nicholas Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1305. Simpson, Henry	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	151, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	3 0 0	Treating; draper.
1306. Simpson, Matthew	Dalton Square, Lancaster.	House - -	26, Dalton Square -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1307. Simpson, Edward	Derwent Road, Lancaster.	House and garden	Derwent Road -	—	—	6 0 0	—	—	Bribed; w. m.
1308. Simpson, James -	St. Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House and premises	St. Leonard Gate -	10 10 0	—	—	—	—	Bribed; grocer, w. m.
1309. Skirrow, Thomas	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Damside Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1310. Slater, John -	Church Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	36, Church Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1311. Slinger, Thomas	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Market Street -	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Bribed; fruiterer; voted F. and L.
1312. Slinger, William	Rosemary Lane, Lancaster.	House and shop -	Rosemary Lane -	3 0 0	—	—	—	3 0 0	Bribed; tailor.
1313. Sly, Joseph -	Market Street, Lancaster.	House - -	124, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	419 1 10	Carriage and hotel account.
1314. Smith, Joseph -	Wood Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation of Spring Garden Street and Wood Street.	—	—	—	—	18 15 0	Bribing and treating; corn merchant.
1315. Smith, Henry Fielding.	Queen Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Queen Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1316. Smith, Christopher.	Queen Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Queen Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1317. Smith, Robert -	Thurnham Street, Lancaster.	House - -	2, Thurnham Street -	6 0 0	—	—	—	7 16 6	Bribed; use of "Prince William," and bill.
1318. Smith, Thomas -	Market Street, Lancaster.	House - -	103, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Sick.

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1319. Smith, Richard -	East Road, Lancaster	Shop - -	4, Cheapside -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1320. Smith, Thomas Davidson.	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	8, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1321. Southworth, John	Market Street, Lancaster.	House - -	96, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1322. Speight, John -	Fenton Street, Lancaster.	House - -	10, Fenton Street -	—	—	10 0 0	—	35 10 0	Bribed; bribing and treating. Twine spinner.
1323. Speight, William	Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House - -	104, Leonardgate -	—	—	5 0 0	—	8 0 0	Bribed; use of "Coachmakers' Arms," and refreshments; w. m.
1324. Stanley, Jacob -	Market Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation of 93, Market Street and 110, Market Street.	—	—	—	—	122 0 0	Carriage and hotel bill.
1325. Stanton, Richard	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	10, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	154 0 0	Bribing and treating; draper.
1326. Stephenson, William.	Springfield, Lancaster	House - -	Springfield - -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1327. Storey, Thomas	Castle Park, Lancaster.	House - -	4, Castle Park -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1328. Storey, Edward -	Springfield Terrace, Lancaster.	House - -	Springfield Terrace -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1329. Storey, William -	West Place, Lancaster.	House - -	3, West Place -	—	—	—	—	264 2 0	Bribing and treating; manufacturer.
1330. Storey, Richard -	St. George's Quay, Lancaster.	House - -	25, St. George's Quay	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote.
1331. Storey, Joseph -	West Place, Lancaster.	House - -	West Place, Lancaster.	—	—	5 0 0	—	17 0 0	Bribed; bribing and treating. Manufacturing chemist.
1332. Sumner, James -	Nicholas Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	3, Nicholas Street -	—	—	8 0 0	0 15 0	8 15 0	Bribed; grocer, w. m..
1333. Sumner, Harry -	Sun Street, Lancaster	Shop - -	47, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1334. Swain, Lawson Whalley.	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House - -	16, Bridge Lane -	10 0 0	—	—	—	10 0 0	Bribed; carter.
1335. Swainson, Thomas	Castle Park, Lancaster.	House - -	Castle Park - -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote, town clerk.

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1336. Swindells, John	Factory Hill, Lancaster	House	Factory Hill	2 0 0	—	—	—	2 0 0	Bribed; mason, w. m.
1337. Tennant, Christopher.	Sun Street, Lancaster	House	Sun Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1338. Thompson, John	China Lane, Lancaster	House and shop	53, China Lane	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
1339. Thompson, Michael.	Queen Street, Lancaster.	House	29, Queen Street	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
1340. Thompson, James	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House and oven	12, Damside Street	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed; miller, w. m.
1341. Thompson, Samuel	Scotforth	Land and buildings	Ashton Lane	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1342. Thompson, John	Scotforth, near Lancaster.	Yard and buildings	Penny Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1343. Thornhill, Bryan	Boweram, Lancaster	House	Boweram	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1344. Todd, Mark	King Street, Lancaster	House	31, King Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing; w. m.
1345. Todd, Mark, junr.	King Street, Lancaster	Shop	20, Cheapside	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1346. Tomlinson, John	Moor Lane, Lancaster	House	11, Moor Lane	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1347. Towers, William	Cheapside, Lancaster	House and shop	16, Cheapside	—	—	—	—	180 12 0	Bribing and treating; grocer.
1348. Townley, Thomas Dean	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	17 and 11, Market Street	—	—	—	—	2 0 0	Bribing; hatter.
1349. Townley, John	Fenton Street, Lancaster.	House	1, Fenton Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1350. Townley, James	St. Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House	111, Leonard Gate	10 0 0	—	—	—	42 16 0	Bribed; use of "Black Cat," and bill.
1351. Townley, Richard	Nicholas Street, Lancaster.	House	31, St. Nicholas Street	—	—	10 0 0	—	28 1 0	Bribed; use of "Golden Ball," and bill.
1352. Townson, Francis	Church Street, Lancaster.	House	67, Church Street	2 0 0	—	—	—	2 0 0	Bribed. Furniture broker.
1353. Troughton, Leonard	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	104, Market Street	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote; w. m.
1354. Turner, Joseph	Castle Hill, Lancaster	House	Castle Hill	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1355. Turner, William	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	96, Penny Street	8 0 0	1 10 0	—	—	9 10 0	Bribed; shoemaker, w. m.
1356. Turner James	Nile Street, Lancaster	Shop	Damside Street	—	—	—	—	70 0 0	Bribing and treating; cabinet maker.
1357. Vickers, Isaac	Market Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	107, Market Street	1 5 0	—	—	—	48 0 0	Bribed; bribing and treating.

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1358. Vince, George -	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House - -	33, Cable Street -	—	—	—	—	105 12 6	Bribing and treating; auctioneer.
1359. Wadsworth, James.	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House - -	1, Damside Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1360. Walch, Richard -	Ulleswater Road, Lancaster.	House - -	Ulleswater Road -	7 0 0	—	—	—	12 19 0	Bribed; use of "Freeholders Arms," and refreshments.
1361. Walker, Thomas	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	51, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1362. Walker, Thomas	King Street, Lancaster.	House - -	30, King Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1363. Walmsley, Jeremiah.	Penny Street, Lancaster.	Warehouse -	7, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	2 18 0	Treating; corndealer.
1364. Wane, William Jeremiah.	Greaves, Scotforth -	Joint occupier of warehouse.	28, Upper King Street.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1365. Wane, John -	Bath Street, Lancaster.	House - -	15, Bath Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1366. Warbrick, William.	Ulleswater Road, Lancaster.	House - -	Successive occupation of 10, Sulyard Street and Ulleswater Road.	2 0 0	—	—	—	4 0 0	Bribed, and treating.
1367. Waters, George -	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	71, Damside Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	15 10 0	Bribed, and treating; whitesmith, w. m.
1368. Watson, John -	North Road, Lancaster.	House - -	North Road - -	—	—	—	—	30 0 0	Bribing and treating; pawnbroker.
1369. Weardon, John -	Brier Street, Lancaster.	House - -	Brier Street -	10 0 0	—	—	—	18 1 0	Bribed; use of "Plough," and bill.
1370. Wells, Henry -	Bath Street, Lancaster.	House and shop -	11, Bath Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1371. Whelon, William	Westfield House, Lancaster.	House - -	West Place - -	—	—	—	—	—	Did not vote; dead.
1372. Whimpray, John	Cable Street. Lancaster.	Shop - -	139, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1373. White, Nathan -	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House - -	28, Cable Street -	5 0 0	—	—	—	5 0 0	Bribed; w. m.

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1374. White, Thomas	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House	79, Damside Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1375. Whiteside Robert	St. Leonard Gate, Lancaster.	House and shop	35, Leonard Gate	5 0 0	—	—	—	43 5 6	Bribed; bribing and treating; grocer.
1376. Whittaker, William	Lune Street, Lancaster	House and shippon	Lune Street	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed.
1377. Wilcock, John	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House	114, Penny Street	—	—	12 0 0	—	12 0 0	Bribed; brewer.
1378. Wildman, William	Springfield Terrace, Lancaster.	House	Successive occupation of house Robert Street and Springfield Terrace.	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1379. Wilkinson, William	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	154, Penny Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing; w. m.
1380. Wilkinson, John	Upper Thurham Street, Lancaster.	House	13, Upper Thurnham Street	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed; dead.
1381. Wilson James	Common Garden Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	1, Common Garden Street	—	—	—	—	41 0 0	Bribing and treating; and goods supplied.
1382. Wilson Henry	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House	128, Penny Street	—	—	20 0 0	—	20 0 0	Bribed; butcher.
1383. Wise, Thomas	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	59, Penny Street	25 0 0	—	—	—	39 0 0	Bribed; bribing and treating; railway carriage builder.
1384. Wolfendale, Jonathan	Moore Lane, Lancaster.	House	106, Moor Lane	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed; butcher.
1385. Wolfendale, Richard.	Damside Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	Damside Street	8 0 0	—	—	—	8 0 0	Bribed; butcher.
1386. Wood, Wilton	Cable Street, Lancaster.	House	36, Cable Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1387. Woodhouse, Richard.	Common Garden Street, Lancaster.	House	38, Common Garden Street.	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Bribed; grocer.
1388. Woodhouse, Robert.	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House	66, Penny Street	—	—	16 0 0	—	22 13 6	Bribed; use of "Painters' Arms," and bill.
1389. Woods, Henry	New Street, Lancaster.	House and shop	27, New Street	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1390. Wright, William	Springfield, Lancaster	House	Springfield	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.

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1391. Wright, David -	King Street, Lancaster.	Shop - -	3, Market Street -	—	—	—	—	3 0 0	Treating.
1392. Yates, Thomas -	Queen Street, Lancaster.	House - -	27, Queen Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1393. Yewdale, James -	Penny Street, Lancaster.	House - -	27, Penny Street -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
SKERTON.									
1394. Aldren, Robert -	Aldren's Lane, Skerton.	House and outbuildings.	Aldren's Lane -	—	—	5 0 0	—	5 0 0	Bribed; maltster.
1395. Aldren, Robert, junior.	Aldren's Lane, Skerton.	Successive occupation of house Main Street, and house Aldren's Lane.	Aldren's Lane -	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1396. Armstrong, William.	Pinfold Lane, Skerton	House and outbuildings.	Pinfold Lane -	—	—	—	—	—	Dead.
1397. Atkinson, Robert	Main Street, Skerton	House, garden, and outbuildings.	Main Street - -	—	—	7 0 0	1 10 0	8 10 0	Bribed; rental 50*l*.
1398. Atkinson, William	Lune Street, Skerton	House and land -	Lune Street - -	—	—	—	—	35 0 0	Bribing and treating; Bd. of Health surveyor.
1399. Bradley, Edward	Main Street, Skerton	House, garden, and outbuildings.	Main Street - -	5 0 0	—	—	—	7 10 0	Bribed; use of "Royal Oak," and bill.
1400. Burrow, William	Bridge Street, Skerton	House and shop -	Bridge Street -	—	—	12 0 0	1 10 0	13 10 0	Bribed; grocer. w. m.
1401. Cowell, George -	Main Street, Skerton	House - -	Main Street - -	9 0 0	—	—	—	16 10 0	Bribed; use of "Blue Anchor."
1402. Cowperthwaite, John.	Lune Street, Skerton	House - -	Lune Street - -	12 10 0	—	—	—	12 10 0	Bribed, and expenses from Wolverhampton. w.m.
1403. Dunn, Thomas Rowlandson.	Rylands, Skerton -	House - -	Rylands - -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1404. Ellershaw, John	Main Street, Skerton	House, garden, and shop.	Main Street - -	—	—	1 15 0	—	5 0 0	Bribed, and treating; grocer.
1405. Hall, Gilbert -	Main Street, Skerton	House and outbuildings.	Main Street - -	7 10 0	—	—	—	12 10 0	Bribed; use of "Millstone," and bill.
1406. Howson, William	Lune Street, Skerton	House - -	Lune Street - -	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1407. Jopson, John -	Lune Street, Skerton	House - -	Lune Street - -	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed; warehouseman.

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1408. Knowles, Thomas	Main Street, Skerton	House, barn, and garden.	Main Street - -	—	—	12 0 0	1 10 0	13 10 0	Bribed ; hawker.
1409. Lodge, Thomas -	Parsonage, Skerton -	House - -	Parsonage - -	—	—	—	—	—	
1410. Loxham, George	Captains Row, Skerton	House - -	Captains Row, Skerton	6 0 0	—	—	—	6 0 0	Bribed ; dyer. w.m.
1411. Mathers, William	Main Street, Skerton	House - -	Main Street - -	10 0 0	—	—	—	13 0 0	Bribed ; use of "Black Horse," and expenses from Rochdale. w.m.
1412. Morley, James -	Bridge Street, Skerton	House -	Bridge Street -	—	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0	Bribed ; use of "Bull Inn."
1413. Pickard, Samuel	Lune Terrace, Skerton	House - -	Lune Terrace -	—	—	—	—	3 5 0	Expenses from Cockermouth.
1414. Redhead, James -	Main Street, Skerton	House - -	Main Street - -	—	—	8 0 0	1 0 0	9 0 0	Bribed.
1415. Redshaw, John -	Main Street, Skerton	House and skin yard.	Main Street - -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1416. Smalley, Richard	Lune Villa, Skerton	House - -	Lune Villa - -	—	—	—	—	—	Nothing.
1417. Todd, James -	Lune Street, Skerton	House - -	Lune Street - -	—	—	—	—	—	Sick.
1418. Todd, Simpson -	Lune Street, Skerton	House - -	Lune Street - -	—	—	—	—	—	Absent.
1419. Wearing, James	Main Street, Skerton	House, barn, and garden.	Main Street - -	—	—	5 0 0	1 10 0	6 10 0	Bribed.

Schedule B.

A List of Non-Voters engaged in Bribing and Treating at the last Election for the Borough of Lancaster.

On the Liberal Side.

Baines, Thomas Carter.
Barsby, Edward.
Brockbank, Henry.

Carruthers, Joseph, M.D.
Crook, Lawrence.

Davis, Richard.
Downham, Anthony.

Fenwick, E. M., Esquire.

Gardner, Richard Jackson.

Hadfield, George.
Hannay, Robert, Esquire.
Hosking, Richard.
Hutchinson, William.

King, William.
Kirkby, Thomas.

Long, Benjamin.

McKinlay, Robert.

Schneider, H. W., Esquire.
Shackleton, Robert.

Slater, William.
Smith, Josiah Timmis.
Stackhouse, Robert.
Stephenson, William Knott.

Tinker, Alfred.
Tomlinson, James.

Wade, Thomas.
Wilson, Joseph.
Wright, Roger.

Yeadell, Lieutenant-Colonel George.

On the Conservative Side.

Backhouse, William.
Bakewell, Sidney.

Cranston. Thomas.
Connor, William.

Dodding, Bartholomew.

Eaves, Richard.
Hagart, Robert.

Harrison, William.
Hatch, John.

Jackson, Isaac.

King, John, of Slyne.

Lawrence, J. T., Esquire.

Maddock, William.

Nelson, Jacob.

Pace, Robert, junior.

Scanlan, Thomas.

Taylor, Thomas Edward.
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TAKEN BEFORE

THOMAS IRWIN BARSTOW, Esq., ROBERT MILNES NEWTON, Esq.,
and ALEXANDER STAVELEY HILL, Esq.,

Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Existence of Corrupt Practices at the last Election for Members to serve in Parliament

FOR THE

BOROUGH OF LANCASTER,

AT THE SHIRE HALL, LANCASTER CASTLE.

JAMES HENRY PATTESON, Secretary.

FIRST DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Monday, 27th August 1866.

PRESENT:

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON.
MR. HILL.

The Commission is read by the Secretary.

FRANCIS NEATE WALSH and EDWARD MORTON WALSH are sworn as Shorthand Writers to the Commissioners.

Mr. THOMAS SWAINSON sworn and examined.

1. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are Town Clerk for this borough?—I am.

2. And you have been so for some years?—Since March 1858.

3. Can you inform us of what districts the borough of Lancaster is composed?—Do you mean the Parliamentary borough?

4. Yes.—The Parliamentary borough is composed of the old borough of Lancaster, with the addition of a portion of the adjoining township of Bulk, and a portion also of the adjoining township of Skerton: the old Parliamentary borough as shown upon the map which I hold in my hand, and which I will hand in, is surrounded by the red colour, and the Parliamentary borough which is composed as I have described is shown by the district surrounded by the blue colour. (*The map is put in.*)

5. Can you give us the population of the borough in 1831, 1841, 1851, and 1861?—I can give you the populations both of the municipal and Parliamentary borough in the years 1851 and 1861.

6. The Parliamentary borough will be sufficient?—The population of the Parliamentary borough in 1851 was 16,168, and in 1861 it was 16,005.

7. What is the present trade of the borough?—The main trades are connected with cotton, silk, oil-cloth making, furniture, the building trade generally, the corn trade, iron foundries, and very recently iron shipbuilding and railway waggon works. I may mention that since the census of 1861 the two last-mentioned trades, the ship building and waggon trade, have been commenced here, and have resulted, no doubt, in a considerable increase of the population.

8. What should you say was the state of trade at present in Lancaster?—It is improving, certainly.

9. Is there any means of knowing what the increase of the population has been since the year 1861?—I think a judgment may be formed perhaps by those connected with the Poor Law Office here; I think that the gentleman who is the clerk to the Board of Guardians here, and who takes a great interest in statistics of that class, would be able to give you a very tolerable approximation.

10. Can you tell us, to begin with, the number of houses in the borough that are inhabited?—In 1861, when the census was taken, the inhabited houses in Lancaster were 2,680, in Bulk 8, and in Skerton 303.

11. What was the number of uninhabited houses at that time?—In Lancaster 264, in Bulk none, and in Skerton 35.

12. Have you any means of informing us whether the number is diminishing at present?—I should say that the number of inhabited houses has increased; I ought to add that in the same year, 1861, there were in the course of erection 32 houses in Lancaster, and none, I observe, in the other two places.

13. Can you tell us the gross number of voters on the register for the last year when the election took place?—The gross number in July, 1865, when the last election took place, was 1,419.

14. What number of those were householders?—439.

15. Were any of those who were on the register of householders freemen as well?—In December of last year, 1865, a Parliamentary return was made in pursuance of an address of the House. Do I understand you to mean double entries?

16. What I mean is, the number of those who were on as householders, and the number who were also on as freemen?—The number was extremely few. There were five men who were really on both lists, who might have been on one or the other—five who might have been on as either 10*l.* occupiers or freemen. There were three who appear to have been on as 10*l.* occupiers.

17. (*Mr. Newton.*) But there were actually five names?—There were five names who were, in short, in both lists.

18. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the gross number of freemen at present?—The gross number of freemen last year was 980. Perhaps to fill up the idea that you had in your mind a few minutes ago, and which perhaps had been overlooked, I ought to say that there

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are upon the freemen's list 169 who might also have qualified as householders.

19. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who were, in fact, 10*l.* householders?—Yes.

20. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you give us the number of the freemen, both resident and non-resident, that is, those resident in the borough, and those in the outlying districts. Give us the gross number?—I hold in my hand a list of the entire constituency from the years 1858 and 1859 to 1865 and 1866, distinguishing the number of votes in each township, and also distinguishing the aggregate, separating the aggregate in each year into freemen and householders, and also showing the number in each. I apprehend that that will answer your inquiry. I will give that in (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

21. Can you now give us the gross number of non-residents, which, deducted from the gross number of freemen, will give the number of residents. Take the years 1864 and 1865?—The entire number of freemen was 980, and if you will deduct three classes, for instance, Lancaster, 564, Bulk 5, and Skerton 37, from the 980, that will give you as the number in the out townships, 274.

22. (*Mr. Hill.*) Then I have your figures wrong?—The aggregate number of freemen is 980, and if you deduct 564 for Lancaster, 5 for Bulk, and 37 for Skerton, that makes a total of 606.

23. If you deduct 606 from 980, that leaves 374, and not 274?—Quite so.

24. There are only five double entries altogether—is that so?—Five as between occupiers and freemen, and three apparently under the head of double qualification, 10*l.* occupiers, making eight as the entire number to be deducted.

25. The total number of voters is 1,411?—Yes, that would be so, 1,411.

26. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you give us the number of freemen at the date of the passing of the Reform Act?—No, I cannot. I have no means of giving it.

27. Does not such a list exist?—Not that I am aware of; at all events, it is not in my custody as Town Clerk. I did endeavour to ascertain that, but I was unable to do so. The only things I have are a few old poll books.

28. My object in asking is only to know whether the freemen are diminishing or increasing in numbers?—On the passing of the Act of Parliament all the old freemen were struck off.

29. But after the passing of the Reform Act the freemen would be in the same position as they are now?—You mean the first year after the passing of the Reform Act?

30. Yes.—I have not such a list of voters, such a thing I have no doubt exists somewhere, and might be had by inquiry.

31. Will you be kind enough to obtain such a list if you can?—I will endeavour to do so.

32. Was the parliamentary borough extended at the time of the passing of the Reform Act?—Yes. Under the Boundary Act.

33. From the red mark to the blue mark?—The extension shown by the blue mark over the red, was consequent on the Boundary Act, which was contemporaneous with the Reform Act.

34. That was when the Commissioners, I suppose, came down here?—I do not know that the Act of Parliament was the result of a Commission. The Boundary Act applied to all boroughs and counties.

35. (*Mr. Hill.*) It in fact extended the borough a good deal to the north?—Yes, and perhaps I may point out that the town of Lancaster has extended very considerably indeed to the south in a place called Scotforth. You will find that the Parliamentary boundary shown on that map is only just outside the town streets, on the south; but the town has extended considerably on the old Preston Road, and some of our principal men of business who live there, unless they happen to be freemen, which many of them are not, are entirely debarred from the privilege of the franchise. I think it right to point that out, because that is an important matter.

36. Just outside the Parliamentary borough?—Yes.

37. You say that the town has extended considerably in that direction?—To the south.

38. Since what date should you say?—Since the date of the Boundary Act.

39. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you tell us what the gross population of Scotforth is?—No, I cannot.

40. (*Mr. Hill.*) What kind of houses are they?—Many of them are very good houses.

41. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you give us any notion of the general occupation of the freemen—how they get their living?—The freemen's list is composed of all classes of people.

42. Are they mainly of the labouring classes?—The great body of them are certainly. You will find in the list which is revised every year that the occupations of the freemen are stated, so that it is a matter simply of investigation and classification.

43. How do men become freemen?—Formerly they became men in four modes.

44. Not now?—No, not now. They became freemen by birth, that is, by being the sons of freemen; by servitude as apprentices for seven years in the borough—not a service with a freeman out of the borough; the party must be apprenticed to a freeman, he must serve that freeman, and he must while he serves live in the old borough; by presentation by the mayor or one of the bailiffs of the old constitution of the corporation.

45. Those are all abolished now?—No, the two first I have mentioned still exist. Then number four was by purchase. It seems that in early days the freemen were admitted by payment of a certain sum of money, which some members of the corporation assessed, systematically, on their being permitted to become freemen. Now the last two modes are abolished—gift and purchase.

46. When were they abolished?—When the Reform Bill was passed.

47. What form do they go through when they are made freemen, and before whom do they appear?—They appear before the mayor.

48. And are their names registered in the freemen's list, or what?—They produce a certificate of baptism, or birth, to show by comparison with the old books that they are in fact sons of freemen, and they bring somebody who can identify them as of that freeman's family; they are then sworn in as freemen, and take the oath, which is a very long story, which I suppose it is not material for me to repeat here.

49. At what age may they be admitted?—Sixteen. Persons admitted by servitude produce proof of their seven years' apprenticeship to a freeman.

50. Are any fees payable on their admission?—Yes.

51. What fees?—Now the fee is 1*l.* for a freeman's son, that is, 1*l.* to the borough fund of the corporation itself, they pay also 3*s.* in fees to the corporation officers, making 1*l.* 3*s.*, that is for a freeman's son. An apprentice pays 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to the Borough Fund, and the sum of 3*s.* to the officers, making together 1*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* That is the case unless a special court is to be held for their admission. A special court is now and then held when there are three or four men wanting to be admitted intermediately between one year and another, and then instead of 3*s.* they pay 6*s.* as fees, the extra 3*s.* being paid, in fact, as the fees for holding an extra court.

52. Are you aware whether it is the practice for those fees to be paid for them, or do they pay them themselves?—I do not know it as a fact, but I am merely giving my own impression when I state that on very many occasions, the fees paid for admission have been paid by the candidates. I have no doubt whatever in my own mind as to the fact.

53. These fees are paid at the time of admission, I suppose?—Yes, they are paid at the time of admission. The sum paid for fees seems to have varied very greatly. When an election seemed to be a matter of great interest, the admissions were numerous, and the sums paid were large.

54. (*Mr. Hill.*) The admissions were numerous when an election appeared imminent?—Yes. In the

year 1864, there being an election in April, and a general election in the next July, there were admitted 111 freemen's sons, and 23 apprentices, making a total of 134, paying 141*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the corporation fund. In this year, 1866, there have been admitted 22 freemen's sons and three apprentices, making a total of 25, the corporation fees being 26*l.*

55. Is that from the 1st of January up to this date?—The admissions are almost entirely in the month of July.

56. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At what time in July were the admissions generally?—About the 25th of July.

57. When would a person admitted then be able to vote?—He would be put on the register, if he is 21 years of age, at the next revision.

58. (*Mr. Newton.*) The freemen who were put on in 1865, and who passed through the Revising Court in that October, are now eligible to vote?—Yes.

59. And the 134 who were put on in 1864, voted last year?—Yes, they voted last year; that is, assuming them to be 21 years of age, and while I am upon that subject, I may in passing make a remark, that the great majority of them were men who had arrived at a much more mature age than 21.

60. (*Mr. Hill.*) Some of them were considerably older?—Some few of them were old men.

61. Men over 50 or 60?—I would not undertake to say that exactly. To make this part of the matter clear, having given you the years 1864 and 1866, I will give you now, if you please, 1863 and 1865. The Parliament, you will remember, was about expiring in 1865. In 1863 the number of freemen's sons was 26, and apprentices 3, making a total of 29, the sum paid being 30*l.* In 1865, the number of freemen's sons was 94, and the apprentices 9, making a total of 103; and the money paid was 106*l.*

62. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have the freemen any charities specially appropriated to them?—They have not charities but other privileges; they are entitled to rights of common over a moor near Lancaster, not of any great extent, and they are free from toll.

63. Every freeman has of course an equal right to that?—Yes, that is the borough toll, and the market toll.

64. Every freeman has an equal right of common?—Yes; there is no distinction between their rights.

65. Are there any charities peculiar to them?—I may also mention that there is an estate approaching to some 300 acres of land on the marsh below Lancaster, producing something like 600*l.* a year, the rents of which are divided among 80 of the oldest freemen. No doubt, originally, that estate was the property of the freemen generally, but now it is divided among 80 of the oldest freemen. Those are the only privileges that I am aware of to which freemen are entitled beyond that of the franchise.

66. Are there any hospitals appropriated to freemen, or widows of freemen, or anything of that sort?—Lancaster is rich in its charitable establishments, but they are not confined to freemen.

67. Do these 80 oldest freemen succeed by seniority as a matter of course?—By seniority the admission is a matter of course, if they are resident within the old municipal borough.

68. Can you give us the state of the poll at the last election?—Yes, the last election was a general one on the 12th of July 1865. I have a paper here which contains those particulars; but it contains also other matter which you will probably not care to have. (*Handing the paper referred to to the Commissioners.*)

69. It would be an easy thing to copy out what we want: we want the poll distinguishing the freemen from the householders?—That I cannot give you.

70. (*Mr. Hill.*) It is given *here* (*referring to a printed poll book*).—It is given there, but that I cannot verify.

71. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I am sure I have seen it somewhere?—You have seen it in the newspapers, and the publishers issued a statement; the poll books go away the night after the election, and even they do not distinguish the householders from the freemen; of course they can be distinguished by a comparison with the list. That labour has been undertaken by some gentlemen connected with the press, who issue them for their own profit: I cannot speak to their accuracy myself, although I have no reason to doubt they are correct.

72. As Town Clerk you will not pledge yourself to their accuracy?—No.

73. Then you are unable to give the state of the poll distinguishing the freemen from the householders?—I am.

74. Does this paper which you have produced (*referring to a list of the out townships*) show the distances of the different townships? Will you look them over and say if they are correct?—Yes, they are in a general way. With reference to Caton and Littledale for example, I see I put "4" and "6," meaning that Caton is four miles, and Littledale perhaps six miles: I think that that may be taken as an average.

75. That is as accurate a list as you can give us?—Yes.

76. And you think it gives a fair average?—I do.

77. I see that in this paper there are three columns; these are the freemen, and these are the householders of the Parliamentary borough for the year 1857 and 1858: what is this column for?—For candidates and votes. It is filled in if there happened to be an election in the year, and it is vacant if there was not.

78. In 1857 the candidates and votes are blank, there having been no election: in 1858 and 1859 there were 887 freemen and 401 householders, making a total of 1288?—There was a general election then.

79. That was on the 30th of April 1859, at which time W. Jackson, Esquire, was Mayor, and T. Johnson Auditor, and the candidates were Gregson 641 votes; Garnett 660; Fenwick 459; and Saunders 509?—Yes.

80. At the election of 1858 and 1859 Mr. Gregson's agent for election expenses, was Mr. Maxsted?—Mr. Maxsted was the general agent of Mr. Gregson; at that time there was not by law an agent for election expenses, there being an election auditor.

81. The return by Mr. Johnson was 597*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*?—Yes.

82. And Mr. Garnett's election expenses were put down at 999*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*?—Yes: 899*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*, and 100*l.* 5*s.* as a sort of supplement.

83. Mr. Fenwick's expenses were 729*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* and Mr. Saunders's expenses were 405*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*?—Quite so.

84. Then in 1859 and 1860 there was no election, nor was there an election in 1861 and 1862, but on the 13th of April, 1864, there was an election to supply the place of Mr. Garnett?—Yes.

85. Who had resigned?—Yes.

86. At that time Mr. Saunders and Mr. Fenwick stood?—Yes.

87. On the register at that time there were 953 freemen and 441 householders?—Yes.

88. And Mr. Head stood, but did not go to the poll?—No.

89. Mr. Saunders polled 525 votes and Mr. Fenwick 682; Mr. Saunders's election expenses as returned were 597*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.*, and Mr. Fenwick's 939*l.* 14*s.* 5*d.* Who was Mr. Saunders's agent for election expenses?—Mr. Holden.

90. And who was Mr. Fenwick's agent for election expenses?—Mr. Johnson.

91. And who was the general agent?—Mr. Maxsted.

92. That was at the election in April of 1864?—Yes.

93. When Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Saunders stood for the place which was vacated by the resignation of Mr. Garnett?—Yes.

94. Then Mr. Gregson died and there was an election on the 20th of February, 1865?—Yes.

95. And at that time there were on the register 980 freemen and 439 householders?—Yes.

96. The total number being 1419?—Yes.

97. That was the time when Mr. Schneider was returned?—Yes.

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98. There was no contest at that time ?—No.

99. And his election expenses were returned at 156*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* ?—Yes: the Court will perhaps take notice of the fact, particularly, that the election in February, 1865, in place of Mr. Gregson was a walk over; there was no opposition and no prospect or suspicion whatever of any expenditure other than perhaps legitimate expenses.

100. Mr. Schneider's agent for election expenses at that time was Mr. Tilly ?—Yes, and his general agent was Mr. Maxsted.

101. That is not filled in in this paper, but Mr. Maxsted was his general agent ?—Yes.

102. On the 12th of July in the same year, 1865, there came on the general election, and the candidates at that time were Fenwick, Schneider, and Lawrence ?—Yes.

103. Mr. Fenwick was proposed by Mr. R. B. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Christopher Johnson ?—Yes.

104. Who was his agent for those election expenses ?—Mr. Tilly.

105. Mr. Schneider was proposed by whom ?—By Mr. Samuel Edward Bolden.

106. And seconded by whom ?—Mr. Charles Blades.

107. Who was the agent for his election expenses ?—Mr. Tilly.

108. And who was his general agent ?—Mr. Maxsted.

109. Was he also general agent for Mr. Fenwick ?—Yes.

110. What were Mr. Schneider's expenses returned at ?—The expenses of Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider were shown on one bill: the total was 1400*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*, and at the foot of it there was a division of that aggregate sum into two parts; half of it being stated to be Mr. Fenwick's and half of it Mr. Schneider's.

111. By whom was Mr. Lawrence proposed ?—By Mr. Sharp.

112. And by whom was he seconded ?—Mr. Thomas Grassyard Edmondson.

113. Who was his agent for election expenses ?—Mr. Thomas Gibson.

114. And who was his general agent ?—Mr. Clark.

115. What were his election expenses returned at ?—1129*l.* 3*s.*

116. Do you wish to make any statement to the Commissioners ?—I wish to say this, that your inquiry has relation to a borough with reference to which I have before me some royal charters beginning with the reign of Richard the 1st in the year 1193.

117. You remind me of one question that I have omitted to put to you. In what reign did the borough first return members to Parliament ?—In the 23rd year of Edward the 1st, 1295.

118. (*Mr. Newton.*) When did John of Gaunt build this castle ?—I do not know when he built it, but he was living in 1363. I was going to say that there are before you charters 22 in number, commencing in the 4th year of Richard the 1st, namely, 1193, and ending in the 59th year of George the 3rd, 1819. You have I think already the year when there was the first election of members for this place. I should like to draw the attention of the Commissioners to one or two of the more important matters of grant. In the 1st of John, in 1199, there were granted to the burgesses of Lancaster the same privileges as had been granted before to those at Northampton, which included freedom from toll throughout all England.

119. (*Mr. Hill.*) Freedom from toll of what character ?—Toll on cattle and other things entering for market; in fact, toll of all descriptions throughout all England. Then in the 36th of Edward the 3rd, in the year of 1363, the King, "at the request of his be-"loved son John, Duke of Lancaster" (John of Gaunt) granted to the mayor, bailiffs, and commonalty of the town that "all pleas and sessions of what justices "soever in the county of Lancaster appointed be kept "in the said town of Lancaster as in the principal town "of the said county and not elsewhere in the said "county for ever." That is the language of the charter.

120. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is that the origin of the Court of Common Pleas at Lancaster ?—It is the origin of the Assizes being held here, until within the last twenty years, when part was taken to Liverpool and part to Manchester. You know that the Assizes for hundreds of years were held only here for the entire county of Lancaster under this very charter. Then in the 12th of Richard the 2nd, in 1389, the King granted and confirmed the former charters for the fine of forty shillings, and "because the town had been often burnt:" I need not say more about that, that is a matter of history which is well known. Then in the 10th of Henry the 6th there was a grant of recognizances and statute merchant, &c., in addition to the confirmation of previous charters. Then in the 3rd and 4th of Philip and Mary, 1556, there is a decree of the Chancellor and Council of the Duchy of Lancaster under the duchy seal, that all general sessions of assizes and gaol delivery and the four quarter sessions be holden at the town of Lancaster and not elsewhere in the county. Then in the 15th Charles the 2nd, 1663, freedom is granted to the burgesses from being put in assizes or on juries out of their own town. In the 36th of Charles the 2nd, 1684, (which appears to have been the first charter which established the constitution which came down to 1819,) there is granted "that all pleas, "&c., in the County Court shall be kept for ever in the "town as in our county town of the said county, and "not elsewhere in the said county;" that is under the great seal and seal of the duchy. Then the last charter, as I have already stated, was in the 59th of George the 3rd, 1819. I wish to add that the royal favour to this place has been extended by the present Queen, for in April, 1859, Her Majesty granted to the Corporation of Lancaster, by warrant under the royal sign manual and out of the revenues of the duchy, 100 guineas a year for the establishment of three scholarships of 30*l.* each to Oxford or Cambridge to be called Victoria scholarships, and a prize of 15*l.* to be called the Queen's prize in connexion with the Lancaster Royal Grammar School of which the Corporation are trustees.

121. You did not state what the charter of 1819 was ?—It was in a great measure a repetition of that of Charles the 2nd as to its general objects, but it established the Corporation as it existed up to the time of the passing of the Municipal Reform Act, namely, consisting of a mayor, a certain number of aldermen, and a certain number of capital burgesses, and a common council, and so on, the details of which I daresay you do not require me to give. I may state that perhaps I could give the Commissioners some notion of the number of old freemen in early days.

122. In what early days ?—For example, I can refer to some elections.

123. Those would be before the Reform Act ?—Yes, when I suppose 3,000 or 4,000 freemen voted, which number of 3,000 or 4,000 was reduced, of course, to 1,000 by that very measure.

124. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you any idea what the constituency was before the passing of the Reform Act ?—No, we have no materials for ascertaining that.

125. (*Mr. Hill.*) Then perhaps you had better give us such figures as you have ?—The earliest that I have any record of is in 1784, when there were 20 days' polling, and when the candidates were three, Rawlinson, Reynolds, and Lowther, the numbers were 1,169 for Rawlinson, 1,100 for Reynolds, and 1,012 for Lowther. Then in 1786, when there were 15 days' polling, the candidates were Warren and Lowther; the number polled for Warren was 1,166, and for Lowther 1,140. Then in 1790, the candidates were Warren, Dent, and Penn; Warren polled 1,015, Dent, 1,012; and Penn, 453.

126. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Perhaps you will come on to some later election ?—I have only two others—1802; then there were six days' polling. That, I believe, was a great fight; I have always understood so. The candidates were Douglas, Dent, and Cawthorne; the numbers for Douglas were 1,163; for Dent, 1,240; and for

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Cawthorne, 777. In 1818 there was a nine days' poll; Gladstone (that is the father of the late Chancellor of the Exchequer,) 1,870; Doveton, 1,156; and Cawthorne, 1063.

127. Can you tell us how many polled?—I can only give you the number of votes given. There is one other I find I ought to have given you before—1807; there were 10 days' polling; the candidates were Dent, Patten, Cawthorne, and Doveton, the numbers were for Dent, 1,393; for Patten, 1,393; Cawthorne, 924; and Doveton, 915.

128. (*Mr. Hill.*) In 1807 the number of persons who voted must have been at least 2,200, or very nearly 2,300 in round numbers?—Yes.

129. They appear to have split their votes pretty evenly?—Yes.

130. When did the constituency become so much reduced from the number of which it consisted then to the number of which it consists now?—It was cut down by the Reform Bill.

131. The non-resident freemen?—Yes, they used to come down from London and all parts of England with their wives and children.

132. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At the expense of the candidate?—At the expense of the candidate.

133. (*Mr. Hill.*) I understand you to say that the lowering of the number of voters is to be traced immediately and directly to no other cause than that at present non-resident freemen cannot vote?—To that, and also in some measure, I daresay, to the reduction of the number of freemen under the Act a few years previously, or not very far from the date of the Reform Act for the new system of municipal corporation by which the four modes of making freemen were reduced to two.

134. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you tell generally whether the number of freemen was greater immediately after the passing of the Reform Act than it is now?—Certainly.

135. After all these non-residents were struck off?—I have no means of knowing.

136. I thought you might be able to say generally whether they were more or fewer?—I am not able to give a satisfactory answer to that question.

137. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you the means of getting at that?—I think I probably might by inquiry, I probably shall be able to find a list of the voters, I have no doubt I shall, soon after the passing of the Act, which would answer your inquiry; do I understand that the Commissioners wish to have a list of the voters if it can be had?

138. Yes?—For the year following the passing of the Reform Act?

139. Yes, if possible, but if not, for some year as soon after that as you can?—I will endeavour to give you that information.

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140. (*Mr. Newton.*) You were the agent for Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider at the general election in July last?—Yes; I was sub-agent under Mr. Maxsted, and also agent for the election expenses.

141. What do you mean by "agent for the election expenses?"—Under the Act of Parliament.

142. You had to check all the accounts that were brought to you?—Yes.

143. What else would your duties be?—And to pay money; I do not know that I checked the accounts; they were sent to me by persons who of course I supposed would not send me wrong accounts, and I paid the money; I have the books containing all the payments here.

144. From whom did you receive the money in the first instance?—In June I received by cheque from Mr. Maxsted 50*l.*

145. When did you next receive any money?—On July the 8th a cheque for 50*l.* from Mr. Maxsted.

146. When was the next sum?—July the 11th a cheque from Mr. Maxsted for 100*l.*, and on the 13th a cheque from Mr. Maxsted of 100*l.*; those four cheques were signed by Mr. Maxsted.

147. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Sent as a cheque for you from Mr. Maxsted?—Payable to me.

148. (*Mr. Newton.*) Payable to your order, sent by Mr. Maxsted?—Yes, I think so.

149. The date of the last cheque was the 13th of July?—Yes.

150. At that time had the election taken place?—I do not know what the date of the election was.

151. I can refresh your memory; it took place on the 12th of July?—Yes, that is so.

152. That made 300*l.* in all you received from Mr. Maxsted up to that day?—Yes.

153. What other money did you receive from him after that?—On the 21st of July a cheque signed by Mr. Fenwick to Mr. Maxsted and Mr. Maxsted endorsed it to me.

154. How much was that cheque?—500*l.*

155. You think that cheque was payable to Mr. Maxsted?—Yes.

156. That was delivered to you by Mr. Maxsted?—Yes.

157. Did you after that receive any more money?—Yes; August 12th by cheque from Mr. Maxsted 200*l.*, that was a cheque signed by Mr. Maxsted.

158. Drawn by Mr. Maxsted?—Signed by Mr. Maxsted; it is the same thing.

159. Did you receive anything after that?—Yes. Then I have an entry of 414*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*

160. What is the date to that?—I have no date, but I can give you a pretty good guess as to about when it was, though I could not swear to it; I think it would be about September the 7th.

161. How was this sum given to you?—I think I had a cheque for 300*l.* in it.

162. And how was the remainder given to you?—Whether it was in gold or notes I am not sure, I could not tell.

163. By whom was the cheque drawn?—I do not know, but I think most likely it was drawn by Mr. Maxsted.

164. Payable to whom?—I should think to myself.

165. With regard to that cheque you got on the 12th of August, was that also payable to you?—Yes, that was payable to me.

166. After this 414*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* was any more money given to you?—No, nothing more.

167. That makes a total of 1,414*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*?—Yes.

168. The Commissioners would like to know how you expended that money?—I have a list of every item in this book, and the total payments made to people who assisted in the election was 1,404*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*, leaving a balance of 10*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*, which I gave to Mr. Maxsted.

169. When did you finish up your accounts with Mr. Maxsted?—The receipt is dated the 14th of October, 1865, and I have no doubt that is the date.

170. At that time the mayor, Mr. Williamson was the returning officer?—I think he was; I can tell you who was the returning officer, because I have my appointment here, and I had to make my return to him (*after referring*) yes, it was James Williamson.

171. When did you make your return to him?—It is dated the 12th of September.

172. Did the returning officer advertise in the newspapers an abstract of it?—Yes.

173. Your return being then 1,404*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*?—Yes.

174. To revert to the question I asked you just now, can you give the Commissioners a detailed account with regard to the distribution of that 1,404*l.*?—Yes.

175. First, may I ask what is the book from which you are reading?—This is a book I kept myself.

176. Were the entries made at the time?—Yes, at my office.

177. Are you a solicitor?—Yes.

178. That is the book you kept at the time?—Yes, at the time.

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179. You entered into that book all the items of the election ?—Yes, that I had paid.

180. They are all to be found in that book ?—Yes (*the book is handed to the Commissioners*), I see my return is 1,400*l.* odd, and not 1,404*l.*, and the way I account for that is that I paid 3*l.* afterwards to the Town Clerk for advertising my return.

181. The items were not advertised ?—No.

182. Have you a copy of the advertisement ?—I have a draft here, it would be supposed to be drawn by Mr. Swainson.

183. No, the returning officer would do it.

(*Mr. Swainson.*) Perhaps I ought to say, that the actual return to the returning officer of the election expenses by Mr. Tilly is here in my custody with the vouchers and all details; I was not asked that question.

184. (*Mr. Newton.*) We took that for granted; what I want to arrive at is this, whether these items were all published in the newspapers ?—No, merely an abstract was published.

185. And you have not a copy of that with you ?—I have a copy of what I sent to the town clerk.

186. Do you know whether the copy that was sent to the newspaper and what was sent to the Town Clerk were identically the same ?—I have not the slightest doubt about it.

187. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How came the accounts which you were bound to send to the returning officer in the hands of Mr. Swainson ?—The Act of Parliament requires me to return them to the returning officer, but they are practically sent to the Town Clerk because he is supposed to be the Mayor's adviser.

188. (*Mr. Hill.*) You had not been agent for Mr. Fenwick at the time when he stood against Mr. Saunders ?—No; I think my partner was agent for the legal expenses then.

189. Mr. Johnston ?—Yes.

190. He was your partner then ?—Yes, and is now.

191. You were agent to Mr. Schneider at what we call the "walk over" in February 1865 ?—I was agent under Mr. Maxsted in the same way, and also agent for legal expenses.

192. Do you know at all of any division of the expenses as between Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider? —No.

193. All your duty was to pay and to account for the money paid and the money given to you by Mr. Maxsted to Mr. Maxsted ?—Yes.

194. In making the payments which you did make did you make them jointly for Mr. Schneider and Mr. Fenwick ?—Yes.

195. You considered yourself as acting equally under Mr. Maxsted for the two candidates ?—Yes; in fact, a nomination is required, and I was nominated by Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

196. Through you came all the legitimate expenses of the election ?—Yes.

197. And only through you, of course ?—Yes, I was the sole agent.

198. Can you tell me upon what bank those cheques which were given to you were drawn; were they all upon the same bank ?—I think they were all upon the Lancaster Bank. I do not quite remember, but I have a recollection of going to the Lancaster Bank with some of them.

199. Do you remember going to any other bank ? —No, I do not.

200. Did you get all the cheques cashed yourself ? —I cannot recollect that, but I am almost certain I should as they were all for large sums.

201. Were they, with the exception of the cheque for 500*l.*, all drawn against Mr. Maxsted's account ? —Yes, I should say they were.

202. Had Mr. Fenwick also an account at the Lancaster Bank at that time ?—That I do not know.

203. If they were cashed at the Lancaster Bank, and were drawn against Mr. Fenwick's account, he would, I presume, have an account at that bank ?—I do not know.

204. Do you know whether Mr. Schneider had at that time an account at the Lancaster Bank ?—I have no knowledge of it, but I believe he had; in fact, I always understood that the Lancaster Bank were Mr. Schneider's bankers, but I do not know it as a fact.

205. Besides those expenses which you have put down, and which are in this book which you have handed to the Commissioners, did you, on behalf or on account of this election, pay any money at all ?—No.

206. What money did you receive yourself as payment for your services ?—That is in the book, it is 78*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*

207. Was 78*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* the whole of the money paid to your firm for work done during that election ? —Yes. My partner had nothing to do with the election; he will not have anything to do with them, so he got no part of that 78*l.*

208. Was nothing paid to any of your clerks or to anybody else in your office beyond that 78*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*? —I think not; whether one of my clerks received a guinea on the day, I could not say.

209. What is your clerk's name ?—Thomas Robinson.

210. Is he a freeman ?—No.

211. Is he a householder ?—No, he is a young boy; he was a clerk in the Committee Rooms, and I see he got three guineas.

212. He is a young man, not 21 years of age, and not on the register ?—He was about 20.

213. He was not on the register ?—No.

214. Is the 78*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* a per-centage ?—No.

215. When election agents were first appointed they were paid by percentage ?—Yes, they were; but when they were paid by percentage they were called election auditors, and paid by all the candidates; now each candidate has an agent.

216. I see this includes also the payment made to Mr. Maxsted for his professional services ?—Yes.

217. 137*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* ?—Yes, that would be right.

218. You have told me that beyond the 78*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* and three guineas to the clerk Robinson, you know of no other payments made on account of the services rendered by you or anybody else in your office ?—None whatever, as I said before; the office rendered no service; Mr. Johnston had nothing whatever to do with it.

219. I meant to include everything; have you any personal cognizance of any other sum of money that was paid during, before, or on account of the election ? —No, I have none.

220. None whatever ?—No.

221. You yourself are not personally acquainted with the payment of a single farthing beyond those sums we have mentioned ?—Do you mean that I have paid no more.

222. Have you seen it paid, paid it yourself, or have you any personal cognizance of its being paid ? —No, I have neither paid it myself nor witnessed it being paid.

223. Not the payment of money for bills at public houses ?—There would be, I daresay, bills at public houses paid.

224. Do you personally know of any payment of a bill at a public house ?—No.

225. Were you present yourself at any time during the payment of any bill of a public-house ?—No.

226. Or for refreshment ?—No.

227. Any voters ?—No.

228. Or for any travelling expenses ?—No.

229. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you heard from any person that they received any money ? Has any one told you before or after the election, or during the election that they received any payment ?—No, I think not.

230. (*Mr. Hill.*) You were not in London during the sitting of the Committee ?—No.

231. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you believe this to have been a pure election ?—I do not believe it was a pure election.

232. How do you mean, you do not suppose it was

a pure election, you think it was not ?—I should say it was not.

233. What makes you think so ?—From the fact of the members being unseated.

234. For what reason do you come to the conclusion that it was not a pure election ?—I have confidence in the House of Commons, and say that they would not have unseated the members unless it was proved.

235. I understand you to say that you did not come to that opinion until the date of the Committee, which was the 23d of April ; until that time you thought it was a pure election ?—I have not said that.

236. You led me to infer that because the Committee of the House of Commons said it was an impure election you assumed it was true ; I want to know what makes you think it was an impure election ?—I thought it was an impure election merely from the rumours.

237. What rumours ? — There were rumours of course that persons had received bribes.

238. Tell me what the rumours were ?—Merely general rumour that bribery was going on.

239. What kind of rumours ?—Just to the effect that bribery was going on.

240. At the time ?—Yes, no doubt about it.

241. What sort of bribery ? — People getting money.

242. Were any names mentioned of people taking money ?—No.

243. You never heard anybody's name mentioned? —No.

244. Upon your oath you never heard any names mentioned of people taking money ?—Not at that time.

245. When you heard these general rumours of bribery going on were any persons names attached to those rumours ?—I do not remember.

246. Am I to understand that your recollection is perfectly dark upon that subject ?—Yes, it is really, because the rumours that go about are not to be relied upon.

247. I am asking you for the rumours, whether they are to be relied upon or not is matter for us ?— I am sure I do not know ; they were merely general rumours that bribery was going on.

248. Where were those rumours current ?— About the town.

249. Was it talked about much ?—Yes.

250. At the time of the election ?—Yes.

251. By both parties, or by only one party ?—By both parties, no doubt, but I could not give you any proper information about the rumours.

252. I want to know what you heard ?—I cannot recollect, except that there were general rumours that bribery was going on.

253. Were there any names mentioned in connexion with them ?—Not to me.

254. Did not your curiosity prompt you to ask that ?—No, quite the contrary.

255. Did not your curiosity prompt you to ascertain who were the bribers and who were the bribed ? —No, quite the contrary ; I thought it my duty not to listen to them.

256. Why ?—Because I was the person paying the legal expenses.

257. I do not see why you should not wish to find out who were making illegal expenses ?—I did not consider it my duty at the time.

258. I should have thought it was ; did you wish to keep out of it ?—I certainly did.

259. You did not think it worth while to find out who were making these illegal expenses ?—No.

260. When did you first hear of the rumours ?—I could not tell ; it was about the time of the election. I believe if there was a pure election at Lancaster rumours would go about that it was an impure one.

261. You say there would be rumours be the election pure or impure ?—Yes ; I believe if there were an election to-morrow, and you were to go down the street, you would hear that people were bribing.

262. Is money so plentiful in Lancaster ?—I do not know what may be the reason.

263. I want to know ?—I cannot tell you.

264. Are we to understand that money is so plentiful that people are always being bribed ?—No.

265. When was the first talk of a petition ; when did it first reach your ears ?—I should think I first read of it in the newspapers.

266. Did you first know of it from the newspapers? —I should think so ; it was a long time before the petition was filed.

267. Of course between July and February ; when did you first hear there was going to be a petition ?— I should say from the newspapers in a week after the election, but I did not believe there would be a petition until it was actually filed.

268. A week after the election ?—Yes.

269. Why did you think there would not be a petition ?—It was merely an impression I had

270. But why ?—Because the "Lancaster Gazette" newspaper ceased to speak so much about it. That paper is supposed to be the recognized organ of the Conservatives, and it began, I think, by stating that there was going to be a petition, and then it ceased any mention of it.

271. But you say it was currently rumoured in the town that there had been impure proceedings ?—It did not follow that there would be a petition.

272. Do you not think it would naturally follow ? —I did not come to that conclusion.

273. Are we to assume that bribery is so common here that they would not petition if there was an impure election ?—That would be, of course, entirely for the other member. I do not think people get up petitions on the ground of morality.

274. For what do they get them up ?—If they have been deprived of their seat probably they may do it for revenge ; that may be one reason, but of course that is all speculation.

275. The petition was presented, as we know, when Parliament met ; did you superintend the defence of it ?—No, I had nothing to do with it.

276. Your duties ceased when you sent in your account to the Returning Officer ?—Yes.

277. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you live in Lancaster ?—Yes.

278. You were living here at the time of the election ?—Yes.

279. Hearing these rumours did you hear at all in any way any particular sums attributed to either candidate as to what it cost them ?—I hear all sorts of sums.

280. Did you or did you not, or have you or have you not, heard any particular sums attributed either to Schneider, or Fenwick, or Lawrence ?—Not that I recollect.

281. Try and recollect whether you heard any particular sum mentioned as being the sum which his election cost him or his candidature cost him ?—No.

282. You heard no sum stated ?—No.

283. Have you ever heard any rumour as to the proportion of expenditure that was to be borne by Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider for the election, the proportion to be borne by each of them ?—No.

284. Never ?—Never.

285. Have you never heard any such rumour ?— I have not, that was not part of my duty.

286. I am not asking you whether it was a part of your duty, but whether as a fact you did ever hear any such rumour ?—I did not.

287. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When you heard rumours of bribery you heard them from somebody I suppose ?— Yes.

288. Can you say from whom ?—No.

289. Try and recollect ?—I could not tell you from whom.

290. (*Mr. Newton.*) Not a single name ?—No, it is impossible to do so.

291. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you never stated to anyone anything with regard to the proportion of the expenses to be borne by Mr. Schneider and Mr. Fenwick ?— No, because I did not know it.

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292. Have you never spoken to Mr. Maxsted upon the subject—be careful ?

(*Mr. Newton.*) Tell us all the truth, we must ultimately find it out.

293. (*Mr. Hill.*) My question is, have you ever spoken to Mr. Maxsted with regard to the proportion of the expenses that was to be borne by Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider ?—I had an impression that this 500*l.* was all that Mr. Fenwick was to pay.

294. What gave you that impression ?—Well, I hardly know why it was, I think I remember Mr. Maxsted once saying that Mr. Fenwick thought he ought not to pay more, but I could not swear to that.

295. You understood from Mr. Maxsted that Mr. Fenwick thought that the election ought not to cost him more than 500*l.* ?—More than this sum.

296. Tell us it in your own way ?—I tell you I cannot speak accurately to any conversation of the kind.

297. Tell us as near as you can ?—I think that at some time when I was at Mr. Maxsted's office, he said something of this sort, "Oh, Mr. Fenwick thought he ought not to pay more than this."

298. That "this" being 500*l.* ?—Yes, that is my idea.

299. Was that at the time you received the 500*l.* from Mr. Maxsted ?—It is since that time, I do not know when it was.

300. You say Mr. Maxsted said to you, "Mr. Fenwick thinks he ought not to pay more than this ?"—That is the impression I have.

301. And "this" you understood to refer to 500*l.* ?—Yes, I think so.

302. Was not that at the time the 500*l.* was given to you ?—That I cannot say.

303. Had you then a conversation with Mr. Maxsted about the 500*l.* at some other time than that ?—I cannot remember.

304. Were you seeing Mr. Maxsted continually about the election ?—Up to the end of October when I paid the balance I should be seeing him continually.

305. And talking to him generally about matters connected with the election ?—We had other business to do. I do not mean to say that the election employed me all that time.

306. Who made out the first rough draft of the expenses ?—I did. It is here.

307. From what did you make out that first rough draft ?—From the payments in that book which I handed to you.

308. From what did you make out that book ?—From the bills. I think the Town Clerk has the bills.

309. Do I understand you to say you have never received any other bills than those which are there and which are entered in your book ?—I know there were more public-houses engaged than I paid for.

310. There were more persons sent in bills for public-houses than were paid ?—I do not think they were sent to me.

311. How do you know the bills were sent in ?—Because I had a conversation with the person to whom they were sent in.

312. Who was that person ?—Henry Welch had the bills and I told him I would not pay them all.

313. Had Henry Welch paid them at that time ?—No, not that I know of.

314. Did Henry Welch bring you accounts of several public-houses ?—Yes, I saw him about them.

315. Will you give me the number as near as you can of the bills for public-houses brought to you by Henry Welch ?—That I could not tell.

316. Were they so many that you could not recollect them ?—That is not the reason.

317. There must be some reason for it ?—It is from the mere fact that a man's memory does not always serve him.

318. Do not fall back upon the deficiency of memory. What was the number of public-house accounts and sums required by public house-keepers brought to you on account of their rooms ?—I should say there would be at least 30.

319. (*Mr. Newton.*) Bills from 30 houses ?—Yes.

320. (*Mr. Hill.*) You being in the office you have told us of, did you look over those bills to see whether they were proper bills to be paid ?—I looked at the list, and I think I told him I was not going to pay them all, or words to that effect.

321. Who made the selection as to which should be paid, you or Henry Welch ?—I think Henry Welch.

322. Give me your accurate recollection upon this point ?—I should say it was Henry Welch.

323. As to which bills were to be paid ?—As to which bills were to come to me.

324. What was to be done with those bills that were to come to you ?—I was to pay them.

325. What was to be done with the other bills ?—They were not to be paid through me, but who was to pay them, of course, I did not know. Somebody would no doubt pay them.

326. How many of those 30 did you feel called upon to pay ?—I could tell you accurately from the book.

327. Are they all together ?—I think they will be.

328. What was the date of this interview with Henry Welch with regard to the election—how long after the election was it ?—It would be before sending in my account, which was on the 12th of September. It would be very shortly before that.

329. Now answer the question as to how many you paid ; cannot you tell without looking at the book ?—No; I can tell you from the book accutately how many I paid.

330. Give me the names of them as you go along ?—"August 19th, R. J. Farady, use of house as Committee-room, 5*l.*; John Foxcroft, 3*l.*"

331. That was for use of house as Committee-room ?—Yes; Committee-room is synonymous for public-house. "Jacob Stanley, use of Committee-room, 21*l.* 4*s.* "September 12th, Henry Richmond, use of Committee-"room, 10*l.* William Lawson, 10*l.* Thomas Jackson, "10*l.* James Townley, 10*l.* Thomas Sanderson, "10*l.* William Jackson, 10*l.* Peter Moore, 10*l.*"

332. Will you tell me where the item "Jacob Stanley, use of Committee-room, 21*l.* 4*s.*" is in this book ?—I will explain it to you.

333. It is the fact, is it not, that it is not in this book ?—I will explain it to you. Jacob Stanley seems to have had more than one bill, and one of the items in one of those bills will very likely be this 21*l.* 4*s.*

334. In which of those items is it included—in the 30*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* or 38*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* ?—I should say in the 38*l.* item.

335. Will you read what the 38*l.* item professes to be ?—"Mr. Jacob Stanley, hotel and refreshment expenses of committee and clerks, 38*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*"

336. In your opinion the 21*l.* 4*s.* is included in that ?—If I were allowed to see the bill I could tell in a moment.

337. It cannot be well in the other, which is headed "Refreshment expenses of candidates" ?—No.

338. Supposing that the 21*l.* 4*s.* is included in the 38*l.* item, those are bills which you agreed with Henry Welch were such bills as you ought to pay ?—Yes, and I should very likely tell him I would not pay any more.

Adjourned for a short time.

(*The two bills of* 30*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* *and* 38*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* *are handed to the Witness.*)

339. The 21*l.* 4*s.* you say was a bill brought to you by Henry Welch—No, I certainly did not say that. I say this 21*l.* 4*s.* is Mr. Stanley's charge for the committee room, and *this* is the bill, but it contains a lot of other things as well.

340. I understood you to tell me that amongst the bills which you read out to me I should find in this book particulars of a bill of Mr. Stanley's for 21*l.* 4*s.* ?—Yes.

341. You told me those bills were brought in by Henry Welch ?—I do not think they all were.

342. Did you not tell me that those bills which you were then reading out were bills brought in to you

by Henry Welch?—I do not remember putting it in that way.

343. Tell me how you put it?—I put it in this way. He brought a number of bills, perhaps about thirty, and of these Henry Welch well knew what those public-houses were, and of those I paid those which I read to you.

344. Those were bills brought to you by Henry Welch?—Most of them would be, because some of them I did not know anything at all about, and he would send the people with the bill very likely.

345. You told me that those bills you were mentioning were bills brought to you by Henry Welch, and when I asked you to read them out you read me first one of Mr. Farraday, then next one of Mr. Foxcroft, and then you came to Mr. Stanley, 21*l.* 4*s.* Now where is that bill of 21*l.* 4*s.* brought to you by Henry Welch?—I do not think it came from Henry Welch; I should obtain it from Mr. Stanley himself.

346. From whom did you obtain it?—From Mr. Stanley.

347. That 21*l.* 4*s.* was not one of the thirty bills brought to you by Henry Welch?—No.

348. That being so, was any bill of Mr. Stanley's brought to you by Henry Welch?—No, none. I remember distinctly Mr. Stanley bringing his bills.

349. You recollect that that bill of 21*l.* 4*s.* was not brought to you by Henry Welch. Were the whole of the bills which you paid brought to you by Henry Welch, the eight of 10*l.* and the two others of 6*l.* and 3*l.* each?—I would rather say sent to me by Henry Welch.

350. They came to you from Henry Welch?—Yes.

351. You have told me that that was about a week before or shortly before the 12th of September?—Yes.

352. Had those bills been paid when they came to your hands?—No, I paid them.

353. None of these bills were paid until you had looked over them and given the money for them?—No; I do not know whether I paid them myself, but they were paid in my office.

354. You gave the money for them?—Yes.

355. Those are the bills mentioned in the book?—Yes.

356. Besides that you say there was a bill of 21*l.* 4*s.*?—I am going to explain about that 21*l.* 4*s.*

357. You say that bill of 21*l.* 4*s.* was given to you by Mr. Stanley himself?—If you will allow me I can explain it. Mr. Stanley's was the chief committee room, and of course I knew Mr. Stanley had a bill, and these are some bills of his. 30*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* is one bill and 38*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* is another. In that 38*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* bill there are these words, "Committee-room No. 1, "16 guineas; members' private room, 3*l.* 4*s.*; extra "committee room, two days, 1*l.* 4*s.*" Very well; I pay this bill as it is, and when I send my abstract to the Town Clerk, I have to put down Committee-rooms under one head, so I took it out of this bill, and that is the reason why the item of 21*l.* 4*s.* does not appear in my book.

358. Where does the difference between 21*l.* 4*s.* and 38*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* appear?—In the book, of course, it is 38*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*, but in the abstract it will be under another heading. Here is the entry, "Jacob Stanley, for refreshment and Committee-room clerks, 17*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*" In the abstract I sent to Mr. Swainson I divided the bill. Of course I could not call the whole bill "Committee-rooms." I put, as the fact was, 21*l.* 4*s.* Committee-rooms, and the rest for refreshment.

359. Upon what principle did you select as to which of these houses should be paid for and which should not be paid?—I think it was this way: I took what had been paid the last time.

360. What do you call "the last time?"—The last contested election; they were the principal houses we had, and I paid them.

361. Can you tell me at all what the amount of the other houses were; I see that eleven were paid for out of the thirty?—I cannot say; I should say they would get 5*l.* or 10*l.*

362. Had they all been used as Committee-rooms?—Yes, for bringing voters up.

363. Why had you not paid for them?—I considered the total amount, 100*l.* odd, was quite sufficient for me to pay.

364. Am I to understand that you did not know these other sums were to be paid?—I knew they had claims.

365. And you knew they would be met?—I supposed they would.

366. You had no doubt of it?—Of course I had no doubt they would be met.

367. Will you tell me why you paid these particular bills, which you have entered, and not the others?—So that my legal expenses might not appear very large; there is no doubt about that. It is easy enough to see what the reason was.

368. Your object was to make them balance as nearly as possible with the other side?—I did not know the amount on the other side.

369. To make them something about 1,200*l.*?—Yes.

370. You had no other reason?—No other reason.

371. That being so will you tell me how you reconcile this with your previous answer that you did not know about any other money being expended excepting these sums paid by you as election agent?—The question put to me was, Was I present?

372. That was the question put by me to you, but not what my learned brother put to you?—I was coming to this, and the Commissioner put it sharply, "Was I present?" and I said "No."

373. You have not the slightest doubt that there was other money paid?—No doubt at all.

374. Will you tell me to what extent that absence of a slightest doubt goes?—I have no doubt whatever that these public-houses were paid, because the men would have had claims for them.

375. To the extent of some 20 or more public-houses?—I should say 20.

376. And these 20 to the tune of 5*l.* a house or more?—Yes.

377. I see all these other houses, with the exception of two, are put at 10*l.* apiece?—Yes.

378. Was there any difference between the position of the persons occupying the houses entered in the book and the position of the persons occupying the houses which are not entered?—Some of them, no doubt. Some of them would be beerhouses.

379. And a beerhouse would have something less than 10*l.*?—Yes, there was a different scale, I think, for beerhouses.

380. What was the difference between Mr. Faraday's and Mr. Foxcroft's house?—I do not know either of the houses.

381. What was the difference, if any, between Mr. Foxcrofts' house and Mr. Richmonds'?—Richmonds' house is a substantial and good house. It is a commercial house in the market place.

382. It is a house for the use of which you would pay 10*l.*?—Yes.

383. Foxcroft's is only a 3*l.* house I see?—I did not arrange the amount that was to be paid.

384. Mr. Farraday's house is a 5*l.* house. Why is that 5*l.* and the others 10*l.*?—I have not the slightest idea; perhaps he might be paid before he knew that the other people got 10*l.*

385. Then it was priority of payment that caused him to get 5*l.* instead of 10*l.*?—Perhaps so. No doubt they were glad to get quit of them as soon as they could.

386. The others hearing that the other side got 10*l.* would claim 10*l.* also. I may take it, that there were bills for public-houses ranging from 5*l.* to 10*l.*?—Yes. I may mention this circumstance,—when Mr. Stanley brought his bill to me there was a part of it which I refused to pay. I think he had put too much down.

387. How much of it?—I could not say how much; it would be 18*l.* or 20*l.*

388. In addition to the 68*l.* you had allowed?—Yes.

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389. So we will take it on the score of public-houses alone, you knew of claims which were sure to be paid of something like 200*l.*?—Yes, no doubt about it.

390. That being so, now tell us of any other claims you knew of which were sure to be paid by other persons except those occupying public-houses?—Not one that I knew was sure to be paid: I knew of no other claims.

391. You knew of no other claims except public-houses?—Yes, that is right.

392. Why did you not tell me about these public-houses before when I first asked you the question?—Because I beg to say the question was not asked. I should have come to the public-houses, but I was asked questions about rumours which it would be impossible for anybody to answer, and besides I did not see any of these paid and could not swear that they were paid, though I have no doubt about it.

393. What other bills did Welch bring you besides these public-house bills?—None at all.

394. He was only to account for public-houses?—I do not know: he was a person engaged about the election, and of course I did not know what public-houses were engaged. A person would not come to me with a bill and say, "Pay me this." I had to make inquiries.

395. What position did you recognize Henry Welch as occupying with regard to this election?—I do not know what to call him exactly. He was a committee man.

396. Did you pay him this money for the public-houses simply as a committee man?—I gave him no money for public-houses.

397. Did you receive these bills from him and select which should be paid and which not simply as a committee man?—I will explain how it all arose. I asked Henry Welch something about the public-houses, and I said that the bills had not come in and you will see that it was very near the end when they did come in. He had a list of them, and I said I am not going to pay them all, I had better only pay some of them, and with regard to those I had to pay the people came to me with their bills.

398. Am I to understand that the people who you selected from Henry Welch as the persons who were to be paid came to you for their money?—Yes, and they were paid in my office.

399. Did anybody else come to you besides these persons whom you paid?—No.

400. Do I understand from you, that no single person has made a claim upon you for money with the exception of these persons to whom you paid the monies set down in this book?—No.

401. Nobody?—Allow me; perhaps some of the other public-houses might have come and I refused to pay them.

402. Which of the other public-houses might have come whom you refused to pay?—I cannot say.

403. You have no recollection at all?—No, I do not know the people.

404. Have you taken no note of any person who called upon you to make a claim which you thought should not be paid?—No.

405. I presume you knew the persons who came?—Mr. Welch either put his initials to them or there was something about them by which I knew I was to pay them.

406. The bills you paid were bills which they brought to you initialled "H. W."?—Yes, there were either the initials or a message.

407. Did you pay upon a verbal message?—No, I do not suppose I would.

408. Did you or did you not? Did you pay any other bills than those which were initialled "H. W."?—He might have sent a note with them.

409. Besides that, did you pay any others?—I paid no others. It was necessary I should know the persons.

410. You cannot give me the name of any other person who brought a bill which you refused to pay?—No.

411. (*Mr. Newton*). You say you knew that these public-houses were to be paid for by somebody?—Oh yes.

412. Who was the somebody who was to pay for them?—Henry Welch had a list, and whether he would pay for them with his own hands or not, I do not know.

413. Why should he pay; he was not the agent?—Well?

414. He was not a sub-agent?—Of course not.

415. Where was he to get the money?—That I do not know. I never asked Mr. Welch. I never had any conversation with him upon the subject.

416. You told Mr. Hill just now that you knew of no money ever having been paid for any purposes except the public-houses, and you told me afterwards that you knew nothing whatever of any money having been paid at all. You tell us now that you knew somebody was to pay for those public-houses, and I want to know where you suppose the money was to come from?—Well, I do not know where the money was to come from.

417. Did that never occur to you?—It never did. I knew it was to come from somewhere.

418. Was it to come from the clouds?—It was no part of my business to suppose anything. I supposed that Mr. Welch would have the money.

419. Where did you suppose he was to get it from? I do not know.

420. He would not coin it?—No, he could not, of course.

421. Did it never occur to you to ask him?—Certainly not. I do not think I should have done my duty as agent if I had made the inquiry.

422. I think you would. Did you know at that time that there was a great deal more expense incurred than what you had actually returned to the returning officer?—But I had only to render an account of what I had paid myself.

423. You were agent?—I was agent for the payment of expenses.

424. You were agent for the payment of all expenses according to the Act of Parliament, and yet you knew that there were several other expenses incurred which you did not return?—I had to return what I had paid.

425. You had to return all the expenses?—I beg your pardon. If you refer to the Act, I think you will see differently.

426. The Act says, that no payment shall be made otherwise than through the authorized agents. Was Henry Welch an authorized agent?—No; I was the only authorized agent.

427. Then how could you allow Henry Welch to pay for public-houses which you did not return?—I should wish to know how I could prevent him.

428. If these were legal expenses you might have put them in?—Only I did not pay them.

429. Were they paid?—That I cannot swear. I can only say that I believe they were paid of course, but I did not see any of them paid.

430. When do you believe that they were paid?—Well I should say they would be paid somewhere about the 12th of September.

431. By whom do you believe they were paid?—That I do not know; I cannot tell. I only go thus far: I should say that they were paid either by Mr. Welch or by some person authorized by him. That is the extent to which I can go.

432. If Mr. Welch did not do it, who would the person be?—That I cannot tell you.

433. If you had made an open breast of it at once, we should not have been delayed all this time. We are obliged to draw it out of you. You have been fencing with us the whole time. Who do you suppose paid for these public-houses if Henry Welch did not?—I have not the slightest idea. I was asked questions about rumours which it would be impossible for any man to answer.

434. I ask you who paid the money for these 20 extra public-houses?—I never made the inquiry.

435. You never troubled your head about it?—Never. After I had paid these sums I have mentioned, and made my return, that was all I had to do.

436. And yet you call yourself the accredited authorized agent, and permitted these payments to be made by other persons than yourself?—The word "permit" would imply a power to prevent.

437. You had the power to prevent had you not?—I might have paid them myself no doubt.

438, You were the authorized agent?—Yes,

439. What made you select the public-houses that you were to pay, and the public-houses that Welch was to pay?—I have already said the object was that the amount should not seem to be so very large.

440. So that you might have two amounts?—No, not that—The result would be to have two amounts no doubt; but that was not the object. The object was this: there were more public-houses engaged than I thought it would be proper to put into my return, and therefore I refused to pay some of them.

441. Who did engage the public-houses at the first beginning?—Well, I hardly know; I think Mr. Knowles Allinson, at least I guess he did, because he is a publican himself, and he would know them.

442. And how many were engaged?—I have already said I should think about 30, there might be more or less.

443. And you paid for ten?—Yes.

444. And left the other 20 to be paid by somebody?—By somebody.

445. You told me that you believed that this conversation with Welch, when you selected these public-houses, was shortly before the 12th of September?—I think it was about then.

446. In this book I see these payments are said to have been made in August; how can you reconcile these two statements?—I think you will find that they were not all made in August.

447. You say the conversation took place shortly before the 12th of September, and I see that the payments were made in August?—I think you will find if you will refer to the book, that almost all of them were made about the 12th of September; I know the bulk of them would be made then.

448. You say you heard these rumours within a week after the election?—What rumours?

449. Rumours of bribery?—No. I think I did not say that.

450. When did you first hear of rumours of bribery?—I should wish instead of being questioned in that manner to have what I said read to me.

451. When did you first hear rumours of bribery?—I should say that I heard them even before the election, because you hear them every day.

452. What sort of rumours were they?—Mere general rumours.

453. Just give us a notion what the rumours were, or what the nature of them was?—The most correct notion that I could give of them would be, that they were rumours that bribery was going on.

454. But in what way?—By money being paid, and that kind of thing.

455. By money being paid, how?—By bribery is generally meant money paid for a vote. One would hear that there was going to be bribery, or something like that. That was about the extent of the rumours of bribery that I knew of.

456. Before the election you heard rumours of that kind?—I think so.

457. On which side were there rumours of bribery?—On both sides.

458. But you cannot give us the name of any person from whom you heard those rumours?—No, I cannot.

459. Was it a man in the street who told you this? Did every man, woman, and child you met talk about bribery?—Of course that is the way in which rumours are spread.

460. Have you ever had any conversation with Mr. Maxsted, your principal, about bribery?—Certainly not.

461. It never passed between you?—No, certainly not.

462. Did you ever tell Mr. Maxsted that you heard those rumours?—No, I should not be such a fool as to repeat such a thing to any person, because as to rumours of that kind, there is nothing in them, they are of no importance.

463. You think them of no importance?—No, they were of no importance to us.

464. I should have thought that you of all people in the world, were the persons to object to such rumours?—A man has no control over rumours.

465. But so important were they, that I should have thought you would have gone at once to the principal agent, and told him there were rumours afloat to the effect that bribery was going on?—I do no suppose that I spoke to him about it.

466. Did you trouble yourself about those rumours at all?—No.

467. You walked on the other side of the street, and the rumours went past you?—It is of course for you to examine me as you think proper, but I really submit that it is perfectly impossible for any man to answer a question of that kind satisfactorily, so as to give you any information.

468. You would not at first allow that there was any bribery?—I beg your pardon, I think you will find that I expressed my belief that it was an impure election. I think if you will look to my examination you will find that to be so.

469. Did you ever tell Mr. Maxsted about these extra charges for public-houses having been sent in to you by Mr. Welch?—There was no extra charge.

470. These other 20 public-houses?—I do not remember speaking to him about it.

471. Had you any conversation with the members upon the subject?—No, never.

472. Did you ever mention it to anybody?—I do not suppose I should.

473. Did you?—I do not think so.

474. Then it was a secret between you and Welsh?—It would be a secret undoubtedly; it was not a thing to be mentioned to everybody, no doubt.

475. (*Mr. Barstow.*) During the election were these public houses placarded, as being houses in the interest of the candidates?—Yes. I have seen them over and over again, "Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider's Committee-rooms"

476. Did it strike you that there were a very large number of them?—Yes.

477. You have said you paid for ten, and that 20 were left for somebody else to pay?—I think about 20, but I have several times been turned upon with assertions that I have not made, and I wish to be very accurate.

478. Can you give us any idea how many there were altogether; were there any more than those 20. You say you paid for ten?—Yes, I paid for ten; that is correct.

479. Is it your belief that 20 covers the remainder of the houses engaged for Fenwick and Schneider?—I think it would—about 20; I think so.

480. I am speaking of the out townships as well as Lancaster?—No, it would not cover the out townships I should think.

481. You can give us no idea how many public-houses were engaged?—I could not assert it.

482. I do not ask you to assert it, I only ask you to give us an idea of the number?—I could not give you any idea.

483. But you think it probable that there were more than 20?—Yes, there are a good many out townships. There is Morecambe; there were two or three there.

484. Do you know how many were engaged at Morecambe, for instance?—No, I do not.

485. You have said several times that you heard rumours, but you cannot say from whom you heard them?—No; I could not say from whom or where I heard them.

486. Think well, because it must have been a matter of some interest to you. The election was a

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matter of interest to you, was it not?—My part of the election was a matter of great interest to me.

487. I presume you were much interested on behalf of your candidate?—Yes.

488. And you knew I daresay that the fact of his bribing was likely to prejudice his ultimate success?—No doubt.

489. Did you take no notice then of those rumours?—No, none whatever.

490. Did you mention them to nobody?—I mentioned them to nobody. The fact is that I did not converse with people about the election.

491. But they must have conversed with you, or how could you have heard the rumours?—People do converse with you in Lancaster about things, but you do not recollect them.

492. You do not care for what any Lancaster may says, is that it?—I have not said that; that is rather different from what I did say, I submit.

493. You said that you did not pay attention to what was said?—Not to rumours of bribery, and if there was an election to-morrow, and if there were rumours of bribery, I should not pay any attention to them.

494. You cannot give us the name of any person from whom you heard rumours of bribery, or the substance of the rumours?—No, except that I have a general impression now that there were rumours about bribery.

495. That is all you can tell us?—That is all I can tell you about that. I wish you clearly to understand that the only money I am acquainted with is the money in the book. Those public-houses I did not pay. That is all I know about it. Is there any necessity for me to ask for a certificate with reference to those public-houses?

(*Mr. Barstow.*) No, that is a matter which we will decide afterwards.

Mr. T. Gibson.

Mr. Thomas Gibson sworn and examined.

496, (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A solicitor.

497. Practising at Lancaster?—Yes.

498. How long have you resided in Lancaster?—I am one of the firm of Maxsted and Gibson now.

499. How long have you resided in Lancaster?—Rather more than five years.

500. Have you been in practice as an attorney during those five years?—I have.

501. Are you in practice by yourself now?—No, I am in partnership with Mr. Maxsted.

502. On the 12th of July 1865 were you in partnership with Mr. Maxsted or by yourself?—I was by myself.

503. Is that the Mr. Maxsted of whom we have been speaking, the gentleman who is now sitting below you?—Yes.

504. In July 1865 what was your position with regard to the then election?—I was agent for election expenses.

505. For whom?—For Mr. Lawrence.

506. When did you first become acquainted with Mr. Lawrence or with Mr. Lawrence's party?—A few weeks before the election, but I am not sure what time it was.

507. Was it some time in June?—I think it would be.

508. You then first became acquainted with the fact that Mr. Lawrence was going to stand for Lancaster?—Yes.

509. In point of fact it was about the time of the dissolution?—Yes, it was.

510. You were sole agent?—For election purposes I was.

511. Who was the general agent for Mr. Lawrence in Lancaster?—Do you mean his legal agent?

512. Yes.—Mr. Christopher Thornton Clark.

513. Did your appointment come from Mr. Clark, or from Mr. Lawrence?—From Mr. Clark.

514. Of course it was made by Mr. Lawrence, but it came from Mr. Clark?—So I understood.

515. Mr. Clark is a solicitor practising in Lancaster?—He is.

516. Had you ever before been an agent for election expenses?—I had not.

517. Do you produce your account for election expenses?—No, I have no account except that which was sent in to the Town Clerk.

518. Have you got your draft of that account?—No.

519. What has become of it?—I believe that with regard to a portion I never made any draft at all.

520. Will you (*Mr. Swainson*) hand to the witness the account which he sent to you?

(*The account referred to is handed by Mr. Swainson to the witness.*)

521. Is that the book which you so sent in?—Yes.

522. What was the amount of election expenses which you set down as incurred by Mr. Lawrence, and on behalf of Mr. Lawrence, at that election?—1,129*l.* 3*s.*

523. That is the gross amount?—That is the gross amount.

524. At what date did you send that in to Mr. Swainson?—On the 11th of September.

525. Did you pay those monies yourself amounting to 1,129*l.* 3*s.*?—No, not all of them.

526. How much of them, or about how much in round figures?—All, except, I should think, 200*l.*

527. You paid about 900*l.* yourself?—Yes, I should think it would be something over that.

528. By whom was the balance of 229*l.* paid?—I do not even know whether it was paid at all.

529. That being so, we will go back first of all to the 900*l.*; from whom did you receive the money with which to pay those sums amounting to 900*l.*?—I got it from Mr. Wilson Barker.

530. Who is Mr. Wilson Barker?—A draper in Church Street.

531. We are speaking of the 900*l.* now?—Yes.

532. As far as I understand you about 900*l.* passed through your own hands?—Yes.

533. Mr. Wilson Barker you say is a draper in Church Street?—Yes.

534. In what form did you receive that 900*l.*?—I think it was in cash; I received it at different times.

535. Did you receive no checks?—No checks; all I received I received in cash.

536. Notes and gold?—Yes.

537. At what date did you receive the first instalment?—I believe it was within a week of the election.

538. You kept some account, I suppose?—No, I kept no account whatever except what I have returned here.

539. But you have not put down there the monies you received?—I have no other account whatever.

540. Do you mean to say that you received money from Mr. Wilson Barker in various sums, and that you kept no account of the sums you so received?—I kept an account, I believe, at the time, but I destroyed the memoranda immediately I sent in my account to the Town Clerk.

541. In what amounts did you receive that sum of 900*l.*?—I cannot say; I forget entirely how I received it.

542. About?—It has escaped my memory entirely.

543. About?—I remember receiving 100*l.* from him, but that is the only fact I can speak to.

544. We will begin with that, if you please; when did you receive that 100*l.*?—That was within a week of the election.

545. Before or after the election?—After.

546. Had you received any monies before that?—I had not.

547. Then the first sum you received at all was this 100*l.* about a week after the election?—It was.

548. Did you receive that 100*l.* from Mr. Barker at his house or at your office?—I believe it was in his shop.

549. Do you know at all whether it was in large notes or in small?—No, I do not.

550. Have you no recollection at all about it ?—No.

551. What did you do with that 100*l.* ?—I paid a whole lot of what are called staff men.

552. That was the first payment you made ?—That was the first payment I made.

553. Now hand me your book, if you please (*the witness does so*). The first sum I see paid in your book is to Christopher Thompson Clark, retainer and professional services, 114*l.* 13*s.* ; when did you pay that ?—I never paid it at all.

554. Why then is it entered in your book ?—Because I did not like to leave it out.

555. Will you explain that to me, if you please ?—I did not receive the money to pay Mr. Clark with, and therefore I did not pay him.

556. From whom did you receive the account of that sum having been paid to him ?—I did not receive it, but he sent in his account claiming that.

557. Mr. Clark sent in a statement of a sum of 114*l.* 13*s.* being due to him ?—Yes.

558. That sum you did not pay ?—No, I did not.

559. Do you know whether Mr. Clark has been paid or not ?—I do not.

560. The next payment I see is Robert Hall, ditto, 26*l.* 5*s.* ; who is Mr. Hall ?—A solicitor, and one of the agents.

561. That is 25 guineas ?—Yes.

562. That has been paid, I presume ?—Yes, I paid that.

563. You put a tick against it in your book ?—I do not think that those ticks are mine ; I do not think that they were in the book when I sent it in.

564. That sum was paid ?—Yes, I paid that.

565. Then there is Thomas Gibson, 25 guineas ; that is yourself ?—Yes.

566. Has that been paid ?—Yes.

567. Thomas Gibson, as agent for election expenses, 10*l.* ; that was paid ?—Yes, that was paid.

568. Thomas Gibson paid for telegrams 1*l.* 15*s.* ?—That has been paid.

569. Then comes George Danson, leading the canvass ?—Yes.

570. What is that ?—I believe it consists in carrying the book, and taking the candidate into places in which he is likely to find voters.

571. 50*l.* ?—Yes, that was paid.

572. What is Mr. George Danson ?—He is an auctioneer.

573. Then we come to the printing, stationery, and advertising, that amounts altogether to 120*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*, has that been paid ?—That has been paid.

574. I will put a red mark against those which you say have been paid; the stationery has been paid ?—Yes.

575. Mr. Sly, for carriages, 14*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.*, has that been paid ?—I am not sure.

576. Mr. Sly, for canvassing in the country, 151*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.* ?—I do not think I paid that, I believe it has been paid, but I did not pay it.

577. Is that for fly hire ?—Yes, that was for fly hire.

578. Now, as to other persons by whom there is a charge made for fly hire, McCann, Hayle, Scott, Hutton, Bell, Hayes of Preston, Smith, Tait, and Jackson, have they been paid ?—Yes, I believe I paid them, but I am not sure.

579. Have you any voucher for those payments ?—I have sent it in to the Town Clerk.

580. Did you keep no account of what you sent in to the Town Clerk beyond this book ?—None whatever.

581. And you cannot tell what monies have been paid ?—I cannot.

582. (*Mr. Newton.*) Then are we to understand you to say that if one of these gentlemen were to bring an action against you to-morrow, for sums received to his use, you could not get into the witness-box and say whether those sums had been paid or not ?—No, I should apply to the Town Clerk, to let me see my vouchers.

583. Then the Town Clerk's vouchers would be your guide ?—They would be my guide.

584. If they were destroyed you could give no evidence as to the payment of these sums to the amount of 434*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* ; that is, if it so happened that the vouchers given to the Town Clerk were destroyed, and you were sued for these monies, you could not say whether you had paid them or not ?—I do not think I should take the trouble, I do not think that an action would lie against me.

585. I am speaking of an action for money received to the use of these persons ; do you wish it to go abroad to all these persons (and I beg you to be careful) that if anything has happened to the Town Clerk's vouchers they may bring an action against you, and you cannot get into the witness-box and say that they have been paid ?—I do not care whether they bring an action or not, but if they do I think I shall be prepared to show that they were paid.

586. If so, I will trouble you to give me that proof now ?—No, I cannot do it.

587. You cannot now tell the Commissioners whether these sums have been paid or not ?—Yes, I can.

588. Have they been paid ?—They have been paid.

589. Why did you not tell me so at first ?—I did.

590. I beg your pardon, you told me you could not say ?—I remembered afterwards.

591. You remember, now that I put to you the possibility of these gentlemen bringing actions against you ?—That would not influence me at all ; but I happened to cast my eyes on the papers that are lying before the Town Clerk.

592. When ?—This moment.

593. Do you see them now ?—I see something that looks like them.

594. Then, the fact of the vouchers being there leads you to the knowledge that these sums were paid ?—They remind me that they are there, and that I should be able to get them, if necessary.

595. Do you mean to say that you have no personal recollection of the payment, to any of the persons, of these large sums ?—I do ; I have no personal recollection whatever of paying them.

596. You have no personal recollection of the payment to Tait for carriages, to the amount of 60*l.*, or to James Jackson to the amount of 61*l.*, or to these other perons, the whole amounting to 431*l.* ?—That is so.

597. (*Mr. Hill.*) By whom were the sums paid for the Committee-rooms ?—They were paid by me, except, I believe, at the "Royal Oak;" I do not think I paid that.

598. That is one at the head ; 30*l.* ?—Yes.

599. I see that the entry for Committee-rooms is to the amount of 123*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, did you pay for all those Committee-rooms ?—I say I paid for them all, except the "Royal Oak."

600. You, yourself ?—I, myself.

601. When were the bills brought in to you ?—They were sent in very soon after the election. I should think a fortnight or three weeks afterwards.

602. And how soon after they were sent in did you pay them ?—I do not think they were paid till the 10th or 11th of September, the day on which I sent in my account.

603. The total amount of expenses you have returned as being 1,121*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* ; when did you receive the next sum after the 100*l.* of which you have spoken ?—I do not remember.

604. You have no doubt that between that date and the 11th of September you received about 900*l.* ?—I believe so.

605. Why do you fix upon the sum of 900*l.* ?—Because my idea is that I paid all except Mr. Clark's bill, and the "Royal Oak," and Mr. Sly's bill for carriages at the "King's Arms," and I calculated them at about 200*l.* ; it seems they were rather more.

606. Were those bills brought in to you by the parties themselves ?—Some of them were.

607. And by whom were the others brought in ?—Some came by post, and others were delivered at my office ; I do not know how they got there.

608. Did you pay those that were delivered at your office, as to which you do not know how they got there ?—Those that are in that book I paid.

609. How did you pay them ?—In cash.

610. Did you pay them to the persons themselves ?—Mostly ; I think I took the trouble to wait on some of them personally.

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611. What other bills, if any, came in to you which you did not pay?—There were a great many.

612. What was the character of those bills?—Several of them were for refreshments at public-houses, and several of them were for work done as canvassers, and one of them was for oysters, I believe, supplied to voters.

613. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That was in July?—Yes.

614. (*Mr. Newton.*) Refreshment for canvassers?—Yes. I think so.

615. (*Mr. Hill.*) Why did you refuse to pay for the oysters?—Because I thought they were illegal refreshment, and that the men should pay for them for eating them in July.

616. What was the reason why you refused to pay the bills for the other public-houses that were sent in?—I thought they were illegal bills.

617. Tell me in what way you thought they were illegal?—They were for supplying meat and drink to voters.

618. Then it was only bills from houses that had given supplies of meat and drink to voters that you refused to pay?—I think so.

619. When did you make out this book?—The night before I sent it in.

620. When was that?—That would be on the 10th of September.

621. You sent in this book with the vouchers?—With the vouchers. I may explain that I did not get a considerable part of the money to pay them with until that very day, and I was kept until a very late hour that night making out the account, and I made no rough draft.

622. How much of the 900*l.* had you received at that date?—I cannot recollect.

623. 500*l.*?—I do not remember.

624. 100*l.*?—I do not know, I should say it was more.

625. Was it 200*l.*?—I do not know.

626. Had you received up to that time, to the best of your belief, somewhat over 700*l.*?—I believe so.

627. And was all this money paid to you by Mr. Barker at his shop, did you go over to his shop for it?—I believe I did, all of it.

628. Did you make an application, first of all, to Mr. Barker for a larger sum than 100*l.*?—No. I did not.

629. What was your first application to Mr. Barker?—For 100*l.*

630. Did you receive that at once from Mr. Barker?—Within a day or two.

631. What was your next application to Mr. Barker?—I do not remember.

632. To pay what bills was it?—I do not remember; it would be those which were the most pressing.

633. But you cannot recollect what the amount was that he gave to you, then?—No, I cannot.

634. Do you recollect at all when you made your next application?—No, I do not.

635. Did you, in point of fact, receive money more than twice from Mr. Barker?—I believe I received it at three or four times.

636. The last time the amount was something over 100*l.* and the first time it was 100*l.*, but what took place at the other two times you do not remember?—No, I remember very little of any payment whatever except the first.

637. Your memory is so bad that you have no recollection of what took place fifteen months ago with reference to receiving so large a sum of money as 900*l.*?—It is as far as that is concerned; I do not remember.

638. Is it on that subject only that your memory is so very defective?—I believe so.

639. Do you, as a professional man, give me that as your answer? Let me remind you that you stand in a different position from some of the other witnesses. Do you, as a professional man, tell members of the same profession as yourself that on that topic alone you have a bad memory? Do you wish that to go down upon the notes?—I say that if I have a bad memory on that topic it is the only one with regard to which I have a bad memory.

640. On that topic you say you do not remember when or in what sums you became possessed of something like eight or nine hundred pounds?—I do.

641. Did you hear, during the time of the election, of any bribery going on?—Oh, yes.

642. From whom did you hear that?—I do not remember any particular person telling me so.

643. Were you mixing with persons of both sides in politics?—No, not at that time.

644. You never conversed with anybody of opposite politics to yourself?—No, I think not.

645. Can you tell me of any sums of money that you heard of as money that had been paid on account of that election?—Do you mean besides what went through my hands?

646. Yes.—I only heard general rumours of sums being paid.

647. From whom did you hear those rumours?—I cannot recollect.

648. To what extent did you hear of money having been paid?—I did hear a rumour that there had been something like 7,000*l.* paid.

649. On which side?—I heard that that was the average on both sides.

650. 7,000*l.* on each side?—Yes.

651. When did you hear that?—Within two or three days of the election.

652. Before or after the election?—After the election.

653. Did you yourself see any money paid except this which was paid into your hands on account of the election?—I did not.

654. Not by any one or to any one?—I did not.

655. Did you hear in what way this money had been applied to the extent of 7,000*l.* on each side?—No, not in any particular way.

656. What do you mean by "not in any particular way?"—I mean not for any particular purpose. I heard that it had been applied in public-houses and in bribery.

657. What did you understand by bribery?—Paying a man for his vote.

658. You heard that these sums of money had been applied in public-houses and in paying people for their votes?—I did.

659. Did you hear any class of persons mentioned to whom this money had been paid?—No, I did not.

660. Then the rumours which you heard were of a very vague character?—Very vague.

661. They did not fix upon any person at all?—No.

662. How came you to apply to Mr. Wilson Barker for this money?—The general understanding was that he was the treasurer.

663. You received your appointment from Mr. Clark, who directed you to apply to Mr. Barker for money?—Mr. Wilson, of Liverpool. I believe I applied first to Mr. Wilson, and he referred me to Mr. Barker.

664. When did you receive your instructions from Mr. Wilson?—Within a few days of the election.

665. What were his instructions to you?—On any money matters to apply to Mr. Barker.

666. Was that before the election?—That was after the election.

667. Was Mr. Wilson over here at the time of the election?—He was.

668. And for some time before the election?—Yes, he was here for a fortnight, I should think.

669. Had you known Mr. Wilson before?—I had.

670. When?—For the last two years I had known him slightly.

671. What is Mr. Wilson?—I believe he is a ship-owner.

672. Is he connected with the ship-building company?—He is; he is chairman or vice-chairman, I think.

673. Had Mr. Schneider or Mr. Fenwick anything to do with that ship-building company?—Not that I know of.

674. Who else is connected with it?—Do you mean as a director?

675. Yes.—Mr. William Storey is a director, and Mr. Saunders is a director.

676. Is that the Mr. Saunders who stood for Lancaster?—Yes.

677. Against Mr. Fenwick?—Yes; I think Mr. William Satterthwaite also.

678. Have you had anything to do in a professional way with the Ship-building Company ?—I have not.

679. So that it was not from that that you became recommended ?—No.

680. Did you receive written instructions from Mr. Wilson to call on Mr. Barker for any money you should want ?—Yes, I did, I believe.

681. Have you got those written instructions ?—I have not.

682. What have you done with them ?—I destroyed them at the same time that I destroyed all the other election papers.

683. What other election papers did you destroy ?—Some rough drafts of accounts.

684. What accounts ?—Of monies I had paid and monies I had received as election agent.

685. Where were those rough drafts copied before they were destroyed ?—Into this book.

686. Were there any others destroyed except such as were copied in this book ?—There might be.

687. Were there not ?—There were.

688. What were those other drafts ?—Drafts of a lot of staff men that I paid who I did not put into the book.

689. How many did you pay that you did not put into the book ?—I should think about 100.

690. How much were those staff men each paid ?—Ten shillings apiece.

691. Those men do not appear in this book ?—No.

692. Nor in the other accounts that were made up from this book ?—No, they do not appear.

693. That would be to the amount of 50*l.* ?—50*l.*

694. You say that you destroyed other papers ; what other papers did you destroy ? I must ask you now on your oath ?—I was thinking ; I do not remember at present any others.

695. Just try and recollect what other papers you destroyed ?—I believe I destroyed the old list of voters.

696. What other accounts did you destroy ?—No other accounts whatever.

697. Do you tell me that the only account you destroyed which is not in this book was an account as to the 100 staff men ?—And the drafts of those accounts which are in the book.

698. Do I understand you to say that the only account you destroyed which is not in your book is the account of 100 staff men, amounting to about 50*l.* ?—And the drafts of those accounts.

699. I have excepted them already. Do yo mean to say that there were no others ?—There were no others.

700. When did you pay the 100 staff men ?—Within a week after the election.

701. Did you receive that 50*l.* from Mr. Barker ?—I did.

702. Was that part of the 900*l.* or not ; it could not be ; it was beyond the 900*l.* ?—Yes.

703. Then you have received from Mr. Barker 50*l.* besides the 900*l.* ?—That is my belief.

704. What other expenses were there brought before you besides these staff men ?—There were bills for public-houses, for refreshments and for canvassing.

705. Where are they ?—I do not know where they are.

706. Where are they entered ?—They are not entered anywhere that I know of.

707. How many public-houses were they for ?—I have not the least idea.

708. Twenty or thirty ?—I should think there would be.

709. To what amount for each house ?—Some of them were as high as 20*l.* or 30*l.* ; I daresay down to 5*l.*

700. May we take the average at 10*l.* or more ?—I think it may fairly be taken at 10*l.*

711. Then there would be public-houses to the amount of 300*l.* ?—Bills were sent in.

712. What did you do with those bills ?—When the bills came in they came pretty thick, and when I got a good number together I called different parties together who had been actively engaged in the election, and we went through those bills.

713. Who were those parties ?—Mr. George Clark, Mr. Coupland, Mr. William Cross, and Mr. James Hatch. I do not think there were any more. If I recollect any more I will tell you immediately.

714. You called these persons together to have a consultation as to what should be done with those bills, as they came in pretty thickly ?—Yes.

715. From what other people did they come in besides from public-houses ?—Only a lot of voters who called themselves canvassers.

716. To what extent did bills for the so-called canvassers come in ?—There would be perhaps 30 or 40 of them.

717. What payment does a so-called canvasser generally require ?—He sets his services at about 5*l.*

718. There would be 20 or 30 at 5*l.* ?—There would.

719. What else besides those ?—I do not recollect any others, I think that canvassing for so many days was a sort of general term with them to cover anything they might happen to have done.

720. Then the only claims with respect to which you called this council of war were from 20 or 30 public-houses, and 20 or 30 canvassers ?—I think so.

721. Did the council meet at your house ?—No, we met at the "King's Arms."

722. Some evening shortly after the election ?—Yes, some afternoon or evening ; we met more than once.

723. Before your accounts went in ?—Yes, before the accounts went in.

724. Will you be good enough to tell me who took the chair at the meeting of the council ; did you ?—I do not think we had a chairman, I forgot to say that Mr. William Storry was one of them.

725. He is one of the ship-building directors ?—Yes.

726. He would be personally engaged in the matter, taking a considerable interest in the election ?—Yes.

727. Is he a Liverpool gentleman ?—No, he is a Lancaster gentleman.

728. When this council met at the "King's Arms," did you lay before them the bills that had been sent in ?—I did.

729. Or a list of them ?—No, the bills themselves.

730. The canvassers did not send in any bills, did they ?—Yes, they sent in regular bills.

731. How did they make out their bills ?—"Mr. Lawrence's Committee to John Smith, six days' canvassing, 5*l.*"

732. That was the form ?—That was the form.

733. These bills would be on slips of paper, I suppose, and you laid them before the council at the "King's Arms" ?—I did.

734. And at that time were there also laid before the council any other bills ?—The whole of the bills that were sent in were laid before them.

735. Any besides these which were repudiated ?—Yes, the legitimate bills as we went through them.

736. And the council selected which were legitimate, and which were illegitimate ?—Yes, I took away the legitimate ones.

737. What became of the illegitimate ones ?—I always left them on the table for them to do what they liked with them.

738. Who made the selection ?—A bill would be taken up, and it would be said that it ought to be paid.

739. You went through them regularly ?—Yes, and anybody who had any objections to make was very quickly heard.

740. Of what character were the objections ?—"That is not a proper bill, it ought not to be paid."

741. And no cause assigned ?—No, I think not.

742. It was a peremptory challenge ?—Yes, a peremptory challenge.

743. You say that you took the legitimate bills away with you ?—I did.

744. And the illegitimate ones were left on the table ?—Yes.

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745. Who was left in charge of the illegitimate bills?—The gentlemen who happened to be present.

746. When you went out did you leave the other gentlemen there?—Yes, I did.

747. Were the bills tacked together and given into the hands of some one of them?—I do not know what became of them.

748. You cannot tell whether any of those gentlemen took possession of them?—I cannot, I should have stated that Mr. Wilson Barker, I believe, was present on the occasion.

749. I am sorry you forgot him, we shall begin to believe in the badness of your memory. Did Mr Wilson Barker look over the bills?—He did.

750. Was it not at that meeting that Mr. Wilson Barker provided you with some of the money?—I think not.

751. Was it not the same evening at his house?—It might be, it would be within a short time, no doubt.

752. For the purpose of paying these legitimate bills?—Yes.

753. And what became of the illegitimate bills you do not know; you have seen nothing of them from that day to this?—No.

754. Have you never heard of them since?—I have had people bothering me.

755. Have they left off bothering you lately?—Yes, within a month after the election they bothered me.

756. Then in your belief they have been settled?—I do not know anything of that.

757. You think they have, do you not?—I should think that some of them have, not all.

758. Do you think that these 20 or 30 public-houses have not been settled with?—Some of them have.

759. How many would you say?—I do not know.

760. By how many of them have you been bothered since?—Not above half a dozen.

761. So that all, except half a dozen, we may take it for granted, have been settled with?—I do not think that, for when they bothered me I told them I had nothing to do with it.

762. Have you been troubled by the 20 or 30 canvassers since?—I think I have once or twice.

763. Have you ever met any of the canvassers since that time, these 20 or 30?—I think I have.

764. Have you no belief as to whether they have been paid since or not?—I think that nearly all of them have not been paid since; I should say that all the canvassers have not been paid.

765. These 20 or 30?—I should say that none of them have been paid.

766. To the best of your belief?—I am pretty sure they have not.

767. How many canvassers did you agree to pay at the "King's Arms"?—I have not the least idea.

768. (*Mr. Newton.*) Can you give me the name of any one man that you know of who has not been paid?—No, I cannot at present.

Adjourned to to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Tuesday, 28th August 1866.

PRESENT:—

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON.

MR. HILL.

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Mr. THOMAS GIBSON'S examination resumed.

769. (*Mr. Hill.*) You were telling me yesterday of the employment of certain persons in the election as staff men?—Before you ask me any questions, perhaps you will allow me to correct a portion of the evidence that I gave yesterday; if you remember, you asked me what were the different amounts I had received and at what times; and I said, as was the fact, that I did not recollect; but at the time I received them I gave Mr. Wilson Barker a dated receipt, and no doubt those receipts are in his possession, and you will be able to find out from him what I received and when I received it.

770. Do I understand you to say that you gave him a receipt for each sum as you received it?—For each sum as I received it.—No doubt they are in his possession, and he will be able to tell you what they were, and also as to those unpaid bills. I remember that at the time I sent in my accounts to the Town Clerk there were a lot of those unpaid bills in my hands.

771. And what did you do with them?—I gave them to Mr. Wilson Barker, and I think that among them there were some accounts of my own, but I am not sure.

772. What do you mean by accounts of your own?—I think there was an account of the money I had received from him, and how I had disbursed it.

773. You think so?—I think so, but I am not certain about it.

774. What monies would those be as to the disbursements?—They would be a portion of those monies that appear in that book.

775. Or rather these that appear in the book would be a portion of them?—No, all that appear in the book were not paid if you remember by me.

776. All with the exception of 229*l.*?—I fancy so; I do not know exactly what the amount is, and of course there would also be that 50*l.* or something like 50*l.* which I paid and which does not appear in the book.

777. Besides the 50*l.* and the other sums which appear in that book, what else was there in the account which you rendered to Mr. Barker?—Nothing whatever.

778. Besides what appear in the book and besides the 50*l.* to the staff men?—No, nothing whatever.

779. Then I understand from you that those are the whole of the payments that you made?—They are.

780. This 900*l.* in the book?—Yes, or whatever it was.

781. And the 50*l.* for the staff men?—Yes.

782. And of those sums you rendered an account to Mr. Barker?—I believe I did.

783. And upon the other side of the account you debited yourself with the monies received from Mr. Barker?—I believe so, I am pretty sure so.

784. And was the account regularly balanced up?—It was, I believe there was a small balance due to me.

785. And was that balance paid to you?—No, it has not been paid, I have never asked for it.

786. To what amount was that?—Only three or four pounds.

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787. Can you tell me the date of the settlement between you and Mr. Barker?—It would be sometime about the middle of September.

788. After you had sent in your account on the 11th of September?—Yes, I believe so.

789. Have you reason to believe that that account is still in existence?—I should think that Mr. Barker, being a careful man of business would keep it.

790. You know nothing further of it than that?—Nothing whatever.

791. There is nothing else that you wish to correct or to add to the evidence you gave yesterday?—No.

792. You made use of the expression yesterday,—which in fact seems to be a well recognized expression in the election—"staff men;" I want to know what were the duties of the men on the staff or the staff men?—I think those who were paid by me were men who were employed to keep the front of the hustings, and to prevent the other side from taking up all the room, and to cheer and hold up their hands for the candidate in whose employ they were.

793. The staff, then, does not refer to their being on an organized staff, but to their having staves in their hands, or something of that sort?—It is a sort of general term that will almost cover everything.

794. It has nothing to do with any employment on the Committee?—No.

795. Or on the staff of the Committee?—No.

796. The staff men were mostly voters, were they not?—No, they were all non-voters I believe; I believe that every one I paid was a non-voter.

797. But still their employment was in the election?—It was in the election.

798. Can you tell me how many voters it appears by your book were paid by you for services performed in the election; or, rather, I would put the question the other way; how many of those persons who appear in your book to have been paid for services performed at the election were voters?—I could not tell without looking at the book again, it has entirely passed out of my recollection.

799. Perhaps you will be good enough to make it out from your book and let me know?—I will.

800. And I shall be glad if you will also add to that how many of those are freemen and how many, if any, are householders?—I will.

801. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you anything to do with the selection of these staff men yourself?—I had.

802. Did you select them with reference to their being relatives or connexions of voters?—In no way. I did not even know their names, except as they gave them.

803. (*Mr Newton.*) Who brought them?—They came. There was an understanding that they would be wanted, I believe, and there was a great rush of men who came to be enrolled.

804. And you took them indiscriminately?—I did.

805. You have said that all that you paid were non-voters. Did anybody else pay any of the staff men?—I fancy so.

806. Who did?—I fancy Mr. Coupland, and Mr. Storey, and Mr. Hatch.

807. Anybody else?—Mr. John Cross and Mr. George Clark. I think they paid some.

808. Were those voters?—They were voters.

809. Anybody else?—James Carruthers.

810. Anybody else?—I do not remember anybody else at present.

811. You say that some of these that they paid were voters?—I do not know that they were voters.

812. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understood you to say that these men—Storey, Hatch, Cross, and Clark—were voters?—They were voters.

813. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did they pay any staff men who were voters?—I do not know that they did.

814. Was any account kept of those expenses?—I should think there would be; I have seen no account of them.

815. Who would pay them—the person who employed them?—I fancy so.

816. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How came you to pay some of these staff men, and these gentlemen to pay the others?—I paid all those whose names I had taken down myself.

817. (*Mr. Newton.*) And was it done in the same way on the other side?—I do not know at all.

818. Are you able to speak to what was done by the other side as to staff men?—No, I have not the least idea.

819. (*Mr. Hill.*) You said that when you sent in your bill to the Town Clerk there were a lot of the unpaid bills in your hands. Were those the bills that we spoke of yesterday as illegitimates?—Some of them were. I think they would be bills that came in to me since we had the council meeting.

820. Those you still say you left on the table; that is those that were given in to the Council, and that you did not accept to pay?—I think they were.

821. And these others which you had in your hands at the time when you sent in your bill to the Town Clerk were further illegitimates?—They were further illegitimates.

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822. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a solicitor practising at Lancaster?—Yes.

823. And you have been here a long time, and are of considerable standing?—Since the year 1830, with the exception of two, I have been actively engaged in every contested election in the borough of Lancaster.

824. With the exception of two elections?—With the exception of two elections.

825. You were the agent for the petition on which Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider were unseated?—Yes; out of four election petitions which have gone from Lancaster I have been agent for three of them.

826. On which political side have you been engaged?—On the conservative side, except at one election, when I was the agent of Mr. Fenwick.

827. Which election was that?—In the year 1859.

828. I ask the question with reference to the times you have been agent to petitions?—The first was against the return of Mr. Samuel Gregson, I think in the year 1848.

829. And when afterwards?—In the same year I was agent for the Honorable Mr. Stanley, now Lord Stanley, against the return of Mr. Armstrong.

830. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was that in 1859?—No, in the year 1848.

831. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In that case the sitting member preserved his seat, did he not?—Yes, he did. They went on a scrutiny in that case only. That was Mr. Robert Baines Armstrong; there have been two Mr. Armstrong's in the borough, Mr. John Armstrong being the other.

832. What was the next occasion?—The last occasion. I was agent for Mr. Lawrence at the last election.

833. Can you tell us the date of your retainer for Mr. Lawrence?—I think it was in May of last year. I have a letter from Mr. Lawrence, and can give you the exact date if necessary.

834. That is not material; what do you consider to be the duties of an election agent?—To do the best one can for one's candidate, and to know as little as possible about illegal practices.

835. What acts did you do towards doing the best you could for your candidate?—Advising him on all occasions to the best of my judgment.

836. With reference to what?—With reference to the election generally; there are a variety of things that an agent has to do.

837. In an election there are many details, as to what would you advise him?—To arrange for his chairman, his proposer, and his seconder, those who have most interest in the neighbourhood, to whom he

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should write personally, and to accompany him on many occasions.

838. Would you advise him at all with reference to his expenditure?—Certainly not.

839. Would you be consulted as to whether such and such an expense was legal or illegal?—Certainly not; I declined altogether to have anything to do with money matters.

840. Then are we to understand that you personally know nothing of any corrupt expenditure on the Conservative side at the last election?—Nothing whatever.

841. Personally I ask the question?—Nothing whatever; until the morning of the polling day I had reason to think that no money would be spent on the Conservative side.

842. From your long experience in Lancaster did you think it possible that a Conservative candidate would be returned without improper expenditure?—I did, and I was of opinion that if there was no illegal expenditure Conservatives would be returned, inasmuch as the freemen are essentially a Conservative body.

843. What is your reason for saying that the freemen are essentially a Conservative body?—One principal reason is that there is a great notion among freemen that gentlemen on the Liberal side of the question are exceedingly anxious to deprive them of their right of voting and of other rights which they naturally feel anxious to preserve.

844. What other rights do you refer to?—The right of freedom from toll, for instance; that is a very sore subject with them.

845. You said something about their being naturally anxious to preserve their rights?—Yes, to preserve rights which have no doubt long belonged to them as much as another person's property.

846. Do you refer to any other rights besides freedom from toll?—There is what the Town Clerk mentioned yesterday, the right of common over Lancaster Moor, and also a right to an equal share of the profits arising from the marsh land.

847. Can you say whether there is any idea among the body of freemen that it is the endeavour of the Liberal party to deprive them of those rights?—Among the country freemen there is a strong opinion to that effect.

848. Do you yourself as a resident in Lancaster know whether it is the wish of the Liberal party to deprive the freemen of those rights?—I do not presume to judge of people's intentions; I have heard remarks made, I do not know whether they apply generally, but I have heard remarks frequently made by persons who are not freemen against the rights of the freemen.

849. You have said that you never heard of any corrupt expenditure on the Conservative side until the morning of the polling?—On the morning of the polling day I was in the Committee-room, and was hardly out of it during the day, but from the character of the voting I felt convinced that bribery must then be going on.

850. Had you heard of any bribery on the other side before that?—I had heard an expression made use of by one of the ex-members that it should cost Mr. Lawrence 10,000*l.* to get in.

851. But I mean did any one tell you of any specific act of bribery that had been committed?—Do you mean before the election?

852. Yes, before the election?—No.

853. No such expression was used as "They are getting our voters away from us?"—Yes, I heard of one man being got out of the way; I heard that Henry Welch had a voter named Dixon locked up in his premises or adjoining.

854. That was before the election?—Yes, before the election.

854*a*. Was that the only case you heard of?—The only specific case; there were rumours, as there always are, but I do not believe that many voters were got away improperly at the last election; they came to the poll.

855. I am not alluding to what I believe is called "bottling," but to voters being bribed from your side, or being bribed over to vote for the other side?—I do not think there were many cases of that sort.

856. I mean voters whom you expected would have voted for Lawrence who voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—That I heard afterwards.

857. And not before?—No, I was chiefly in the Committee-room to receive the parties who went there.

858. What do you mean by the expression "character of the voting?"—I found people voting on our side who never had voted on our side before, and they were that class of people that I felt quite certain must have had an inducement to do so.

859. Is that all you know of the corrupt expenditure during the election?—Yes, prior to the polling day.

860. I meant to include the polling day as well?—On the polling day I heard of course a great many rumours in the Committee-room, but I know nothing of my own personal knowledge.

861. Did any voter tell you that he had had money offered by the other side on the polling day?—I cannot charge my memory with that; I was so much engaged on the polling day that I do not think it likely I should have allowed myself to be interrupted.

862. Were the voters who you found voted on your side, and whom you expected to have voted on the other side, numerous?—Yes, there were a good many of them.

863. Did you find that voters who you expected would have polled for Lawrence were polling for the other side?—Yes, a considerable number, and some men who had always voted on the Conservative side before.

864. Can you give us the names of those whom you expected to vote for you and who voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—I could not do so at present, but before you cease your sittings I could probably make out a list which would be important.

865. You could perhaps do so in the course of to-morrow?—Yes, very likely.

866. Have the kindness to do so, and also of those whom you expected to vote for you but who voted for the other side?—I will do so.

867. I think you have said that you had no information as to the means by which these voters were won over on either side at that time?—No, but since that time I have in consequence of the inquiries I have made.

868. I was just coming to that. Of course when you were agent for the petition to the House of Commons you made further inquiries?—Yes, a great many inquiries, and a very difficult matter it was to obtain information.

869. When were you first retained on the business of the petition?—The retainer would be either in December or January last; I forget which.

870. Had you made inquiries before that time?—Yes, in the meantime I had been hearing all I could upon the subject.

870*a*. From whom did you receive any material information on the subject; can you give me the names?—Do you wish for the names of the parties who gave me the information?

871. Yes?—I can give you the information I did receive, but you must excuse my giving the names of the parties.

872. I cannot excuse you; you must give me the names?—I received the information under a pledge that I would not give up the name of my informant.

873. You cannot avail yourself of any such pledge here. The course adopted at Wakefield was a very discreet one. A list of the names was furnished to the Commissioners, and I must request you to furnish us with a list of the names of the parties who gave you information upon the subject?—Yes, I will undertake to do that.

873*a*. Now I ask you generally what was the information you received?—The information I received I

had better detail to you. The plan of operations I believe on both sides was this, that the town was divided into districts, with a captain over each district. The captain had under him parties who generally went by the name of lieutenants, and the same plan was adopted in each village within the radius of seven miles. In each district of the town a number of public houses were taken which went under the name of committee rooms, and so in the country, and sums varying from 5*l.* to 30*l.* were paid for these houses. In Lancaster the "Queen's" Hotel was the principal house of the Liberal party, the "Old Sir Simon's," kept by Mr. Loftus was another, and he will be able to tell you what he received for it, I daresay. The "Commercial" was another.

874. Who was the landlord of the "Commercial?"—I think his name was Richmond. The "White Lion," kept by Peter Moore, was another, and there were one or two in China Lane.

875. Do you remember the signs of them?—No, I do not exactly remember that; and in the lower part of the town where the factory and lower population lived I think the Liberal party had the whole of them.

876. What part of the town do you call the lower part?—The east part—Leonard gate, Dam-side street, Bulk street, and Penny street; about the Friarage and Henry street is a very respectable part of the town.

877. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say the Liberal party had the most of them?—Yes, nearly the whole of them. Yellow flags were flying from them. You could not pass any without yellow flags.

878. They hoisted the yellow flag for the Liberal party?—Yes.

879. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You only mean from the houses?—From the committee rooms, I suppose we must call them.

880. Had this been going on for some considerable time before the nomination?—Do you mean the use of these houses?

881. Yes?—I should say for a fortnight before the election. Then I would go to Morecambe. The Liberal party went first of all to the "Queen's."

882. Was there any treating going on during that fortnight?—I cannot say.

882*a*. You had no information?—I had information, but I cannot speak of my own knowledge, though I have no doubt that there was considerable treating.

883. Can you give us any information by which it can come to our knowledge?—Yes, I think I shall be able to supply you with information which will lead to it just now. At Morecambe they went first of all to the "Queen's;" and then there is Daniel Edmondson's, the "Joiner's Arms," where a gentleman whom I shall have to name just now, presided. At the "Queen's" on the polling day, the presiding spirits were Henry Welch.

884. (*Mr. Hill.*) The "Queen's," at Lancaster?—Yes, I will take Lancaster first. At the "Queen's" on the polling day the presiding spirits were Henry Welch, Stephen Wright Wearing, and, I do not know whether his name is Parkinson or Robinson, but he is the manager for Mr. Richard Armstrong, who I think proposed Mr. Fenwick.

885. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is he a voter?—No, I do not think he is. I have omitted to name the house of Mr. Anthony Knowles Allinson, the gentleman who evaded the service of the speaker's warrant.

886. (*Mr Hill.*) What is the name of his house?—The "Golden Lion." Then at the "Commercial" Mr. George Cleminson presided, and I should say from the quantity of eggs which we received on the nomination day that he was there that day.

887. (*Mr Barstow.*) Why should you infer that?—Because he had always been an active agent, and a person to whom I shall have to advert presently served his time with him.

887*a*. What has that to do with the eggs?—At the "Commercial" we were received with a shower of eggs on the hustings, and Mr. George Cleminson and his wife were the persons presiding there at the time.

888. You were received with a shower of eggs and from that you infer that Mr. George Cleminson was there?—They were seen there.

889. Throwing eggs?—Yes. Then at Peter Moore's house, I am speaking now from the information I have received, a person of the name of Henry Kirby Baines, who I understand is the cashier of Mr. Schneider, presided, and according to my information bribed a great number of voters; Peter Moore, I understand, also took an active part in the election. There was also a house at Skerton kept by a man of the name of William Barrow; William Towers of Cheapside also took a very active part in the election.

889*a*. What is the name of his house?—He is not an innkeeper; I understand that he was one of the captains.

890. Have you got through the list of the innkeepers?—No, not in the country.

891. Have you got through those in the Lancaster district?—Yes, I have given all that I know.

892. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have not given us the name of the person who kept the "Old Sir Simon"?—Lofthouse, he was also a Conservative before that time. I ought to say that information was brought to me that we might have Lofthouse's house for 20*l.*, and that he had had more offered him from the other side, but I said we would have nothing to do with it.

892*a*. When did that information come to you?—That was before the polling day.

893. (*Mr. Newton.*) You declined the offer?—Yes.

894. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now you are going on with the list of the captains?—Yes, I gave the name of William Towers, and I understood he paid Burrow for his house.

895. Do you know what the sum was?—I have heard, but I could not say; Towers was a frequent visitor at Carnforth just before the witnesses were taken up for the election petition.

895*a*. What do you suppose took him to Carnforth?—Well, from the manner in which the witnesses gave their evidence afterwards I could only arrive at one conclusion.

896. What conclusion did you arrive at from that?—The conclusion I arrived at was that that they had not disclosed to the Committee the truth.

897. The Carnforth witnesses?—The Whormby's; I shall have something to say about one of them when I come to the country districts. James Turner, of Nile Street, was also a captain, I understood.

898. What was his district?—He lives in Dam-side Street, and I presume that was his district.

899. Do you know what William Towers' district was?—I think he was a very general man; I think he was in all parts. I observe from the details of expenses that he took a very great variety of journeys, gigs and all sorts of things, before the election; you will find in the details of Peter Moser's bill that Mr. Welch generally took a carriage and pair; the others were content with a gig or a drag, with a single horse; and you will find also the districts which they honoured with their visit for a fortnight before the election, or thereabouts. For instance: June the 9th, Hartley and Towers, horse and gig, half a day; 16th, Hartley and A. K. Allinson; 21st, Hartley, gig; 21st again; William Welch, horse and drag—that is another Welch; then comes *the* Mr. Welch—"H. Welch, carriage and pair."

900. If those details are handed to us, it will be unnecessary for you to go through them (*the statement is handed to the Commissioners*)?—I will proceed with the captains. John Bleasdale, junior, was a very active man.

901. What was his district?—Penny Street; then Thomas Albright, of Market Place.

902. What was his district?—I fancy any district that might be useful, and the information that came to me was that he received a very considerable sum of money, and was made the medium of circulating it in any district where it might be useful.

902*a*. You told us that the way in which this was managed was that the town was districted out, and

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certain captains appointed in each district, and that is the reason I ask you if you can tell us who was captain to any particular district as you go along?—I could scarcely tell you what exact districts they took; as to Mr. Albright my information was that he received at the "Queen's" a sum of money so considerable that he could not tell by a hundred pounds whether it was right or wrong. Then Thomas Fothergill, of China Lane, was a very active man; William Burrow, Innkeeper, of Skerton, was another; Richard Pateson Moser, was another; Jacob Moser, of New Road, was another; Christopher Hartley, of Penny Street, was another; Henry Simpson, of Market Street, was another; John Gardner, of Church Street, was another. That, I believe, is all the information I received so far as regards Lancaster. But, with respect to the country, the most active by far, both in country and town, was Joseph Wilson, the ex-tailor.

903. Where does Mr. Wilson live?—I really do not know; it is difficult to say; Morecambe should be his place; but it was impossible to catch him with the speaker's warrant, and whether you will be more fortunate I do not know.

903*a*. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you seen him lately?—It is about three weeks since I saw him; he came up hastily to me, and declared his intention not to pay some rates, and disappeared as hastily.

904. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where was he rated for?—He does not happen to be rated; it was rather too early to object.

905. (*Mr. Barstow*) If we do not catch him, somebody else will?—You will be very lucky if you do. With reference to Joseph Wilson, I shall confine myself to witnesses who I have reason to believe prevaricated before the Committee; there was one man whom the Committee told that they did not believe, and that was one of the Whormby's.

906. Are you going on with a list of voters supposed to be bribed by Joseph Wilson?—Yes, and the first of those is Thomas Whormby.

907. (*Mr. Hill.*) His name is not in the printed evidence; there is only Mary Whormsby?—Thomas Whormsby was examined.

908. No, his evidence was postponed on account of ill-health?—Yes, I recollect now, I am mistaken; it is Masheder I mean.

909. Which of them?—John. He denied that he received any money, and my information is that Joseph Wilson threw a brown paper parcel on to the bed in the bedroom, to his wife, and said, "Here, take this; you need not look at it now," and that his wife received the money: that was the difference. With reference to the other Whormbys, I believe Mr. Robert Clarkson, from Carnforth, will be able to give you information as to statements of theirs; that the money was first of all given to females, which was Mr. Wilson's general mode of doing business—through the ladies—kept a certain time, and then handed over. Now, as to Morecambe, the Commissioners have read the report of the evidence, and they will be aware that a Mr. Jenkins presided at the "Joiners' Arms," and from my information that Mr. Jenkins was Mr. Thomas Kirby Baines, tinman and brazier, who served his time with Mr. George Cleminson, of Lancaster.

910. Is that the egg man?—Yes; he is brother to Mr. Henry Kirby Baines, who was in the employment of Mr. Schneider. He received a large sum of money in gold at the "Queen's Hotel," in Lancaster, very early in the morning of the polling day, which he afterwards distributed amongst a portion of the Morecambe voters. I have heard that that sum was 600*l.*; he had his whiskers shaved off at the time, and he admitted to people coming down in the train when he got in at Crewe, that he was the Mr. Jenkins who sat at Morecambe.

911. Who did he admit that to?—To many; there is one party in Court to whom I can refer you.

912. Who is that?—John Gifford.

913. Had John Gifford been a witness before the Committee?—Yes, he is my clerk.

914. He only proved formal matters?—Yes.

915. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you give us the names of others who heard this acknowledgment from Baines?—Yes, George Dawson, of Lancaster, auctioneer.

916. Is he the same man who led the canvass?—Yes. Robert Shackleton was an active man at Morecambe, not only on this but on previous elections, and I may perhaps observe that Henry Welch, Stephen Wright Wearing, and Anthony Knowles Allinson and Joseph Wilson were all friends of Mr. Fenwick, and had been active on former elections.

917. Do you mean political friends?—Mr. Wilson goes rabbit-shroting there, I believe, so that he is a personal friend.

918. A personal friend of Mr. Fenwick's?—Yes.

919. He is the tailor?—Yes, the ex-tailor, and Henry Welch is another personal friend, because I believe he is consulted by Mr. Fenwick as to most matters; he was consulted as to whom he should invite when his son came of age: then the Commissioners will be familiar with the name of a Mr. Carruthers, who gave evidence before the Committee.

920. Within your knowledge had these gentlemen whose names you have just given us been active for Mr. Fenwick when canvassing for Lancaster before?—Yes, on one occasion Henry Welch seconded him.

921. (*Mr. Hill.*) On which occasion was that?—In 1859.

922. (*Mr. Barstow.*) All the others were active supporters of his on all other occasions when he was candidate?—Yes, I think on all occasions. Mr. Allinson was frequently up at Burrow Hall. Robert Stackhouse was also particularly active, both in town and country.

923. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is he?—He is a maltster at Poulton-le-Sands. The witness John Western gives, I think, rather a lengthy account of him before the Committee, and Western gives also an account of Henry Welch's proceedings on a former election. Stackhouse, the Commissioners will recollect, was the man who introduced the witness Baxter to Henry Welsh, and who, I have strong reason to believe, took in a great many others. My information goes that outside two voters of the name of Talbot received 10*l.* each from Stackhouse.

924. Do you mean in the street?—Yes; he was 10*s.* short with one of them first. Their names are Richard Talbot and Joseph Talbot. First of all he had not got quite enough; he was 10*s.* short.

925. Who gave them that money?—Stackhouse; and the 10*s.* was made up to them afterwards. I dare say Mr. Allinson will be able to give you information as to William Winder, of Alma Road, and John Winder, of King Street, joiner. We had not the opportunity of seeing him before the Committee, for he evaded, as I said before, the service of the Speaker's warrant. Perhaps I may be allowed to observe, that the Morecambe voters have been charged with being the most open to bribery; my only wonder is that they did not ask for three times the amount they received, they were so petted, spoilt, and looked after that I only wonder they did not ask three times the sums they received, but with reference to that I must say that the Heysham voters are worse by far.

926. Do you mean in the exorbitance of their demands?—Yes, that is the first place where bribery was commenced in the time of Mr. Samuel Gregson.

927. In 1848?—No, 1847 was the election.

928. Bribery then began there, and still remains worse?—Yes; they received 5*l.* in gold on the hill the morning of the election, and it is impossible to move them now without the application of something larger. Heysham, Heaton, and Overton are the worst places in the district. I have here a list of the country voters, taken out separately, which may be of service to you. The persons who operated at Heysham were Briant, Thomas Overend, and Lawrence Crook. I heard that Richard Castle received 9*l.*, who from I could not ascertain, and my informant stopped when I got that out.

929. (*Mr. Newton.*) He is a voter at Heysham?—He is one of the parties who admitted that he was bribed during Mr. Gregson's election.

930. In 1847?—Yes. I do not know that I have anything more to add.

931. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have told us about Heysham, can you tell us about Heaton or Overton?

932. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who operated at Newton?—I can scarcely say, with any certainty, because it was kept so much concealed. There are two or three I suspect, but I could not speak with any certainty. At Overton I heard of some man who had received 30*l.* for his vote.

933. Who was that?—I forget who it was, but it was the general rumour that he had received that sum for his vote.

934. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say Heaton is a bad place?—Yes.

935. Can you tell us the name of any man who was bribed or any operator there?—No, not exactly.

936. What is your reason for saying it is a bad place?—It always has been, and it has grown worse and worse. They have whetted their appetite very considerably since they have got the money.

937. You do not know any particular details of this election?—No, except that I heard going on the canvass these expressions: "What are you going to give?" "What is your price?"

938. Has that been said to you?—No, I heard it said.

939. On this occasion?—Yes, on this occasion and other occasions too.

940. Have you heard from others that that has been said at Heaton?—Yes.

941. Have you gone through your list of names?—Yes, I think I have.

942. These names you have mentioned are all supporters of Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes; by-the-bye, there is another case: you will recollect the name of Stirzaker. I believe that the daughter will be able to give you valuable information if you summon her.

943. Do you remember her Christian name?—No, I do not. Probably something will come out about a gold watch and chain, and Mr. Bell, the watchmaker, might be able to give important evidence upon the point. There is another thing I should like to speak to, as to what is the cost of a pure election in Lancaster. I am able to speak positively to the cost, in 1837, when Mr. Green, Mr. Marton, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Gregson were candidates for Lancaster; and I am also able to speak to 1841, when Mr. Green, Mr. Marton, and first of all Mr. Dashwood, but, on his retiring, then Mr. Armstrong came forward. At the last election it cost Mr. Marton 700*l.*

944. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you his agent?—I was one of his agents.

945. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Mr. Marton is alive now, is he not?—Yes; Mr. Roper, the gentleman who took an active part in that election with me, went through the accounts with me, so that I am speaking of my own knowledge.

946. (*Mr. Hill.*) To the best of your belief did Mr. Marton spend anything more than that 700*l.*?—Certainly not.

947. That was the whole?—Yes, I am certain of it.

948. (*Mr. Newton.*) His own expenses?—Yes; they did not coalesce; they paid their own expenses.

949. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You call that a pure election? Yes, certainly. Bribery was unknown at that time. The first bribery was commenced by Mr. Samuel Gregson, in the year 1847. In the year 1841 that election cost Mr. Marton 800*l.*

950. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who stood for that election?—Mr. Green, Mr. Marton, and first of all Mr. Dashwood, who retired; and then Mr. John Armstrong came forward, and went to the poll. Bribery was then unknown in Lancaster.

951. In 1841, how much did it cost Mr. Marton?—800*l.*

952. You were his agent then still?—Yes. Now as to the last election, I have been asked about bribery, and probably the Commissioners would like me to intimate my own opinion as to the number that were bribed. Judging from what I have learned since, I have not the slightest doubt that a thousand of the electors were paid directly or indirectly to vote at the last election. As to the cost of it, of course I speak from rumour only; but I am told it cost Messrs. Schneider and Fenwick 15,000*l.*, and Mr. Lawrence and his friends (for I believe there was a subscription to help him forward) nearly 8,000*l.* If you look at in this way, I imagine that will not be very far from the mark: taking 1,000 men at 10*l.* a head, which is about the average, there is 10,000*l.*; and take 40 public-houses on their side at 10*l.*, that is 400*l.*, and 30 on the other side at 10*l.*, that is 300*l.*

953. (*Mr. Newton.*) That is only 10,700*l.*?—But there are a great variety of other things.

954. You give it as 23,000*l.*?—So I have heard; but of course the gentlemen themselves will be able to explain it. It is merely matter I have heard. Now the freemen have been very much blamed. From the information I have received, I believe that although a larger number of freemen, in proportion, have been bribed than the householders, yet the householders have been bribed in larger numbers and with larger sums. Then Scotforth has been named as an increasing place. I may mention, though the area of seven miles that has been referred to includes many other places, there are many 10*l.* householders in addition. Morecambe is an increasing place, and Carnforth also, and there are a number of other increasing places within the seven miles area where there are additional 10*l.* householders. And now perhaps I may be allowed to mention what I think might tend to some extent to put down bribery.

955. I think not. We are here to inquire about bribery that has taken place. It is not for us to suggest a remedy; that is a matter for the Legislature?—It would be a general plan; it might or might not be of service.

956. I think we had better not introduce anything of that kind. You have already said that these names which you have given us were all persons on the Liberal side?—Yes.

957. Can you give us any information about the other side?—Yes.

958. You have told us that on both sides the town was divided into districts?—Yes.

959. And over every district there was a captain?—Yes.

960. Should you know the meaning of the phrase "a bribery man?"—Yes.

961. Do you think that any person concerned in the Lancaster election would know the meaning of "a bribery man?"—I do not know that they would. It is a general term used before committees. I understand it to be when a person sits to distribute money to all who are sent to him.

962. Is it a current term in Lancaster?—No.

963. Who were the captains on the Conservative side?—They were named yesterday. Mr. George Christopher Clark—

964. They were not named as captains. Every district had a house in it?—Yes.

965. What houses were open first for the Conservative side?—They are able to tell you better than I am.

966. Who?—The captains. I will give you the names if you please. Mr. George Christopher Clark—

967. Who is he?—He is the proprietor of the "Lancaster Gazette." Mr. William Storey—

968. Who is Mr. William Storey?—He is a large manufacturer in Lancaster, one of a firm. Mr. Hatch, a joiner and builder; Mr. Cross, a plasterer; and I think there was another, but I forget his name.

969. Was Mr. Wilson Barker one?—No; not that I am aware of. Mr. Coupland was another.

970. What is Mr. Coupland?—He is an upholsterer.

971. Can you give us any other name?—No, I think not; I think there were five captains.

SECOND DAY.

Mr. C. T. Clark.

28 Aug. 1866.

972. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were they captains in Lancaster only?—In Lancaster only.

973. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose you had country captains?—Yes.

974. We will take Morecambe first?—If you please; but as to the country districts, they were so changed that the men who were originally appointed perhaps were displaced once or twice. They were so changed throughout that I really cannot tell you.

975. Can you give us the names either of those who were displaced or of those who succeeded them?—I think Mr. Vince had something to do with Morecambe.

976. What is he?—He is an auctioneer.

977. At Morecambe?—At Morecambe. As to the country districts, I really do not know who they were. The men came and complained.

978. To whom did they come and complain?—To Mr. Wilson, I think, chiefly.

979. Which Mr. Wilson?—Mr. H. T. Wilson, of Liverpool.

980. He carries on shipbuilding there?—Yes.

981. Who proposed and seconded Mr. Lawrence?—Mr. Sharp proposed, and Mr. ~~Thomas~~ Edmunds seconded him.

982. Are those all the names you can give us on the Conservative side?—Yes, they are.

983. But there were captains for these other places whose names you cannot give us?—I cannot.

984. Can you refer us to any one who would be likely to give us the names?—The Lancashire captains, I have no doubt, would be able to give you the names of the country ones.

985. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you in court yesterday?—Yes.

986. Did you hear the evidence that was given by Mr. Gibson?—Yes.

987. As to his receiving money from Mr. Wilson Barker?—Yes.

988. What is Mr. Barker to Mr. Lawrence?—They are very much concerned together in the ship concern here together.

989. Did he conduct the financial part of the election?—I cannot say of my own knowledge.

990. But from what you have heard?—Yes.

991. Did you ever look at the cheques which Mr. Gibson received?—No; I know nothing at all of them.

992. And you were not aware of any money being paid except through the hands of the accredited party Mr. Gibson?—I did not receive mine from Mr. Gibson.

993. You did not receive your money from him?—No; not from Mr. Gibson.

994. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Barker.

995. You received yours direct from Mr. Barker?—Yes.

996. Did you appoint Mr. Gibson?—Yes; that is, I obtained Mr. Lawrence's sanction to the appointment.

997. When the accounts were sent in to the Town Clerk you did not know what the amount was?—No; I knew nothing about it at all.

998. Has it been the practice at Lancaster to make the accounts as low as they can well be sent in?—I have been much surprised at the manner in which they have dwindled down when the accounts have been sent in.

999. Were you surprised to hear Mr. Gibson say that he had paid 50*l.* out of his own pocket which he did not put into his bill?—We always know that the accounts that are rendered do not represent the money that has been spent.

1000. Were you aware of an Act of Parliament which was passed a few years ago as to the payment of expenses?—Yes, of course I was.

1001. Were you aware that any agent who keeps back any accounts and does not file them is liable to be indicted for a misdemeanor?—Yes, I have read the Act of Parliament, no doubt.

1002. You had read it before the 11th of September?—Yes, we are all bound to become aware of Acts of Parliament.

1003. Then you were aware at that time that Mr. Gibson was committing a misdemeanor?—I did not know what he had done until I saw it published in the newspaper.

1004. When did you first know that Mr. Gibson had paid away 50*l.* which he had not put into the accredited account?—Not till I heard it yesterday.

1005. Were you astonished when you heard it?—One is not astonished at anything that occurs at an election.

1006. Are you astonished at it now?—No, not at all.

1007. Did you know before to-day or yesterday that he had committed a misdemeanor?—I do not think he has.

1008. I must tell you that I think he has.—With all deference to you I do not think so.

1009. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say that the householders have been bribed with larger sums than the freemen?—I speak from my information.

1010. In what relative positions do the householders and freemen stand as regards the sums they have received?—I have heard that sums have been given varying from 3*l.* to 50*l.*

1011. To householders?—No, that sums have been given that varied from 3*l.* to 50*l.*, and that householders have been some of them at the top of the list.

1012. Does that variation in the sums at all correspond with the position that the persons occupy, or upon what does it depend?—I think those who manage matters most cleverly and who hold out the longest receive the most; I do not think that their position has anything to do with it.

1013. A vote is a vote?—A vote is a vote; a man calling himself an esquire may receive 3*l.*

1014. And a person who is perhaps occupying the lowest position may receive the highest sum?—Yes, it depends upon how he plays his cards.

1015. You have given a date at which you say bribery began in Lancaster; I did not catch that date?—That was the election in 1847. I was agent for Mr. Salisbury at that election.

1016. Who stood then?—Mr. Samuel Gregson—that was the first time he stood—Mr. Greene, and Mr. Salisbury.

1017. Were you agent for any of the parties at that election?—Yes, for Mr. Salisbury.

1018. Can you tell us what that election cost him?—It cost Mr. Salisbury a little under 2,000*l.*; it did not come up to 2,000*l.*

1019. Is Mr. Salisbury still alive?—I believe he is, but he is not in this country.

1020. You mean he is not in England?—No.

1021. Do you know at all what it cost Mr. Gregson upon that occasion?—I have heard that it cost him between 3,000*l.* and 4,000*l.*

1022. And did you hear at all what it cost Mr. Greene?—Yes, I heard that it cost Mr. Greene between 2,000*l.* and 3,000*l.* Then there was a petition against the return of Mr. Gregson and he was unseated.

1023. Was Mr. Greene petitioned against?—No. I was agent on that election petition.

1024. And Mr. Gregson was unseated for bribery?—For bribery and treating.

1025. Do you recollect to what extent bribery was proved before that committee?—They were not large amounts; 5*l.* each; they were chiefly of Heysham.

1026. Do I understand that in your opinion the practice of bribing voters began rather with the freemen and spread to the householders?—Yes; the country people wanted what they called their day's wages. Labour is dearer now and more valuable than it used to be at that time, and the consequence is that they estimate their day's wages now at a pound where formerly they were a shilling.

1027. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you mean by that that the wages were wages given to a man to come and vote?—Yes; in fact it is another name for bribery.

1028. Coming for their wages means coming for the money they receive for their vote?—Yes, and they often get it before they come.

1029. (*Mr Hill.*) You have resided in Lancaster all your life?—All my life in Lancaster and the neighbourhood.

1030. We were told in the evidence that was given yesterday by Mr. Swainson that the admissions of freemen rose very greatly in number when there was the anticipation of an election, and he gave us the fees that were paid upon their admission. Do you know anything at all with regard to the practice of paying for those admissions?—Yes, and a very bad practice it is. It introduces on the register the very lowest class of freemen, men oscillating between the parish and being able to maintain themselves. Some of them are able to pay for themselves, but many are not; and the practice introduces on the register the very lowest and worst class.

1031. In 1864, when 134 persons were placed on the freemen's list at a benefit to the Corporation fund of 131*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, what was the class of men that were so introduced?—I do not think there were so many of the lowest class then as I have known on other occasions. The Town Clerk, I think, would be able to furnish you with lists of those who were paid for by Mr. Allinson.

1032. As to those 134 men, can you tell by whom their admissions were paid for?—I have no doubt that nearly 100 of them were paid for by Mr. Fenwick or his friends.

1033. That admission took place, in fact, after the contest between Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Saunders?—Yes, in anticipation of a general election.

1034. An election which would come on in the July following on that register?—Yes.

1035. You say you have no doubt that nearly 100 of those were placed on by Mr. Fenwick and his friends?—Yes.

1036. Is the money paid by the men themselves as they come to be put on the list, or is it paid by other persons?—Very often it is given to them. I have a list of those who were paid for by Mr. Allinson and by Mr. Robert Shackleton. Mr. Shackleton paid for those in that district, and Mr. Allinson for a number in Lancaster.

1037. They stood there and paid the fees as they were sworn in?—They paid the Town Clerk either then or afterwards. I have a list in my possession of those who were paid for.

1038. Have you that list here?—No, not here, but I can produce it if you wish it.

1039. That is 100 out of 134?—I do not mean to say that this list embraces 100.

1040. Who paid for the others?—They paid for themselves; the Conservatives paid for none.

1041. Are you certain of that?—Yes.

1042. How came it that the Conservatives had not hunted up any to put upon the register?—Because they had not a candidate at that time.

1043. Was it necessaryto have a candidate in order to have a fund forthcoming?—Yes; we do not find many persons in this borough who will advance much money.

1044. Then in your opinion did that 100*l.* come from the pockets of the persons who were putting forward Mr. Fenwick?—I believe it did.

1045. In 1865 (last year) there were 103 persons put on to the benefit of the Corporation Fund of 106*l.*?—Yes.

1046. Those persons would not be entitled to vote until after the revision of this present year?—They would be put on in November last year. The register would come in force in November, and then they would be entitled to vote.

1047. Those persons were put on after the general election?—Yes.

1048. They were sworn in as freemen after the general election?—Yes.

1049. Of those 103, how many do you say were put on by the Liberal party?—I could not say, but I have no doubt that a number of them were put on in return for the votes of their parents or some of their friends. I have no doubt of that.

1050. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you say that the numbers put on at the last registration, in 1865, were 94 freemen's sons, and nine apprentices?—They would not all come on the register, as a matter of course, because a number of those were non-residents, that is, they were not living within the seven miles, or had not lived within the seven miles for the requisite period.

1051. That number of persons were made freemen?—So the Town Clerk says, but probably not half of them would come on to the register; we admitted none, that is all I can say.

1052. Did the Conservative party admit any?—We had nobody to pay for it, and admitted none; I had frequently parties applying to me last year, and the year before, and I told them I could not say anything about their admission, that there was no fund, and that I knew of none.

1053. (*Mr. Hill.*) Then you believe that a great number of those 103 were put on by the Liberal party?—I should think so.

1054. Then the reason that none were put on by the Conservatives was because there was nobody to pay the fee for their admission?—Yes.

1055. Then, in your opinion, were the fees paid by the agents for the Liberal party?—I think that the larger part of them were paid by the Liberal party.

1056. There are, of course, a great number of freemen who come on independently?—Yes.

1057. Is there any practice as to those persons that are put on by the one party or by the other as to their voting for that party?—Yes, it is generally considered that they ought to do it, but I am sorry to say they do not do it, because on one occasion I very well recollect admitting one man, at least, who voted against us the first opportunity he had, and I believe that at the last election there were several who voted for Lawrence who had been admitted and paid for on the other side.

1058. Several, you say?—Yes, so I understood.

1059. But unless some consideration had been given to them overruling the first consideration, they would have still held on to the party who had caused them to be admitted by paying the fees?—Yes, perhaps I may just observe that the election in March, 1848, between Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Stanley, I have every reason to believe was a pure election.

1060. That was the election that took place on Mr. Gregson being unseated on petition?—Yes.

1061. After that unseating on petition the election was a pure election?—I believe it was, we went on a scrutiny only; there were the usual charges of bribery, but those charges were not gone into; and I have reason to think that that was as nearly as possible a pure election.

1062. It was only a scrutiny as to residence, and so on, and as to validity of votes?—I have reason, also, to believe that the election which took place in 1853, between Mr. Greene and Mr. Armstrong, was a pure election.

1063. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You of course recollect the election which has been referred to as Mr. Schneider's "walk over"?—Yes.

1064. In 1865?—On the death of Mr. Gregson.

1065. Was there any effort made on that occasion to put forward a Conservative candidate?—I suppose I am bound to tell what passed.

1066. Certainly?—We had it under consideration, and at one time we thought of proposing a candidate, because it is generally considered that when a gentleman gets into a seat it is difficult to oust him; we had an intention of proposing a candidate, but on consideration it was thought that it was so near to the general election that it was not worth spending money then; and we therefore reserved our powder and shot for the general election.

1067. Then, on your side there was no preparation made for a contest?—No, the register was looked over.

1068. There was no money spent in preparations?—No, no active steps at all were taken.

Mr. George William Maxsted sworn and examined.

SECOND DAY.

Mr. G. W. Maxsted.

28 Aug. 1866.

1069. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a solicitor, and likewise the Under Sheriff for Lancaster, residing in this town?—Yes.

1070. And you were the agent of Mr. Schneider and Mr. Fenwick at the last election?—Yes.

1071. When did you receive your retainer?—In May, 1865; I never was formally retained.

1072. Had you never been agent previous to that election?—Yes, in every election since 1847.

1073. Then you are well acquainted with the proceedings at the elections in Lancaster?—Yes, I think so.

1074. What was the first election at which you were agent?—In 1847, for Mr. Gregson.

1075. That was when Mr. Gregson, Mr. Greene, and Mr. Salisbury were the candidates?—Yes.

1076. And Mr. Gregson was unseated?—He was the following year.

1077. You have always acted as a Liberal agent since then?—Yes.

1078. At the present time, I believe, you have a partner?—Yes.

1079. Mr. Gibson, who was the agent for money purposes for Mr. Lawrence?—Yes, he was not my partner at that time.

1080. When did he become your partner?—Last September.

1081. Before or after he returned his expenses to the Town Clerk?—It would be before; I believe that our partnership dates from the 4th of September, if I recollect right; I think so.

1082. You have heard the evidence that has been given by Mr. Clark, the agent on the other side; perhaps you will be good enough to tell us what you know as to bribery, or treating that took place on the Conservative side; tell us if you are aware whether there were any captains, such as have been spoken of by Mr. Clark, on the Conservative side?—I have scarcely any knowledge at all as to that: Mr. Clark has obtained his knowledge in getting up evidence for the petition; I really have very little knowledge upon the subject. I shall be very glad to answer any questions that may be put to me.

1083. Were you aware that it was the practice to have captains over certain districts?—Yes, certainly.

1084. Both on the Conservative and on the Liberal side?—Yes; I may state that Mr. Tilly arranged that part of it; I have before me the names of the gentlemen who were put down to act in each district.

1085. Be good enough to tell us, as far as you know from those papers, the captains of the different districts?—I do not think I shall be able to give you the captains of the districts; I always devoted myself entirely to the canvass. I know very little more than that I do find certain names entered in a book.

1086. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the book?—It is a minute book of my proceedings at the election—"arrangements, districts, captains, and assistants."

1087. (*Mr. Newton.*) In whose handwriting is that? One of my clerks, I think (*referring to the book*). Yes, it is.

1088. Perhaps you will let me look at the book? (*The book is handed to the Commissioners.*)

1089. Whose business was it to write this "arrangements, districts, captains, and assistants"?—I did not undertake it on that occasion.

1090. Who did this?—Mr. Tilly, but merely on the ground of division of labour.

1091. But you were perfectly conversant with all that was going on?—It was before me.

1092. What do you call this book?—I should call it a minute book.

1093. Was it made up before the election, or after it?—You will observe it shews the result of the poll as it goes on each half-hour; that was done at the time.

1094. It was done on the day of the polling?—Yes, as the fact took place. The copy that I have handed to you would be written afterwards, I have no doubt, from other copies.

1095. Who entered these figures?—May I ask what figures you refer to?

1095*a*. The figures put under the voters, and the time they voted, and how they voted?—A clerk, by my direction.

1096. Were they entered at the time?—Yes.

1097. They were copied from some return?—They were taken from the returns; I took the returns myself; they were brought to me in the way in which Mr. Clark has described that he was engaged, and that is the result.

1098. Mr. Tilly, you say, made the arrangements as to the districts for the captains and assistants?—With the assistance of the gentlemen about us he undertook the arrangement, and that is the result so far as I know.

1099. Were the captains to receive any payment?—I have no knowledge of that at all; not to my knowledge.

1100. Were the assistants to have any money given to them?—I have no knowledge of it; I may state that unless they did get something, I should think they would not act; I am quite sure about that, I do not wish to give a false impression by my answers, but I know nothing of it as a fact.

1101. You know nothing of the fact of their payment, but you do not doubt that they were paid?—They would require some sinews.

1102. Do you know who furnished the sinews?—No.

1103. Nor where the sinews came from?—No.

1104. Did you go canvassing with Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider?—Yes.

1105. In the country as well as the town?—Yes, it has been my practice since 1847 to do the work myself, that is, never to leave the candidate if I can possibly avoid it. I always accompany him, and by that means I keep my own book, and my own calculation, and nobody has anything to do with it.

1106. Have you your own calculation there?—I have (*producing a book*).

1107. Will you allow me to look at it?—I think you will make nothing of it.

1108. But I should like to see it if you have no objection; there is nothing in it I suppose that you do not wish us to see?—Certainly not (*handing the book to the Commissioners*). I might hesitate to give you some replies, perhaps, as to the mode in which I do it.

1109. You say you went canvassing always with the candidate?—Yes.

1110. Did you ever go to Heysham?—Yes, I have been to Heysham, and on the first occasion referred to by Mr. Clark it happened (though it is no particular credit to myself) that Heysham was the only place that I did not go to with Mr. Gregson.

1111. I am speaking of 1865. Did you go always with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Fenwick in 1865?—I did.

1112. And to Heysham?—I think not; I think we did not get to Heysham. The time allowed was very limited, and if I recollect right we never got there at all.

1113. Who canvassed Heysham?—It would be some parties who would be sent from the town.

1114. Can you at all tell us who they were?—I cannot, I am not sure.

1115. You heard what Mr. Clark said?—The fact is that I did not go to Heysham on this occasion, but Mr. Tilly did.

1116. Did you go to Morecambe?—Yes.

1117. Did you ever hear any voter ask you or ask the candidates for money?—No.

1118. Did they never say "What will you give us?"—No, I have no recollection whatever of hearing any such expression, I have heard such things as this,—meeting a labouring man perhaps coming from his work, or finding him in his cottage, he would say, "Who is to pay me for my day's work? If I come to "vote for you I shall lose my day's work, and perhaps "be off work all the week after." That is the style of thing.

1119. Then he would naturally expect payment? —I feel perfectly satisfied that he could not afford to vote, or would not vote unless he was reimbursed.

1120. And then he would be paid, of course?—I do not know it; I give it you as I heard it.

1121. Did you tell somebody that that man wanted his wages paid?—No, I should consider I was stepping beyond my province of book-keeping if I did that.

1122. Did you make no mark in your book as to that man?—I should not put him down as a safe voter, I should have no distinguishing mark for him.

1123. Should you make any mark in red ink?—No, the red ink marks were made afterwards.

1124. You would put no mark against that man's name?—I might; I should not have any general mark that I should put against such a man.

1125. You would put his name perhaps by itself? I suppose, in plain terms, the man says in substance "I am to be bought?"—No, I call him an honest man who cannot afford to lose his time.

1126. He says in effect "I am ready to come and vote if you will come and pay me?"—He says, in effect, that he does not value the privilege. That applies chiefly to out voters in the country districts.

1127. That man would naturally get money if he voted at all?—After a man makes use of that observation it seems a natural thing to conclude that he would get money.

1128. Perhaps you will explain what these figures in red ink in your book are, and the different columns: you will see Thomas Bennison, weaver, and the figures 6,6 put against him in red ink?—That man voted for Mr. Saunders on the previous occasion.

1129. And how did he vote on this occasion?—On this occasion he would not promise us (the Liberals); that is, he did not promise Mr. Fenwick. He did promise Mr. Schneider, and then I was in ignorance what he would do with the other vote. He promised him one, and that man stuck to his promise and voted for Schneider and Lawrence.

1130. Who put the 6,6 against him?—That is one of the things I would rather not answer; it is merely a matter of book-keeping. I should be very happy to give it you on a slip of paper.

1131. You may write it on a piece of paper if you please, and we will exercise our judgment upon it?—It is merely a matter of book-keeping,

1132. Will you be kind enough to write it on a piece of paper? (*The Witness writes on paper and hands it to the Commissioners.*) You will see what it is. It saves a multiplicity of books, that is all. (*The paper is returned to the Witness.*)

1133. This (*the book*) was your canvassing book?—It is in pencil there. If you will allow me I will read it to you. This is my mode of book-keeping, and it is the result of my personal attention. I gave this result to the gentlemen forming our Committee for the two candidates previous to the election, as to what would be the result of the election.

1134. The approximate result?—It was a little nearer than that. I do the work myself.

1135. What figures did you make?—I made them according to the book and according to my own judgment, weighing those who had not given a direct promise. I gave this information to the Committee previous to the election;—that Mr. Fenwick should poll 713, Mr. Schneider, 674. I must give the remark that I made,—"Provided Mr. Lawrence pays every shilling he can muster he will poll 664." The result was that which you have before you, that Mr. Fenwick did poll 713, Mr. Schneider polled 687, and Mr. Lawrence polled 665.

1136. Then you made a very good guess?—I thought so.

1137. According to that the return was very like what your book is?—It is precisely so in Mr. Fenwick's case, and there is a difference of about 18 in the case of Mr. Schneider.

1138. That would lead one to suppose that in your opinion it was a pure election?—I do not know what it may lead you to suppose.

1139. Your calculation previous to the election was very nearly borne out by the result?—My calculation was this. It was what I believed the result would be. I said that according to my book that should be the result. I anticipated if the thing was fairly done that the Liberal numbers would be increased, and that Mr. Lawrence's would be diminished. You caught my observation that "provided "they bought their way to it the result would be "664." That would be the result if they purchased.

1140. Did you mean that that would be the result supposing they did not buy their way?—My impression is that if they had not bought their way their numbers would have been a little more than 500, and that the numbers of the other two would have been increased.

1141. How many do you say?—About 500. I have not gone through it sufficiently to be able to give the exact figures.

1142. Then if Fenwick and Schneider did not buy their way, what would have been the result then?—I took it that it would drive them (but I know nothing of this) to stand their ground.

1143. Drive whom?—Fenwick and Schneider.

1144. What do you mean by that?—That when Lawrence was coming in so overpoweringly with money they must keep their ground, otherwise they would be tripped; that is, that if one party gave money the other would be obliged to do the same.

1145. In your opinion which gave the money first? —I do not know.

1146. What do you think?—I really have no means of forming an opinion upon it. I should not think there was any difference between them. They would watch each other narrowly.

1147. When one begins the other begins?—That most undoubtedly follows.

1148. You heard Mr. Clark give his opinion as to what the election cost—23,000*l.*?—I was very much surprised indeed to hear Mr. Clark say so.

1149. What do you put it at?—Of course I give my friend credit for knowing what it cost Mr. Lawrence; 8000*l.*, I think he said. I do not know what the election of the other two cost, but I do think I dare take an oath that it was not 8000*l.* together.

1150. Now that you have heard that that money was spent, have you any idea which of the two candidates furnished the money?—I have an idea.

1151. What is your idea?—My idea is that Mr. Schneider found most of the money.

1152. Has Mr. Schneider much influence in the borough?—He married the vicar's daughter. That was his introduction I may say to the borough. That was the pleasant way in which he became known to us. Then he had a walk over. He became known by that means. I should tell you that the vicar's daughter was niece to Mr. Gregson, and on Mr. Gregson's death there was a very strong feeling towards Mr. Gregson's memory, and I think that that had a great deal to do with it, and created a desire that a relative of his by marriage should succeed him.

1153. Mr. Gregson died in March 1865?—I think it was then.

1154. Mr. Fenwick was at that time known in the borough, was he not?—Yes, he had been previously member; he was Mr. Gregson's colleague.

1155. Were you agent to Mr. Schneider in March 1865?—Yes, I was.

1156. Was there any arrangement come to between Mr. Schneider and Mr. Fenwick at the election when the walk over took place?—No, not that I am aware of; there was nothing to arrange that I know of.

1157. There was no arrangement as to which of the two gentlemen was to stand?—Mr. Fenwick did not lose his seat on that occasion; Mr. Fenwick continued member.

1158. You heard Mr. Clark give a history of the captains on the Liberal side; can you furnish us with a history of the captains on the Conservative side? —No, I cannot indeed. As I remarked before, Mr Clark's information is derived entirely from getting

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up evidence on the petition, which I did not require to do.

1159. The counsel who appeared for the petitioners acknowledged that there had been bribery on their side?—Yes.

1160. You knew that before?—I merely knew as general rumour that it was so.

1161. Were you agent for the petition?—For the sitting Members.

1162. Then you were prepared to attack the petitioners?—They did not claim the seat.

1163. But in November or December, when the petition was first talked of?—I did not believe in a petition until it was first presented; I could not imagine that under the circumstances of the election they would be so ill-advised.

1164. Why?—Merely on the score that it was six of one and half a dozen of the other.

1165. Were you astonished at the revelations that came out before the Committee?—I have been engaged in elections since 1847, and having had some experience I cannot say that I was astonished.

1166. It was very much what had happened before?—Very much as I had suspected.

1167. Did any person on the Liberal side think it worth while to make inquiry as to illegal practices on the other side?—I am not sure whether the parties on our side did, I did not professionally.

1168. Did anybody to your knowledge on your side make inquiries?—Not formally; not to my knowledge. I wish to be quite clear upon that. I had no object in it, the other side not claiming the seat.

1169. But you may have been preparing?—It was mentioned in the petition, but I did not believe in the petition until it was presented, and therefore I did not waste my time.

1170. You did not think there would be a petition because it was a pure election, I presume?—No.

1171. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have mentioned that you made a return to your Committee; who were your Committee; what were their names?—We really never did form a Committee; it is merely from the convenience of the term that I use it; but I think the gentlemen present when I made my statement were Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Schneider, and Mr. Blades.

1172. Which Mr. Blades?—Mr. Charles Blades.

1173. He is the gentleman who seconded one of the candidates?—Yes.

1174. Which of them?—Mr. Schneider.

1175. Anybody else?—Mr. Wearing, Mr. Welch, and Mr. George Cleminson, as near as I can recollect. I think those were the parties present, in fact I have no doubt of it, though I am merely trusting to my memory.

1176. Those were the gentlemen called the Committee?—I merely called them so for the sake of distinguishing them as a class.

1177. They were actively engaged in promoting the election?—Yes, to be sure.

1178. Where was the place you met these gentlemen?—At the "Queen's Hotel," where we had the Committee-room.

1179. Committee or not Committee, they were assembled in the Committee-room?—No, it was not in the Committee-room; it was a small room upstairs. Indeed, Mr. Fenwick was staying at the hotel, and it was in his private room.

1180. You say that you told them that if Lawrence spent every farthing he could muster he would poll 664 votes?—Yes.

1181. What sum did you estimate Mr. Lawrence could muster?—I had no idea. I said he would have to spend as much as he could muster; that was according to my knowledge of book-keeping; that he could not do any more by any possibility. I gave him, according to my knowledge of book-keeping, all his own party, the doubtful ones, and all the people who had not directly promised us.

1182. At that time you made your estimate with respect to Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider under the supposition that they would pay no money at all?—Yes, that it was to be entirely a pure election.

1183. As regards those two?—Yes.

1184. Your calculation was that if Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider abstained from spending money in bribery, and Mr. Lawrence bribed all he could, the result of the poll would be as you gave it?—Yes; that was my impression and belief.

1185. Is that your belief now?—No, it is not my belief now.

1186. I wish to go to another subject. You gave Mr. Tilly cheques for paying his expenses?—Yes, I did.

1187. On what account did you draw the cheques?—I will tell you. I will give it in the separate items. On the 1st of July, 1865, I received a cheque from Mr. Schneider for 500*l.*

1188. Drawn on what?—On the Lancaster Banking Company, in my favour. It was paid to my private account in the ordinary way. On the 24th I received a further cheque for 200*l.*

1189. Were the particulars the same as the last?—Yes, precisely the same. On the 7th of September I received a further cheque for 300*l.*, making 1000*l.* altogether.

1190. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were the particulars of that last cheque the same as the former one?—Yes, excepting that I find the 300*l.* is not paid to my own credit; it was the last day for paying money, and I did not pass it through the bank. I gave it to Mr. Tilly.

1191. (*Mr Newton.*) The last cheque you gave to Mr. Tilly on the spot?—Yes, as being more convenient; that is all.

1192. (*Mr Barstow.*) Is that all that you received from Mr. Schneider?—Yes. Then, from Mr. Fenwick, on the 21st of July, I received a cheque on the bank for 500*l.*

1193. Payable to yourself?—Payable to myself; and I paid the cheque as a cheque to Mr. Tilly. I endorsed it, I believe, as he stated.

1194. Is that all the money you received from Mr. Fenwick?—Yes, that is 1500*l.*; and it was accounted for yesterday, by Mr. Tilly, as to how he had appropriated it.

1195. It left some balance, I believe?—Yes, it did.

1196. I will not inquire into that. Those two sums of 1000*l.* and 500*l.* was all the money you received from the candidates together?—Yes, reserving to myself an observation I will make hereafter.

1197. Make it now, if you please?—It would a little interfere with the course of the examination, I think. I will take care to make it.

1198. I suppose you are aware now that other money has been spent in this election on behalf of your candidates?—Yes, from what I have heard.

1199. Can you tell us through whose hands that money was paid?—No.

1200. Nor from whom it came?—No.

1201. As a matter of fact you know nothing about it?—No, not as a matter of fact. I cannot help hearing rumours, but it would be difficult for me to give a distinct answer to a question of that kind. You will be able to get it much better from other sources.

1202. I will now hear the observation you wish to make?—You asked me a question as to whether I had received any other money from Mr. Schneider or Mr. Fenwick, and I wish to remark that a few days before the election I was sitting at the window of my own house, with my wife, and Mr. Schneider was talking to me through the open window. He said, "Here, I wish you would take care of that; I shall be at the vicarage, and be losing it out of my pocket," and I took it. He said, "I have nowhere to put it." It was a 500*l.* note. He did ask me for it in two or three days, and I gave it back to him.

1203. You returned it to him?—Yes; and I ought to state that I reminded him of it the other day, and he said it had nothing to do with the election. He said, "It was really as I gave it to you; it was in my waistcoat pocket, and I was afraid of losing it."

1204. He gave you that money during the election?—Yes, during the course of the election.

1205. During the canvass?—Yes; it was while he was staying in the town, and it would be during the canvass.

1206. We may take it to be a few days before the polling?—I should think it would be within a week. I should fancy so, but I really have no recollection of the date.

1207. When did you return it to him?—It was within two or three days of the time. It would be previous, I should think, to the election. I merely mention it to you as a circumstance. I attach no importance to it whatever.

1208. (*Mr. Hill.*) As to this calculation of yours with regard to the probabilities of the result of the election, when did you make that calculation?—I was making it during the canvass, and I gave the result of it previous to the election.

1209. When did you give that result?—I think it was the evening but one before the election. I am not quite certain whether it was after the nomination, or whether it was the evening previous to the nomination.

1210. Was that calculation entirely arrived at from your own figures, or from the results of other canvassers as well as yourself?—Entirely from my own figures. I make the canvass, and keep my own book. I do not rely at all upon reports made to me.

1211. Am I to understand that you either knew the political feeling, or ascertained the political feeling, of every voter who was likely to vote at the approaching election?—I have very little faith in political feeling.

1212. You ascertained either their political feeling, or the probability of the mode in which each voter would be likely to vote?—I waited personally on the voters, and exercised my own judgment as to the value of their promises.

1213. Do I understand you to say that you either knew the political feeling of every voter in Lancaster, or ascertained personally from each person the probability of the mode in which he should vote?—Yes, as nearly as possible.

1214. Then I am to understand that you knew the mode in which the total number of persons who voted for Fenwick and Schneider were going to vote?—Yes, as matter of book-keeping, and matter of belief.

1215. And you knew that in Mr. Fenwick's case absolutely correctly?—It turned out to be so.

1216. And in Mr. Schneider's case within 13 or 14?—Yes; he polled 687, and my figures were 674.

1217. Are we to understand from you that you fully believed that Mr. Fenwick would poll 713 votes without purchasing a single vote, if there was no money paid at all on either side?—I feel a difficulty in answering you directly.

1218. I should like a direct answer?—I feel a great difficulty in answering you, because money never entered into my calculation at all.

1219. Your answer would be in the affirmative there, that you felt sure, or rather calculated, that Mr. Fenwick would poll 713 votes, if no money was paid at all on either side?—Yes, that would be the fair result. I was not in the slightest degree surprised to find the result was as it was.

1220. You also supposed that Mr. Lawrence would poll 664, supposing he paid every shilling he could muster?—I may say that I differ from my friend when he says that this is a Conservative borough. I think it is a decidedly Liberal borough.

1221. That is not the question. If money never entered into your calculation how did you calculate that Mr. Lawrence would poll 664 by paying every shilling he could muster?—I felt satisfied that he would not arrive at that result unless he paid for them.

1222. I understood you to say that in giving the result of your calculation money did not enter into your consideration?—My impression was as matter of book-keeping that the result would be as I have given it to you.

1223. Did you ever make any calculation at all as to the amount of votes which Mr. Fenwick could poll by buying against Lawrence?—No; if I had tried I could not have done it. I had not sufficient knowledge.

1224. Now I will ask you what number of votes would Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider have polled if there had been no money spent on the Conservative side at all?—It would have been considerably increased.

1225. Supposing Mr. Lawrence had paid every shilling he could muster, and had so polled 664, no money being paid by Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider, what number of votes do you think Fenwick and Schneider would have polled?—I cannot answer that question.

1226. Then your calculation was made upon the supposition that money would be paid by Fenwick and Schneider?—No; it was not, it was made entirely upon book-keeping.

1227. You tell me you cannot say what number of votes Fenwick and Schneider would have polled if they had paid no money, and Lawrence had paid every shilling he could muster?—I do not know how to answer you at all.

1228. It is a very plain question. Supposing Lawrence had paid every shilling he could muster, and Fenwick and Schneider had paid no money at all, what number of votes do you believe Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider would have polled?—I cannot answer that question.

1229. You never calculated it?—No.

1230. Then your calculation was made upon the consideration of Fenwick and Schneider paying money?—No, it was not.

1231. How do you reconcile it?—It was made entirely upon book-keeping.

1232. How do you mean "book-keeping?"—From the personal canvass of each voter, and I say that is what the result ought to be.

1233. Can you give me no more direct answer to my question than that?—I do not see my way to it. Will you repeat it once more?

1234. My question is this. You say in your statement here of the calculation at which you arrived, that you believed Mr. Lawrence could poll 664, by paying every shilling he could muster, and that being so Mr. Fenwick would poll 713 votes and Mr. Schneider 674, do you mean by that buying or not buying?—Certainly not buying. That would be the result according to that book, and according to my way of keeping it.

1235. Did you at all calculate what number of votes they could obtain from Mr. Lawrence by buying?—No.

1236. You believe now that there was a considerable amount of money spent on the Liberal side as well as the Conservative side?—Yes.

1237. Do you believe that by the expenditure of that money, no difference was made in the amount of votes given to Messieurs Fenwick and Schneider?—That is my impression.

1238. It made no difference by their purchasing?—The result would have been, if Mr. Lawrence had not purchased, their numbers would have been considerably increased.

1239. I am taking it upon your supposition that Mr. Lawrence was to purchase as many as he could, and that being so, you think it made no difference?—That was my impression.

1240. Under either circumstances paying or not paying Mr. Fenwick would poll 713, and Mr. Schneider 674?—That was my impression.

1241. Is that your impression now?—No, I think Mr. Lawrence would have polled less if there had been no money.

1242. To what extent do you think Mr. Lawrence would have polled less?—I cannot form an estimate.

1243. Not at all—not in the roundest numbers?—No.

1244. Two or three hundred?—I should think not, but I cannot form an estimate.

1245. You have said that you came to the result of that calculation a very short time before the election?—Yes.

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1246. How many days were you canvassing?—If you will allow me to look at my book I will tell you. (*after referring*) Eleven days I think.

1247. What day was it you saw Thomas Bennison?—We commenced the canvass on the 29th of June, and the election I think was on the 12th of July.

1248. What day was it you saw Thomas Bennison? On the sixth day.

1249. What was the result of your interview with Thomas Bennison?—The result was a promise of one for Mr. Schneider and not for Mr. Fenwick.

1250. As far as I have got it from the polling book he voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—I see he is down so in the printed list.

1251. Upon your canvass Bennison was to vote for Schneider and Lawrence?—Yes.

1252. You know that Bennison has said that he received 13*l.* for his vote?—I had forgotten it.

1253. You see in the polling list he did break his promise to you, and voted for Fenwick and Schneider, do you not think that 10*l.* made the difference of Thomas Bennison in your calculation?—Certainly not in my calculation, I knew nothing of him.

1254. You calculated upon him for Schneider and Lawrence; that book of yours returned Thomas Bennison not to vote for Fenwick, you find he voted for Fenwick, and you also find that he has received 10*l.* as a bribe, does not that make a great difference in your calculation with regard to the 713 votes you put down, that Fenwick would poll, whether he bought or not?—I am not able to answer that question.

1255. Do you think if we looked over the book, we should find several others in the same position?—I cannot say.

1256. (*Mr. Newton.*) You say you did not go to Heysham?—No.

1257. I see there are 20 voters there?—Tilly went for me. When I said I personally canvassed every vote myself of course it is impossible that I could canvass every one: I was invariably with the candidates whenever I possibly could.

1258. Did you go at all by their voting on previous elections?—How do you mean?

1259. Did you take into consideration in your calculation as to how they voted at the election in 1864?—No. I say Mr. Tilly went for me, and he gave me the result of the canvass; I went with the candidate whenever I could, but I could not possibly devote every moment to it; Mr. Tilly went for me on that occasion.

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THOMAS CARTER BAINES sworn and examined.

1260. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—In Barrow.

1261. What are you by trade?—A brazier and tinman.

1262. Do you keep a shop in Barrow?—Yes.

1263. How long have you lived at Barrow?—About three years and a half.

1264. Have you kept a shop there during that time?—Yes.

1265. Has Mr. Schneider some works at Barrow?—Yes, he has.

1266. What are those works?—He is a partner in the works it is a limited liability company. They were originally Schneider, Hannay, and Company, and now they are a limited liability company.

1267. To go back to the date of this election at that time where the works Mr. Schneider's, or was the limited liability company established?—The limited liability company was established at the beginning of this year.

1268. Then it was Messrs. Schneider, Hannay, and Company at that time?—Yes.

1269. Those works are of a very extensive character are they not?—Yes.

1270. Giving a great number of persons employment?—Yes.

1271. Does the town of Barrow principally depend upon those works?—There are those works, the railway works, and the harbour.

1272. Those are the largest works at Barrow?—Yes.

1273. When did you first become acquainted with Lancaster?—I was born there.

1274. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

1275. On the register?—No.

1276. You are I non resident?—Yes.

1277. Were you residing at Lancaster before you went to Barrow?—No, I resided at Dalton in Furness before that.

1278. How long is it since you left Lancaster?—I left in 1858.

1279. Had you been concerned in any of the elections previous to leaving Lancaster?—Yes, I had taken some slight active part in them.

1280. What had you been when you were living in Lancaster?—I was a journeyman in my own trade.

1281. In the brazier trade?—Yes.

1282. Had you been an apprentice to George Cleminson?—No.

1283. With whom had you served your time?—With Mr. Willan who is now dead.

1284. You had never been working for or with Mr. Cleminson?—I had worked with him.

1285. In what character?—As fellow shopman, in fact we were fellow apprentices, and worked afterwards as journeymen together, and then I worked for him and his partner afterwards as journeyman to them.

1286. Were you working for Mr. Cleminson and his partner before you left Lancaster in 1858?—Yes, I was.

1287. Do you in your occupation as brazier at Barrow do any work for Messrs. Schneider, Hannay, and Company?—That is not the company now.

1288. For the then firm?—Yes, and for the present company.

1289. For the then firm you were doing work?—Yes.

1290. Have you any brother over there?—Yes.

1291. Is one of them cashier to Mr, Schneider?—No.

1292. Was he?—No; he is a clerk in the employment of Mr. Schneider.

1293. When did you first become acquainted with the fact that Mr. Schneider was about to stand for the borough of Lancaster?—At hisfirst election. I think I saw it first in the newspaper; but I am not certain about that.

1294. That is the election that has been called the "walk over?"—Yes.

1295. When were you first spoken to upon the subject of the election of July 1865?—The first conversation that I ever had with anyone respecting my taking any part in it was that I accidentally met Mr. Cleminson in Ulverston, and I said, "I shall come over to your election," and he said, "Mind you do." I generally do come over.

1296. Although you have no vote?—Yes, to look on or do anything.

1297. You are not a man who would confine your duties simply to looking on?—Not always.

1298. You have always been for the Liberal party?—Yes.

1299. Who first gave you anything to do over here in Lancaster in July 1865?—I was sent for. I saw Mr. Cleminson, and told him that I was here, and where I was staying.

1300. You said you were sent for. Who sent for you?—A messenger came—I do not know who he was—and I went into a room.

1301.—Where?—At the "Queen's Hotel."

1302. You were at Barrow before the election; what brought you to Lancaster?—I told you before that I had promised Mr. Cleminson that I would come.

1303. When did you arrive in Lancaster?—On the morning of the nomination.

1304. Was that the day before the poll ?—Yes.

1305. Where did you go to upon your first arrival in Lancaster ?—I went to the house I am always in the habit of using, the "Old Sir Simon," Mr. Lofthouse's.

1306. Who did you meet there ?—I do not know that I met any parties particularly.

1307. Did you meet any persons connected with the election ?—Not that I am aware of.

1308. Did you at one time begin to talk on the matter of the election ?—It was the all-engrossing topic of the day.

1309. So I should have thought. Whom did you meet at the "Old Sir Simon ?"—We first went to the "Queen's Arms," and the house was full.

1310. Who do you mean by "we ?"—There were one or two parties came with me.

1311. Who were they ?—Mr. Garnett, a brother-in-law of mine. His wife was staying here, and he came over to see her, I suppose.

1312. Who else ?—Mr. Hosking.

1313. They came over with you from Barrow to Lancaster ?—Yes.

1314. You first of all went to the "Queen's," and found that was full ?—Yes.

1315. Did anyone else come with you ? — Yes ; there was Mr. Slater.

1316. Who is he ?—He is an agent for the Company.

1317. One of the Company's agents at Barrow ?—No, at Dalton.

1318. One of Messrs. Schneider's agents at Dalton ?—Yes.

1319. Did anyone else come over with you ?—No.

1320. Do you know whether your brother was in Barrow at the time you left Barrow to come to Lancaster ?—He was at the Wimbledon shooting.

1321. When did he come to Lancaster ?—He was not at Lancaster at all at any time during the election.

1322. I am speaking about your brother who is the clerk ?—Yes ; he was not near Lancaster at all.

1323. You cannot recollect the name of anybody else who came over with you ?—No ; no one else came.

1324. You went first of all to the "Queen's ?"—Yes.

1325. Having gone to the "Queen's," you say you found that the place was full ?—Yes.

1326. Did you want a particular room ?—No, we wanted beds ; we were going to stay all night.

1327. Did you ask for a sitting-room ? — No ; we would have taken the commercial room.

1328. Would that be sufficient for you, coming all the way from Barrow ?—Yes.

1329. You went from there to the "Old Sir Simon ?"—Yes.

1330. Did you remain at the "Old Sir Simon ?"—Yes.

1331. All of you took up your quarters there ?—Yes, excepting Mr. Garnett, who went to sleep with his wife, who was on a visit.

1332. Did you have a sitting-room there ?—No.

1333. You have told me that you remained some time at the "Old Sir Simon ?"—Yes.

1334. Who did you meet while you were there ?—Various parties. It was near the Town Hall ; the house was full all day.

1335. Did you meet any person to talk over the matters of the election with ?—Only casual talk that was going on.

1336. Did you see Mr. Schneider ?—I saw him on the hustings.

1337. At the nomination ?—Yes.

1338. That was the day you arrived ?—Yes.

1339. You got here early in the morning ?—I suppose it would be about half-past 9.

1340. At what time was the nomination ?—Perhaps about eleven ; I cannot be certain about that.

1341. Did you speak to Mr. Schneider on the hustings ?—No.

1342. When did you first speak to Mr. Schneider ?—I do not know that I spoke to him at all all the time the election was going on.

1343. Did you receive any instructions with regard to the election before you left Barrow ?—No.

1344. Did you receive any instructions as to any person you were to call upon in Lancaster ?—No.

1345. Did you go to see any voters before the nomination ?—No.

1346. Did you see or talk to any persons about their vote before the nomination ?—No.

1347. Were you on the hustings at the nomination ?—Yes, I was.

1348. Who was with you ?—These parties that I speak of.

1349. You all kept together ?—Yes.

1350. After the nomination where did you go to ?—We went back to the "Old Sir Simon."

1351. How long did you remain there ?—I was in and out, of course. I remained there till night.

1352. What were you doing at the "Old Sir Simon" during the nomination day ?—I was in and out ; that was my quarters where I was staying.

1353. What were you doing during that day? How were you amusing or employing yourself ?—I had no particular employment.

1354. What was your general occupation ?—Sitting and talking about the election.

1355. Sitting idly and talking about the election ?—Yes.

1356. You were not talking to any voters, or seeing any voters ?—No ; not seeing them specially on any business.

1357. You say you remained there till night ?—Yes.

1358. Where did you go to on the evening of that day ?—I was there all the evening.

1359. Did you sleep there ?—No ; I left about midnight.

1360. That is what I want to know. About what time did you leave in the evening ?—About midnight.

1361. You had your bed there : where did you go to when you left the "Old Sir Simon ?"—I went to Morecambe.

1362. Who went with you to Morecambe ?—There was Dr. Carruthers, Christopher Hartley, a Morecambe fisherman who I had not seen before, and the flyman.

1363. You went in a fly ?—Yes.

1364. Had you seen anybody on the subject of the election particularly before you went to Morecambe ?—Yes, I had.

1365. Who had you seen ?—I was sent over for to the "Queen's," and I went into a room where there were several parties, and I had two parcels given to me.

1366. Was this at the "Queen's ?"—Yes.

1367. At what time would that be ?—In the afternoon.

1368. Who gave you the parcels ?—I cannot say exactly. I can tell you who was there ; but who handed them to me, or whether they were laying on the table, I cannot say.

1369. Who was there ?—Mr. Charles Blades, Mr. Henry Welch, George Cleminson, Stephen Wright Wearing, and a man of the name of Shackleton.

1370. Robert Shackleton ?—Yes ; I had not seen him before

1371. He was there ?—Yes ; there were several others, but I do not remember them now.

1372. Where were these gentlemen sitting ?—In a room upstairs.

1373. They gave you two parcels ?—Yes.

1374. You do not know who gave them to you ?—I could not say exactly.

1375. Were they on the table when you went in ?—Yes, I think so.

1376. Was a conversation going on about the election ?—Yes.

1377. What sort of parcels were they ?—The same as money parcels, rolled round.

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1378. Of considerable bulk ?—I can tell you the amount, and you can then form your own opinion of the bulk.

1379. You know the amount ?—Yes.

1380. I will defer that question till afterwards. What did you do with the parcels ?—I took them away with me.

1381. You kept them safe till you went off at night with Dr. Carruthers ?—Yes.

1382. At what time did Dr. Carruthers come to you ?—Between twelve and one, as near as I can judge.

1383. Did you order a fly, so as to be ready ?—When they came I went and ordered a fly.

1384. What were your orders with regard to those parcels ?—That I was to go to Morecambe, and make the best of it I possibly could ; that Mr. Shackleton would meet me, and he would give me every instruction I required.

1385. Mr. Shackleton was to give you the instructions ?—Yes.

1386. You were to make the best of it ?—Yes.

1387. To make the best of what ?—To make it go as far as I could, I suppose.

1388. As to what were you to receive orders from Shackleton ?—He had had the working of the affair at Morecambe, and I did not know any of the freemen.

1389. Shackleton was to give you instructions so as to make it go as far as you could ?—Yes.

1390. Can you say at all from whom it was you received these instructions ?—I could say as to the parties generally, but I could not say one especially more than another.

1391. Did not any one in particular speak to you when you were receiving the parcels and tell you to make them go as far as you could ?—I cannot say who it was made use of that particular expression.

1392. Would it be Mr. Welch ?—I cannot say, I should not like to say a thing that I was not quite certain about.

1393. Was it Mr. Blades ?—I cannot say, I got general instructions from the whole of them.

1394. It was when all those gentlemen were present and talking over the matter of the election ?—Yes.

1395. You went off with Carruthers and the two other persons you named ?—Yes.

1396. When you got to Morecambe where did you go to ?—To the "Joiners' Arms."

1397. Dr. Carruthers came to you with a fly between 12 and 1 o'clock I suppose ?—No, we ordered the fly after he came ; he walked up I think.

1398. Then you ordered the fly and all of you set off for Morecambe ?—Yes.

1399. You had not opened the parcels I suppose before you got to Morecambe ?—Yes, I had.

1400. When was that ?—Immediately I got to the "Old Sir Simon."

1401. Who was present ?—The party I came with.

1402. Hosking, yourself, and Garnett were present ?—Yes.

1403. You opened the parcels as soon as you got back ?—Yes.

1404. I suppose it would be about 8 or 9 o'clock ?—No, in the afternoon.

1405. When you opened the parcels what was there in them ?—150*l.*

1406. In the two parcels ?—Yes.

1407. 75*l.* in each ?—I cannot say that.

1408. But there were 150*l.* in sovereigns in the two parcels ?—Yes.

1409. You went down to Morecambe and there you went to the "Joiners' Arms ?"—I perhaps ought to say that I went again and got 50*l.* in addition, as after what I had heard, hearing the number of voters, I thought perhaps it would not be sufficient.

1410. You went back to get another 50*l.* ?—Yes, and I got it from the same party.

1411. I daresay you got instructions to make that go quite as far as you could ?—Yes.

1412. Who did you talk to about the number of voters at Morecambe ?—I heard Shackleton say something about the number of voters there.

1413. Shackleton was there when you first received the 150*l.* ?—Yes.

1414. You saw Shackleton afterwards, and you then heard about the number of voters ?—Yes, I heard it I think from him, but, of course of my own knowledge I knew there were a great number of voters at Morecambe.

1415. Then you formed your own conclusion as to the price of the Morecambe voters ?—I heard that they were to be about 10*l.* I did not know it because I had only arrived in the town that day.

1416. You heard that that was about the figure going ?—Yes.

1417. And you came to the conclusion that there were more than fifteen voters at Morecambe ?—Yes.

1418. So that you would require more than 150*l.* ?—Yes.

1419. Having got the additional 50*l.* you went off to Morecambe ?—Yes.

1420. Did you get anything else before you went ?—No.

1421. You had no more money of your own with you ?—None but my own private money.

1422. None for the purpose of the election ?—No.

1423. You went to the "Joiners' Arms ?"—Yes.

1424. Where did you go to there ?—We went into a room and spent the night till it was daylight.

1425. You did not go to-bed much that night ?—We did not go to bed at all.

1426. What time did you begin to operate next morning ?—About 6 o'clock I should think.

1427. Who first came to be operated upon ?—I do not know, they were all strangers to me.

1428. Where did you sit, where was the operating room ?—Upstairs.

1429. Did you see Daniel Edmondson ?—Do you mean the landlord ?

1430. Yes ?—I saw him.

1431. How long did the doctor remain with you at the "Joiners' Arms ?"—I do not know whether he remained in at all that night or not ; he came the next morning.

1432. Was he there at 6 o'clock ?—No.

1433. At 6 o'clock what was the first thing you did ?—I suppose you mean when I commenced operations ? I took my seat in a room by myself.

1434. Had you given any instructions as to your change of name ?—That was agreed upon the night before as we were going down.

1435. That you were to become "Jenkins ?"—Yes.

1436. Did Dr. Carruther's suggest "Jenkins," or was it your own suggestion ?—I think I suggested it myself.

1437. "Jenkins" is not so good a name as "Baines." Did you disguise yourself in any way.

1438. No, not at all ; I had not the same clothes on as now, but I was not disguised.

1439. You had not shaved off your whiskers then ?—No.

1440. We shall come to that by-and-bye. You did not know the names of the persons who were operated upon ?—They were the general Morecambe names, Edmondsons and Armisteads, and so on.

1441. Who introduced them to you ?—They came in alone.

1442. Had they a ticket ?—Yes.

1443. What was written on the ticket ?—The name and the amount.

1444. You cannot recollect the name of the first who came in ?—No.

1445. Do you recollect what was the first sum that was asked ?—No.

1446. Were they all for the same sum ?—No.

1447. What did they range from ?—From 8*l.* to 15*l.*

1448. Did you keep the tickets as you paid them ?—Yes, I kept them to make a return.

1449. The ticket had got on it the name and the sum ?—Yes.

1450. Nothing else ?—No.

1451. It was not initialled by somebody ?—No.

1452. It was not initialled "H.W." ?—No.

1453. What did you afterwards do with those tickets ?—I gave them back to Mr. Welch—at least I gave them to Mr. Welch—he never had them that I know of before.

1454. Were they not in Mr. Welch's handwriting ?—No, I think not.

1455. You do not know in whose handwriting they were ?—I did not see them written.

1456. In whose handwriting were they ?—They might be Shackleton's. Some one wrote them in the morning.

1457. They were written in the next room, they came into you fresh written ?—Yes.

1458. You afterwards handed them to Henry Welch ?—Yes.

1459. How long did that 200*l.* hold out ?—I cannot tell exactly the time.

1460. How many did you pay ?—About twenty.

1461. Up to what hour were they coming in ?—We got them all away as soon as we could to get them voted.

1462. Was the paying finished by 7 or 8o'clock ?—It would be finished by nine.

1463. Had you come to the end of your money ?—Yes.

1464. Did it just last out ?—No, I advanced what I had in my own pocket besides.

1465. How much was that ?—About 10*l.*

1466. Then 210*l.* was spent ?—Yes.

1467. What was the number of voters you paid ?—As near 20 as possible.

1468. Did any more persons come in to be paid ?—The landlord wanted his bill paid.

1468*a*. Did any more voters want money ?—No, I think not.

1469. The money just held out ?—The landlord wanted his bill paid, and Mr. Schackleton settled that.

1470. Did you receive any money from Schackleton during the time you were paying ?—Yes, he gave me some when we were short.

1471. How much did he give you ?—I forget the amount.

1472. 10*l.* or 20*l.* ?—Yes, I daresay somewhere thereabouts.

1473. He came into the room and brought it to you. I suppose he kept coming in to speak to you during the time you were paying ?—He did once or twice, but not often.

1474. With that additional help from Shackleton and yourself you managed to pay off all the voters ?—Yes.

1475. Do you know who took them off to get them polled ?—They went in the conveyances that were provided for the occasion. I do not know that any one went specially with them.

1476. Having come to the end of the money what became of you ?—I came back to Lancaster.

1477. You came back in one of the last flys ?—In the last 'bus.

1478. Do you recollect what Daniel Edmondson's bill was ?—I do not.

1479. That, you say, was paid as well ?—Yes.

1480. When you came to Lancaster where did you go to ?—I went into the town to see what was going on.

1481. Where did you go to ?—Nowhere particular.

1482. You had no more business to do that day ?—No.

1483. You had done your business ?—Yes.

1484. Satisfactorily to yourself ?—Yes.

1485. And to your employers ?—Yes.

1486. How long did you stop in Lancaster before going to Barrow ?—The next day.

1487. When did you give up these tickets to Henry Welch ?—The next day.

1488. You went through them with him, accounted for the money, and received your 10*l.* back, I suppose ?—Yes.

1489. Did Henry Welch pay you back the 10*l.* ?—Yes.

1490. Did you have any remuneration for yourself ?—None.

1491. Mr. Schneider is a good employer of yours ?—Yes.

1492. Did you see any other money paid during this election by anybody ?—No.

1493. Nothing except what you paid yourself ?—That was all.

1494. (*Mr. Newton.*) That is all you know about it ?—That is all.

1495. You know nothing except what you have told us ?—That is all I had to do with it.

1496. You have nothing further to add about it ?—No.

(*Mr. Hill.*) You have given a very straightforward account, and we are much obliged for it. You have saved us a great deal of trouble.

Adjourned for a short time.

MR. ROBERT SHACKLETON sworn and examined.

Mr. Robert Shackleton.

1497. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your occupation ?—I keep a lodging-house at Morecambe ; lodging-house keeper will perhaps do as well as anything.

1498. How long have you lived at Morecambe ?—Going on for seven years.

1499. Are you a freeman ?—I am not.

1500. I suppose you are acquainted with most of the Lancaster freemen who live at Morecambe ?—Yes, I am.

1501. At the last election you were engaged assisting the Liberal party ?—I was.

1502. When did you commence acting on their behalf ?—I have always taken an interest on the Liberal side, and as soon as there was a talk of an election I started on behalf of the Liberal candidates.

1503. Was that at the request of any one, or was it on your own motion ?—On my own account.

1504. What steps did you take ?—Just calling a few of the principals together at Morecambe, and asking them what they could do.

1505. That is, a few of the Lancaster freemen ?—A few of the freemen for the borough of Lancaster. I called them together and asked them what they could do.

1506. What do you mean by asking them what they could do ?—In regard to whether they would vote for the Liberal candidates, and assist us in persuading others to do so.

1507. Where did you call them together ?—By being a resident in the place I frequently met them on the front, as the principal part of the freemen at Morecambe are fishermen.

1508. Had you any meeting with them in any house ?—I had.

1509. Where was that ?—At the "Joiners' Arms."

1510. At any other house ?—No, not at any other.

1511. Will you give us the names of the persons you met that you now speak of ?—I scarcely can, for there are many of them ; there about 68 ; there are the Bonds and the Armisteads.

1512. Are there a very large number of freemen at Morecambe ?—There are.

1513. I believe about 80 ?—I think 67 or 68.

1514. I know there are a great many Armistead's ; just say what Armisteads you speak to ?—There is William and Isaac, but they are so mixed up together that I do not know that I can distinguish them.

1515. Should you be able to give us the names of those who were at the "Joiners' Arms" on the evening of the nomination ?—No ; I fancy the principal part of the voters were there on the night of the nomination, that is, in and out.

1516. You were there ?—Yes, I was there.

1517. Who did you see there ?—I should say that I saw the principal part of the voters at Morecambe ; I could not name any particular individual, but I saw the principal part of them there, I daresay.

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1518. What was going on there?—A good deal of drinking was going on.

1519. Did you join in the conversation?—Yes.

1520. What was it about?—About the result of the election, chiefly.

1521. Nothing more than that on the subject of the election?—Oh, yes; there was a good deal said with regard to the terms—the price.

1522. Do you recollect what was said?—No, not exactly; but I will give you a general idea; but previous to the nomination night Mr. Clark, the solicitor, had been down, and engaged two or three people to go round canvassing; these had been Liberals, they were Liberals, and intended voting Liberal, but they left us and went to the Conservative side.

1523. You say Mr. Clark had engaged several; just go on with what you were saying?—Several of the voters as canvassers on behalf of the Conservative candidates.

1524. How do you know that?—From their coming to tell me.

1525. What voters were those?—John Bond, William Armistead, John Edmondson; those are the principal ones.

1526. Any others?—Not engaged directly by Mr. Clark, I believe, but there were others who were engaged by other parties as well.

1527. When you say "engaged," do you mean engaged to canvass on behalf of Mr. Lawrence?—Yes.

1528. Can you give us the names of those others who were engaged?—No, not exactly; only it was the general impression as well as the general conversation that they were engaged. There was John Curwen and Mrs. Willacy.

1529. Who is John Curwen?—He is a grocer and fishmonger at Morecambe.

1530. Is he a voter?—He is a voter.

1531. Who is Mrs. Willacy?—The landlady of the "King's Arms" hotel.

1532. Has she any sons or relations who are voters?—Curwen is her son-in-law, and it was the Conservative house, where the Conservatives held their Committee rooms at Morecambe.

1533. Can you give us any other names of those who were engaged, not being engaged by Mr. Clark?—James Bell.

1534. Who is he?—He is a yeoman at Morecambe, a gentleman.

1535. Does he live on his own land?—Yes.

1536. Any other?—Charles Lodge, of Bare.

1537. What is he?—A gentleman.

1538. Any one else?—There was a good many that took an interest in the election down there, as well as having a good supply of Lancaster freemen that came down as captains; these Lancaster captains came down to look after the voters at Morecambe.

1539. Were these persons employed to look after the voters at Morecambe besides others who came from Lancaster?—Yes. I will give you the names of two or three that came down, if you like.

1540. Do so, if you please.—George Vince.

1541. Who is he?—He is an auctioneer in Lancaster. William Bulfield, of the "Cross Keys" Hotel, William Cross, slater and plasterer, Thomas Procter, innkeeper, China Lane, Lancaster.

1542. Do you consider Thomas Procter to have been a captain?—I do; he took a great interest in it.

1543. Go on, if you please?—John M'Cann, a coach proprietor.

1544. Who else?—There were many others that came to assist them; but I think I have given you names quite sufficient for your purpose now.

1545. Having given us those names of the Conservatives who came down to assist, can you give us the names of the Liberals who came down to assist?—Christopher Hartley; that is about the only one who came down to assist.

1546. Your captains were all on the spot, then?—I do not know; we were never considered as captains; being resident there we looked after them without having any official promotion to a captaincy or anything of that sort.

1547. Where were you on the day of nomination?—In Lancaster.

1548. At what time did you get to Lancaster?—About 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

1549. Where did you go to?—I went to the "Queen's Hotel."

1550. What part of the house did you go to?—I went into the lobby of the house; I do not think I ever got into a room, for the lobby and staircase was crowded; it was just before the members came out to go to the hustings, and I think I stayed in the staircase and lobby of the house until the members came down, and then I went with them to the hustings.

1551. You went to the nomination?—Yes.

1552. After the nomination where did you go to?—I think we accompanied the candidates back again to the "Queen's Hotel," and I stayed there some considerable time, and then went out into the town.

1553. On the second occasion where were you at the "Queen's?"—I think I was at the "Queen's" some time about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, but I cannot speak to half an hour exactly.

1554. But whereabouts in the "Queen's" were you the second time?—I went into a room where there was Mr. Henry Welch, Mr. Wright Wearing, and Mr. Charles Blades.

1555. Anyone else?—No; I do not know that I went into any other room.

1556. What room was this?—Really I have been only about twice up the stairs in the "Queen's Hotel," and therefore I cannot exactly say.

1557. Do you know whether it was a Committee-room or not?—I considered that it was a Committee-room by the gentlemen that there was present.

1558. Was George Cleminson present?—Not in that room; he was in another room.

1559. About what time was this?—This would be perhaps about 2, or half-past 2 in the afternoon.

1560, Had you any conversation with him on the subject of the election?—Yes, we had.

1561. Did anything pass on the subject of the Morecambe voters?—Yes; I told Mr. Wearing, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Blades what the Conservatives were doing down at Morecambe, and that they were offering (they had not given any then) from 10*l.* to 12*l.* each for voters, but I had no instructions to go to anything like that amount.

1562. How far did your instructions justify you in going?—There was no specific sum that I was to go to, only that we were to do the same that the other party was doing; that whatever the other party was giving we were to give the same.

1563. According to your answer, then, you had authority to go as far as 10*l.* or 12*l.*?—In conversation we had considered that from 5*l.* to 8*l.* was a great price, and if the Conservatives went no further we thought that was far enough for us to go.

1564. In conversation with whom?—Henry Welch, and those other gentlemen I have named before.

1565. When had you this conversation?—As I have said before about half-past 2 in the afternoon.

1566. But on what day had you the conversation?—On the nomination day.

1567. I mean the conversation when you were authorized to go as far as from 5*l.* to 8*l.*?—I had met them on several occasions before the nomination day, and we had talked these matters over as well.

1568. You had arranged to bribe before the nomination day?—It was well known that the Conservatives were doing the same, and this was the report that I gave to those gentlemen. I told them what the Conservatives were doing, because we were paying a man for going into the Conservative Committee-room to make these inquiries, and then he came back and told us what was going on in their Committee-room.

1569. You have not answered my question, which was at what time you had arranged to bribe?—I cannot

speak positively to that; it might be two or three days, or a week before, or only the day before; I was in the habit of going to Lancaster daily, and therefore I cannot say on what day it was that this conversation took place.

1570. Were you in the habit of seeing these gentlemen in Lancaster daily?—No, not daily; if I had anything particular to call upon them about I called upon them.

1571. You called upon them from time to time?—Yes.

1572. When was the first time that you arranged with them to offer money to the voters?—I think it was a very well understood thing for a week before that money was flying on the other side. I believe that the Conservatives (though I do not mean to swear it) had paid a portion of their voters at Morecambe 2*l.* a head to secure their votes, and the balance they would pay them on the nomination day at night before voting.

1573. What was that balance to be?—They was on the same principle that we was, that whatever we would give they would give the same.

1574. Still you have not answered my question; I should be glad to know about your own party; how long before the day of nomination had you agreed to offer money to the voters?—I think it was on the 8th of June; I think that was the first time that I ever saw Mr. Welch or any of those gentlemen about the election. I think it was on the 8th of June.

1575. Do you mean June or July?—I do not just remember when the election was.

1576. (*Mr. Newton.*) How long was it before the election?—Perhaps a week before the election.

1577. It would be in July, then?—Perhaps it was in July.

1578. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you swear that it was not a fortnight before the election?—No, I cannot swear it, but I think it was not a fortnight; to the best of my knowledge it was not a fortnight.

1579. When you first met these gentlemen had you any conversation about bribing the Morecambe voters; I mean on the first occasion of your meeting whenever it was?—On the first occasion of our meeting I have no doubt the conversation would be, "What is your Morecambe people going to do this time?" and I should probably say, "The same as they have been doing for generations—getting bribes."

1580. You probably would say so?—It is most likely I should knowing that they had been in the habit of doing it.

1581. What answer did that remark lead to?—Well, "We must do what the others is doing."

1582. Well?—I believe the first thing I did after I got home was, I went and told them that whatever the others would give them we should give them the same.

1583. You are speaking of the day on which you had this first conversation?—Yes, about a week or ten days before the nomination, perhaps; I cannot speak positively to it.

1584. Did you promise the money after you had had the first conversation with these gentlemen?—I promised that those that voted for the Liberal candidates should be paid the same as what the others were receiving from the Conservatives.

1585. Did you pay them any money before the nomination day?—Perhaps half a dozen of them I did.

1586. What sums did you pay?—That I cannot exactly speak to now; it would only be a few shillings, or 1*l.* perhaps. Some of them would get two or three days before the election 1*l.* a day, but that was only for their expenses during the day. They would come to me in the morning and say they were short of means.

1587. Some of them would get 1*l.* a day?—Yes, I believe some of them did.

1588. To how many did you give 1*l.* a day?—I think about three; John Bond, William Armistead, and John Edmondson.

1589. Which Edmondson?—John Edmondson; I would not swear that I gave it them every day.

1590. For how many days before the nomination?—Some three or four days.

1591. I understand you to say that besides this you gave others smaller sums?—Yes.

1592. To what others did you give smaller sums?—I cannot exactly say; the accounts I handed over to Mr. Welch after the election, and therefore I only speak now from memory, and I cannot exactly say who they were.

1593. You can mention some of them?—There would be perhaps one or two of the Hadwens; you will find several Hadwens on the list, but that I cannot speak positively to, and some of the other Armisteads.

1594. To about how many altogether do you think you paid smaller sums?—Eight or ten of them perhaps.

1595. Did you go with them to public-houses?—If I did not go with them I ordered them to go, and that I would pay.

1596. And you paid for whatever they had?—Yes.

1597. That was besides this money that you gave them?—Besides this money that I gave them.

1598. At what public-houses did you pay for freemen who had been treated in this way?—I paid at the "Joiners' Arms," at the "Ship Inn," and at the "Queen's;" and I paid some small amounts at one or two others. I do not just remember the amounts; in fact I do not remember the amounts of any of them.

1599. You might perhaps give us an idea of the amount, I will say, at the "Joiners' Arms?"—At the whole of the houses put together I should not spend 50*l.*

1600. May we take it that you spent about 50*l.* altogether?—Well, I should say that that is pretty near the sum.

1601. Does that sum include the last bill that was paid at the "Joiners' Arms?"—It does. It would include all together.

1602. Are these several sums that you paid to the voters before the nomination day, and the sums which you paid at public-houses the whole money that you spent previous to the nomination day?—I will tell you the exact sum of money that I received from Mr. Welch. I believe I received 230*l.* if I remember right, and I gave a statement to some of the Committee—I will not be sure to which of them it was—how I had spent that 230*l.*

1603. You got that money from Mr. Welch?—Yes.

1604. Can you not remember to whom you rendered your account?—I fancy I rendered it to Mr. Welch, either to Mr. Welch or to Mr. Blades.

1605. When did you receive this money from Mr. Welch?—I received it at half-a-dozen times.

1606. Give us the first time?—I have no dates, but I believe that the first sum I received from Mr. Welch was 20*l.*, then I think that the next sum I received was 50*l.*, and I think that the next was 100*l.*; and then the rest was in twenties, if I remember right.

1607. Then you would have received about four sums of 20*l.* each?—Yes.

1608. You cannot remember the first time you received money?—It was the far end of July, I think.

1609. You were in the "Queen's Arms," did you return to Morecambe on the evening of the nomination day?—I did.

1610. Did you go to the "Joiners' Arms"—I did.

1611. Did you go to any other public-houses in Morecambe?—Yes, I did.

1612. Do you remember Mr. Baines, the last witness, coming into the "Queen's," at Lancaster?—I do not remember him, I believe he was there at the time, but I do not remember him, not having known him before.

1613. Did you see any brown-paper parcels given to any one?—I do not remember that there was any paper parcels given; not while I was in the "Queen's Hotel;" I would not say there was not, but I do not remember it.

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1614. Do you remember any one being put under your orders ?—I do not.

1615. Did any one come into the room at the "Queen's" during the time you were there with Mr. Welch and these other gentlemen ?—There were a good many people standing about the door, but I do not remember any one coming into the room, though they might do so, but I should only be in the room myself for a very few minutes, and therefore I cannot speak to that.

1616. You went from the "Queens" to the "Joiners' Arms ?"—I did.

1617. How did you go ?—I rode down with a private gentleman from Morecambe, Mr. Briggs.

1618. How did you ride ?—In a gig with him; he had his gig here, and I went down with him.

1619. Who is Mr. Briggs ?—He is a gentleman of fortune, who happened to be up here at the nomination day, and so I rode here with him.

1620. What other houses at Morecambe did you go into besides the "Joiners' Arms ?"—Very likely I should go into half-a-dozen public-houses that night, to see what was going on among the freemen.

1621. You went to the "Joiners' Arms ?"—That was the first place; that was where we had the Committee-room.

1622. And you went to the "Ship?"—Yes, I went to the "Ship," and to the "Queen's Arms," and to the "West View."

1623. Were there freemen at all those places ?—There were freemen at all those places.

1624. Did you see what they were doing ?—The principal part of them were drinking, those that were not drinking then perhaps had got drunk.

1625. Having been your rounds, did you go back to the "Joiners' Arms"—I did.

1626. How long did you remain there ?—I think, to the best of my knowledge, I remained there all night; at least I should not be absent more than half an hour at a time during the night.

1627. Without pressing you to be accurate, how many freemen were in the "Joiners' Arms" do you think ?—At one time, during the night perhaps there would be 30 or 40 of them, or more than that.

1628. May we say that at one time there were 40 freemen there ?—Yes.

1629. Besides drinking, what passed among them ? The conversation was with regard to the price of the votes, and what they was to have.

1630. Was that conversation addressed to you?—Yes.

1631. Of what kind was it ?—Saying that we was not offering sufficient, that we was not giving as much as the other side was giving, and that if we did not give what the other side gave they would leave us.

1632. Did you try to make them abate their demands ?—I tried the best I could, but they have not got very great consciences.

1633. We may take it that a regular bargaining went on ?—It was so, and about some 14 of the freemen left us that night, because they could get 2*l.* more on the Conservative side than what we would give them.

1634. Did they give that reason to you ?—They did.

1635. What was the state of the market when these men left you ?—Our price was 10*l.*, and I believe they got 12*l.* each, there were about 14 who would leave us that night.

1636. Did they bring in a price list from the other side ?—No, it was all verbal.

1637. How long did this continue ?—It continued during the night, more or less of it.

1638. In consequence of this did you go to Lancaster ?—I did not.

1639. You remained there the whole time ?—I remained at Morecambe the whole time, I do not know that I remained in that house the whole of the time.

1640. Did you make any arrangements to meet these increased demands ?—I did not.

1641. Did you take any steps in the matter ?—I took no steps in the matter. I said, "If that is your price it is not ours, and therefore you may take leave to go."

1642. In the course of that night, did you see the last witness ?—I saw him about 2 o'clock in the morning; you may perhaps want to inquire whether I knew of Dr. Carruthers walking to Lancaster or not; I did not see him before he set off, but I believe that Dr. Carruthers, Christopher Hartley, and John Edmondson, walked up to Lancaster on the railway to apply for money.

1643. About what time would this be ?—I did not see them at the time they started, but I should say that it would be from 10 to 11 o'clock; I did not see them when they started, nor did I know that they had come to Lancaster at the time.

1644. Did you see them on their return ?—I saw Mr. Edmondson and Mr. Baines about half an hour after they got down to Morecambe.

1645. What time in the morning was that ?—From 3 to 4 o'clock, I should say, I cannot exactly speak to the time now.

1646. I suppose they made some communication to you ?—They did, they told me they had brought down a gentleman with some money.

1647. At this time had you any funds in your hands ?—I had not.

1648. I presume you were introduced to this gentleman ?—I was, at least I made an introduction to him, or he made one to me, but we did get introduced.

1649. He did not take it for granted that you were Mr. Shackleton ?—The landlord would tell him where Mr. Shackleton was, but whether he found me out, or whether I found him out, I do not just remember.

1650. What arrangements did you make with him ?—Well, I told him what kind of a lot of freemen we had to do with, and that it would be rather an expensive game, and knowing that there was a good many of the Lancaster people looking after what we were doing, as well as we were looking after them, I said, "We shall have to be very cautious what we do."

1651. What plan of operations did you settle ?—I told him to take one room, and I would take the other.

1652. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was this at the "Joiners' Arms ?"—It was all at the "Joiners' Arms."

1653. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What arrangement did you make about his paying the freemen ?—That the freemen should come to me first, and that I would write their names on a piece of paper, and the amount that I had bargained with them for. There was no particular paper, for I believe it was all tobacco paper; it was just wrote on little bits of paper with a lead pencil.

1654. Did you see what the freemen did with these papers ?—I did not; as soon as they got the papers they left the room in which I was, and I never saw anything more of them.

1655. They left the room, and you do not know what became of them ?—I do not; at least, at that time I did not see where they went to.

1656. Was anyone in the room with you ?—Well, I do not know that there was anybody in the room.

1657. I do not mean anyone coming in and out, but was anyone sitting in the room with you ?—No.

1657*a*. Dr. Carruthers was not ?—No.

1658. Was he in, or about the house ?—I do not know. I was upstairs, and he might be down below; that I cannot speak to.

1659. Were the freemen upstairs or downstairs ?—They was in and out of the house, and knowing where I was they came to me, and wanted a ticket, and I gave it to them, and I staid up there.

1660. I suppose they had some place of assemblage? —They make a regular practice of it; there was the "King's Arms," the Conservative house, and although they were receiving money from us, they would get some from them. I have no doubt that some of them did.

1661. You say you were upstairs. Did they come upstairs to you ?—They did.

1662. Was the room in which the gentleman was who came from Lancaster upstairs ?—Upstairs.

1663. Perhaps the rooms were facing each other?—No, they were not. Both rooms were in front, at the top of the first stair landing.

1664. Did you initial these pieces of paper?—I would not speak confidently about it. I might do so, but I do not think I did.

1665. How was the gentleman from Lancaster to know that these were authentic documents?—He could not know, because he had never seen my handwriting before.

1666. Then you did not settle any mode with him?—No further than saying I would write on a slip of paper the amount I had agreed with each of the voters for, and that they should then take it in to him.

1667. Can you tell us what names you wrote down?—I cannot.

1668. You probably can tell us a large number of them?—Perhaps I could if I saw the book, but there are a good many Edmonsons, and a good many Armisteads, and so on. There is only about half-a-dozen different families.

1669. Could you take a list of the voters at Morecambe and mark those to whom you gave money?—No, I do not think I could.

1670. I will just put in your hand a list?—If you will allow me to look at the register I should be better able to judge—or one of the polling lists.

1671. Here is one (*handing a polling list to the Witness*).—They are all mixed up together here. I think Mr. Clark handed you a list.

1672. Just look at this (*handing a paper to the Witness*).—This is an old one; it refers to the election of Saunders and Fenwick.

1673. Give it to us in the best way you can. Look at that polling list; there is Richard Armistead, of Poulton-le-Sands, fisherman?—He got money.

1674. (*Mr Hill.*) Is he the son of James?—It is not mentioned who he is the son of.

1675. He is a fisherman, and not a labourer?—He is a fisherman; but I think that if you take the whole of the Morecambe voters you will come at it much better than I can point out to you. I would say the whole were paid, with the exception of a very few.

1676. (*Mr. Barstow.*) No doubt in a few days we shall have your parallel from the Conservative side. Richard Armistead, fisherman, of Poulton-le-Sands, you have told us of. What did you give him?—I cannot speak to that. I have no accounts at all. I have said before that I handed the accounts over: I thought you asked me to point out which of the Armisteads it was that had money, but I cannot state the amounts.

1677. (*Mr Hill.*) What we want to know is those who received money through you from the stranger in the other room?—That is, the voters.

1678. The voters to whom you gave tickets to go in to the stranger?—You may take the first two Armisteads, James Armistead, and Richard Armistead.

1679. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then there is William Armistead, senior, of Poulton-le-Sands?—That I cannot speak to.

1680. Then there is J. Armistead, of Poulton-le-Sands, blacksmith?—I think he got money.

1681. (*Mr. Hill.*) Then there is John Armistead, of Poulton-le-Sands, husbandman?—Well, I do not know which he would be, but I have no doubt that he would get it as well as the others.

1682. From you?—Certainly; he would get a ticket from me to go to Mr. Baines with.

1683. Before we leave the Armisteads, there is William Armistead, senior. Do you not recollect anything about him?—No; he was dead, if I recollect right.

1684. If he was, somebody voted for him?—I do not remember anything about him. I am not here to keep anything back, I should be very sorry to do so.

1685. Then there is T. Baxter, of Bolton-le-Sands, husbandman?—We have no Baxter that I am aware of at Morecambe, a freeman.

1686. Thomas Bennison, of Bolton-le-Sands, weaver?—Bolton-le-Sands that is. Here is John Bell, of Poulton-le-Sands, fisherman.

1687. First of all there is Beesley, of Poulton-le-Sands, tailor. Do you know him?—Yes, I know him very well, but he votes for the Conservatives.

1688. John Bell, of Poulton-le-Sands, fisherman?—Yes, I know him.

1689. Had you any dealings with him that night?—I believe he was paid.

1690. Then there are James and Daniel Bell?—I have no doubt that our Conservative friends will speak to them.

1691. Then there is Edmund Bond, of Poulton-le-Sands, engineer. Had you anything to do with him?—I had not.

1692. John Bond, of Poulton-le-Sands, fisherman. Do you remember him?—Yes.

1693. Did you give him a slip of paper?—I did. He was a turncoat, unfortunately, but the other side refused to pay him in good time.

1694. But he seems to have voted all right?—So he did.

1695. (*Mr Newton.*) How was he a turncoat, then, if he voted all right?—He was not a turncoat, only he had been employed by Mr. Clark on behalf of the Conservatives.

1696. (*Mr. Barstow.*) William Briggs, of Poulton-le-Sands, broker?—He did not get any.

1697. He got nothing?—No.

1698. Henry Casson, of Poulton-le-Sands, husbandman?—Yes, he was paid.

1699. You do not happen to know anything of the Heysham voters, do you?—No, I had nothing to do with the Heysham voters.

1700. Then there is R. Christopherson, of Poulton-le-Sands, mariner. What do you say to him?—I think he got nothing. To the best of my knowledge he did not.

1701. You did not give him anything?—To the best of my knowledge I did not.

1702. Then we come to the Edmondsons: first there is Daniel Edmondson, junior, of Poulton-le-Sands, fisherman?—Yes, he was paid, but he, at that time, was residing at Annan, at Scotland. He was one who gave evidence in London, and I will explain the grounds on which he was paid. He was residing at Annan, in Scotland, and I went over there to see him. He said that the fishing was very good, and that they were getting plenty of salmon, and that he was getting 1*l.* a day; and I said to him, "You have always been a Liberal, and if you will come and give your vote you shall have 1*l.* a day when you come." The price that he was to have had was 6*l.*, but one of the Conservatives that morning went to his house and left 12*l.* on his table, and said, "You must come and vote for the Conservative candidate, and there is 12*l.* for you." On the morning of the election I went to see him, and he let me see the 12*l.*; he showed it to me, and I advised him to take it back again, and he took it back again to John Curwen.

1703. Was 6*l.* all that he received from you?—It was all that he had to receive, but when he had got 12*l.* I said, "You are only a poor man, you shall have the same as they would give, but stick to your principles." He said, "I am only a poor man, and I have as much right to have 12*l.* as anybody else has," and then I said he was to have it.

1704. Did you give him 6*l.* as the balance?—No, I had paid him 2*l.* when I was in Annan, and I gave him his expenses to come over with.

1705. How much were his expenses?—I do not justly remember, but he was a fisherman and he left his fishing-boat and had to go back again. When he came over a day or two before the election Mr. Curwen, the Conservative captain, as you call him, had been to him, and he gave him this 12*l.*

1706. What I asked you was what sum you paid; whether you paid him a further sum of 12*l.* or only the balance?—Only the balance between the 12*l.* and the amount he had received before.

1707. That would be 6*l.* and 6*l.*?—No, it would be 12*l.*, but I cannot speak to that exactly now; he was to have 12*l.* 10*s.*, the same as he had been offered by the Conservative party.

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1708. Then you made up the difference?—Yes, I made it equal to the others.

1709. Then he received 12*l.* plus his expenses?—Yes.

1710. Then there is Jonas Edmondson, of Poulton, fisherman?—Yes, he is the father to Daniel, I believe. He did not get anything, if I remember right, but that I would not speak positively about; he has been a Liberal all his life, and never voted for any but the Liberals, and he will not do.

1711. Then there is Thomas Edmondson, of Poulton, fisherman?—I think that Thomas Edmondson got nothing to the best of my knowledge, for he was away in Ireland, connected with the steamboats, and he was sent over by them; I think he was not paid anything for his vote.

1712. You did not pay him anything, at all events?—I think I did not, I would not speak positively to that, but I think I did not.

1713. Then there is Thomas Edmondson, of Poulton, fisherman?—We have got over that.

1714. No, there is Daniel Edmondson, junior, of Poulton, fisherman, he was the one I asked you about first?—I thought you said Jonas, that was the one I was speaking of.

1715. Daniel Edmondson, junior, of Poulton, fisherman?—He is the landlord. Daniel, of Poulton, is the father of Daniel of Poulton, fisherman, and Daniel of Poulton, fisherman, is the landlord of the "Joiners' Arms."

1716. Who was the man from Scotland?—That was Daniel.

1717. (*Mr. Hill.*) The son of Jonas?—Yes, the son of Jonas; there are so many of the Edmondsons that I cannot classify them exactly.

1718. (*Mr. Newton.*) It is not Daniel, junior?—Daniel, junior, is the landlord of the "Joiners' Arms." There is Daniel Edmondson that they put in yeoman, and Daniel Edmondson, junior, who is put in fisherman, that is the landlord of the "Joiners' Arms."

1719. Then there is another Daniel Edmondson without any junior to it, who is the son of Jonas, and who is the one of whom you have given us this account down at the bottom here?—Yes.

1720. Is that the one that you went to Scotland about?—It was Daniel, the son of Jonas, that I went to Scotland about, but there are so many of them, as I said before, that I cannot classify them.

1721. The next is Jonas Edmondson, of Poulton, fisherman?—That is the father of Daniel. I think he did not get anything, as I said before, he was a Liberal, and had been all his life. I will not swear that he did not get anything, but I do not remember that he did.

1722. Then the next is Thomas Edmondson, of Poulton, fisherman?—That would be the Thomas Edmondson that I was speaking of as being on one of Belfast boats; I think he got nothing.

1723. You gave him nothing, at all events?—I think I did not, but I would not be positive of it; I will speak to the best of my recollection.

1724. The next is John Edmondson, of Poulton, fisherman?—John Edmondson was paid; he was a witness in London.

1725. Then there is James Green, of Poulton, shoemaker; what do you say as to him?—I did not give him anything; whether he got anything or not I do not know; I did not give him anything, and he was not paid by Mr. Baines; whether he got anything from anybody else I do not know.

1726. Then Mathew Hadwen, of Poulton, fish-dealer?—Yes.

1727. Tobias Hadwen, of Poulton, labourer?—I did not pay him; whether he got anything or not I do not know.

1728. He was in London, was he not?—He should have been in London, but he was poorly at the time.

1729. Joseph Hadwen, of Poulton, labourer?—No doubt he would be paid.

1730. William Hadwen, of Poulton, fisherman?—I have no doubt he would be paid.

1731. Then the next is R. Fletcher Housman?—There is only one Housman, and he votes for the Conservatives at Poulton.

1732. There is Richard Hall, of Poulton-le-Sands, druggist?—I did not pay him.

1733. There is A. Henderson, of Poulton-le-Sands, shoemaker?—I cannot speak positively about him, as to whether he was paid or not.

1734. Did you see him in the house?—No, he is a teetotaller, and he does not patronize public-houses.

1735. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are doubtful as to him?—I am; I cannot speak as to him not having any papers or the book.

1736. Then James Jackson?—He did not get anything.

1737. Then John Kitchen, junior, he is the next one; did he vote?—He was not paid for voting by me; I have no doubt that he would be paid, but who by I do not know.

1738. The next is Joseph Knipe, of Poulton, husbandman; what do you say to him?—I think they was paid.

1739. You think that both Joseph and George Knipe were paid?—I think so.

1740. Then William Lord, of Poulton-le-Sands, spinning master?—As far as he is concerned I will not be positive about him, but I think he got paid.

1741. The next is Edward Francis Manby, of Poulton-le-Sands, clerk, and J. R. G. Manby, of Poulton, clerk?—They did not get paid.

1742. They voted for the Conservatives?—Yes.

1743. David Moore, of Poulton-le-Sands, gentleman?—They did not get paid.

1744. Nor Bernard Moore?—No.

1745. Then John Overend, of Poulton-le-Sands, gentleman, he is the next?—He did not get paid.

1746. William Parkinson, of Poulton-le-Sands, painter?—He did not get paid,

1747. Then there are four Threlfalls; first, Henry Threlfall, fisherman?—He was not paid by the Liberals that I am aware of; I have no doubt that all the other Threlfalls was.

1748. Not by the Liberals, though?—No, not by the Liberals, only a part of it.

1749. Were there any that you paid who voted against you?—There were some who got about 2*l.* apiece, I think that voted against us, and either two or three of the Threlfalls I think got 2*l.* apiece and they voted against us; I suppose they got more tempting offers.

1750. That, of course, would be before the nomination day?—It was the nomination day, at night, when we would not give them as much as they got from the other side, or as much as the other side promised to give them, they then turned about and left us.

1751. But the money had been paid to them before?—Perhaps it would be on the morning of the nomination day to bring them here.

1752. A sort of retainer?—Just so.

1753. Are there any others that you paid?—No, I think you have gone thoroughly through the book.

1754. I am sure, from the way in which you have given your evidence, that you will tell us if you can?—Yes, I will.

1755. There is one question that I omitted to ask you in the proper place; the 50*l.* that you paid for public-houses was only for drink?—Only for drink.

1756. That was exclusive of any Committee-room?—Yes.

1757. There was no payment for any Committee-room?—No, there was no payment I think for any Committee-room, not where we were drinking at.

1758. To whom did you give the accounts of the sums that you paid?—I think to Mr. Henry Welch, either to Mr. Welch or to Mr. Blades, I will not be sure which, to one of the two; not only that but they were perfectly satisfied with them.

1759. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You made out a regular account of all the sums you paid, and who you paid them to?—Yes.

1760. Did you receive any remuneration?—No, not a farthing.

1761. (*Mr. Hill.*) You said that the conversation that took place on the night before the nomination was to this effect, "What are your Morecambe people going to do?" and that your answer would be, "They "will be doing as they have been doing for generations "—taking bribes?"—Perhaps I went too far, but my meaning was that they would take money for their votes.

1762. What was the price of votes at this last election as compared with previous elections?—The price was much higher than I had ever known it before.

1763. To what price had you known them go before?—*5l.* was always considered a great price.

1764. So that your instructions originally would not at all have authorized you to go beyond *5l.* without further instructions?—No.

1765. When were you first spoken to as being authorized to pay money at this election?—I think I gave the answer about a week or ten days before the election.

1766. Had you ever been concerned with paying at previous elections?—Only on a very small scale at the election before between Mr. Saunders and Mr. Fenwick; I was chosen for that purpose no doubt being a resident there and not having much else to do, and because they could depend upon my doing their work well.

1767. As one they could trust?—As one they could trust their money with, and not only from that but from principle.

1768. You are a staunch Liberal?—Yes, I always was and always shall remain so.

1769. Who first mentioned the subject of your being employed in distributing money?—Our Liberal friends in Lancaster and myself have been intimate for years, and knowing that I was residing at Morecambe, they considered that I was the most suitable party to look after their interests.

1770. Can you give us an idea who first spoke to you about the amount of money that would be given you?—I was sent for, and met Mr. Welch and Mr. Blades, and no doubt they would be the parties that I should have the first conversation with.

1771. It would be with Welch and Blades?—Yes, no doubt.

1772. That would be some time before the election?—A week or ten days, as I said before.

1773. You do not know where the money came from at all that was found in the parcels in that room?—I never saw any and never got any.

1774. But you saw the brown-paper parcels there, did you not?—No, I did not see them.

1775. What was the amount of the bill that you paid at the "Queen's" at Morecambe?—If I remember right it was 24*l.* I think so, and there was a smaller bill afterwards.

1776. I speak of the bill that you paid on the morning of the election?—That was 24*l.*

1777. Did you pay that out of your own pocket at the time?—At the time I borrowed the money to pay it with, and I told Mr. Welch the amount, and he refunded it, but that is included in the 230*l.* I have named.

1778. And there is included in that the sum of money that you sent to Mr. Baines in the next room?—All together is included in the 230*l.* that I received.

1779. All that you paid out of your own pocket you received again from Mr. Baines?—Yes, the 230*l* includes what I paid at the public-house, what I advanced myself, and what I had borrowed from other parties.

1780. You have paid for the admission of freemen have you not?—In some few instances I have.

1781. Did you pay for the admission of freemen in 1864?—I am not aware that I did unless it was for one party. I think I paid for the admission of Matthew Hadwen and one or two of his sons, and I believe that Mr. Clark before the last election told him that if he would vote for the Conservatives he would refund the money for him to me. Mr. Clark before the election went to solicit him (at least the man told me so) for his vote, and said if he would vote for the Conservative candidate he would refund the money I had advanced for their freedom being taken up.

1783. That would be considered the proper thing to do as they turned against the person who got them on to the list?—People do not always go by what is proper.

1784. How many people have you paid for?—Perhaps half a dozen.

1785. And by whom have you been repaid?—By the Liberal agent.

1786. What Liberal agent?—Mr. Moser.

1787. To the amount of some six altogether?—I think not more than six or eight.

1788. Most of them were in 1864, were they not?—Yes, I should say that would be quite the outside in 1864.

Mr. Henry Kirby Baines sworn and examined.

Mr. H. K. Baines.

1789. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—I am a clerk.

1790. To whom?—To the Barrow Hæmatite Steel Company.

1791. How long have you been an iron founder?—The company has only existed since the 1st of January last; before that I was in the employ of Schneider, Hannay and Company for the last seven years, in fact for the last ten years.

1792. As what?—In the first instance as a mining agent, and in the second instance as a clerk at the iron works at Barrow.

1793. Were you confidential clerk to Mr. Schneider?—No.

1794. Do you know anything about the last election in 1865?—No, nothing.

1795. Are you a Lancaster man?—I was born in Lancaster, and lived there until I was 16 years old.

1796. And where did you go to then?—From there I went to a place at the foot of Coniston Lake, where I resided for 15 years.

1797. And you say that you know nothing about the election in 1865?—Nothing.

1798. Where were you in last July?—At the time of the election at Lancaster I was shooting at Wimbledon.

1799. What were you shooting for?—For various prizes.

1800. Were you a volunteer?—Yes.

1801. There were better prizes at Lancaster?—I am sorry I did not get one if it had been in a good cause.

1802. (*Mr. Newton.*) I suppose you are a Liberal?—My politics not having been tested I cannot say, not being a voter.

1803. Were you ever at the "White Lion" in this town?—No; I do not know where it is.

1804. A house kept by Peter Moore?—I do not know him.

1805. Have you got another brother?—Yes, I have.

1806, What is his name?—Thomas Carter.

But none besides him?—No. none.

1807. You and your brother who was here to-day are the only two?—Yes, the only two brothers in the family.

1808. When did you go to Wimbledon?—I cannot give you the date, but you will know the date of the election, and I went the Saturday before by the night mail.

1809. Where did you take the night mail?—At Carnforth.

1810. How did you get from Barrow to Carnforth?—I came by the ordinary train to Carnforth, and took the night mail, and was in London the next morning at 6 o'clock, and never left there till the Saturday night following, at a quarter-past nine.

1811. You were there the whole week?—Yes; I believe the election was on the Wednesday, and I got to Wimbledon on Wednesday morning.

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1812. What is that you have in your hand ?—It is the ticket that entitled me to shoot in the St. George's Challenge Vase competition.

1813. The mail train stops at Lancaster ?—Yes, a few minutes.

1814. Did you remain in the train those few minutes ?—Yes.

1815. You did not get out ?—I am not aware of it.

1816. You are not aware ?—In fact I will swear I did not.

1817. Did you see anyone that you knew ?—I do not remember that I did.

1818. Did you bring anything with you ?—Nothing but my own luggage and rifle and some Volunteer straps.

1819. I put it to you, you being sworn to speak the truth, did you or did you not ever bring any money from Barrow to Lancaster ?—I am on my oath and I will swear I never did beyond the money for my own expenses.

1820. You never brought any money that was dropped at Lancaster ?—No. I never paid a penny for any Lancaster election.

1821. Do you know anyone who did ?—No.

1822. At that time were all Mr. Schneider's clerks at Barrow ?—Yes, there was not one absent.

1823. Do you know of your own knowledge, or have you been told that any of them came over to Lancaster during that week ?—Not one of them to the best of my knowledge : in fact, I can state at that time we were rather short-handed; my being away in London, none of them could leave so that the business could be carried on with any degree of comfort.

1824. Have you ever heard of your being accused of bringing money to Lancaster ?—No; I never heard that I was accused of that. I was sent for to London in the spring, but what for I never knew.

1825. To attend the Committee in the House of Commons ?—I never knew what I was sent for.

1826. Did you make any inquiry ?—No, I did not consider it my duty. My expenses were paid.

1827. That is not the question. Did you make any inquiry to ascertain what you were sent for ?—I believe Mr. Clarke was the gentlemen who sent for me, and he never vouched any explanation of his conduct.

1828. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who first said anything to you or asked you any question about this matter ?—I was never spoken to upon the subject until I was served with a summons to attend in London.

1829. To attend the Committee ?—Yes.

1830. We have got certain evidence of yours written down to be heard before that Committee. Did you ever give any evidence to anybody or make any statement to anybody ?—No, none.

1831. Are you sure of that ?—Yes, I am certain of it. I was never called.

1832. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The learned Commissioner means, did you make any statement to any person previously with a view to your statement being taken down in writing and put in a brief ?—I am not aware of it.

1833. You never made any statement to Mr. Clarke ?—No.

1834. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who served you with the subpœna ?—Mr. Clarke's son.

1835. When he served you with the subpœna, did you make any observation ?—I am not aware that I did, of any importance.

1836. Did you ask him what it was for ?—I read it, and saw what it was for.

1837. Did you ask him why you were to go up to London ?—I do not recollect what passed. A few words might pass, but nothing of any moment.

1838. Did you take it as a matter of course that you were to go up to London about this Committee ?—Of course ; I took it as a matter of course when I got this subpœna, but I knew nothing about the subpœna before.

1839. You knew nothing about the subpœna, but you knew about the election petition ?—I saw it in the papers.

1840. Has anybody accused you of paying money ?—No, nobody.

1841. Or bringing money ?—Nobody accused me of anything until the summons was served upon me to go to London.

1842. What were you accused of then ?—I was accused of nothing but what was stated in the paper.

1843. What was stated in the paper ?—I saw that my name was mentioned the first in the list in the opening speech of the counsel. That was the first time that I saw my name mixed up with the election.

1844. That was in the London papers ?—Yes.

1845. Was that the first time you knew what you were had up to London for ?—Yes.

1846. Your curiosity was not excited, and you asked nobody ?—Where I was there was nobody to give me information.

1847. Mr. Clarke was there, was he not ?—Not in my district.

1848. But he was in London ?—Yes; but I was not admitted where he was.

1849. He was in the lobby of the House of Commons ?—I very seldom saw him ; and when he was out he appeared so busy that I had no opportunity of speaking to him.

1850. You did not ask him ?—No.

1851. What was your reason for not asking him ?—I had no reason.

1852. You must have a reason. No man would go up to London upon such an errand without knowing what he was taken up for ?—I was subpœnaed to bring up certain books and papers.

1853. You were examined ?—No.

1854. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you remain about in the lobby ?—Yes ; I was never away from the place for the whole three days.

T. C. Baines.

THOMAS CARTER BAINES recalled and further examined.

1855. (*Mr. Hill.*) You gave us a very straightforward account of everything that took place. You have been living at Barrow, near to your brother, talked to him, and you are on good terms with one another, I suppose ?—Yes.

1856. To the best of your belief has he had anything do with this election ?—I should say nothing whatever.

1857. Do you believe that there is no truth in the statement when it is stated that he brought over money to Lancaster from the works ?—I believe it is entirely false. I do not believe that he had anything to do with the election in any way or shape.

1858. In fact, at that moment he was going to shoot for the Challenge Vase ?—Yes; and in fact, our confidence is such, that if he had any transaction in the election he would have told me of it, and also would have told you of it now.

1859. He is a straightforward fellow ?—Yes.

1860. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you bring over any money ?—No.

1861. Do you know of anybody who did ?—No.

1862. Did you ever hear of anybody who did ?—No.

Mr. Newton (to Mr. Henry Kirby Baines.) Of course, upon this I can only say that I am very sorry to have put those questions which I felt it my duty to put to you. We must have been misinformed ; and pray do not suppose that I disbelieve you. On the contrary, I believe you to be the witness of truth.

(*The witness.*) I am very glad to have given my evidence.

(*Mr. Newton.*) You ought to be very glad to have had the opportunity of clearing your character from the imputations cast upon you.

(*The witness.*) I had no more to do with the election than this lamp-post.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Lancaster Castle, Wednesday, 29th August 1866

PRESENT :—

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON.

MR. HILL.

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Mr. H. Welch.

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Mr. HENRY WELCH sworn and examined.

1865. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a grocer ?—Yes.

1866. Where do you reside ?—At the Greaves, in Scotforth.

1867. Where is your shop ?—In Cheapside, one ; and Damside Street the other.

1868. Have you been in trade for some time in Lancaster ?—I have been in Lancaster since 1834, and in business since 1851.

1869. You are a freeman, are you not ?—Yes, of the borough.

1870. Have you, during the time you have resided in Lancaster been connected with, or have you taken interest in any of the elections for members to represent Lancaster in Parliament ?—Well, to some extent, since 1846 ; but more so perhaps within the last seven years.

1871. The first election with which you were more immediately connected was in 1847 ?—Yes ; but I had not much to do with that ; I was only an outsider then.

1872. On behalf of which party have you interested yourself ?—On the Liberal side always.

1873. For what candidates did you interest yourself at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

1874. Had you been interested on behalf of Mr. Fenwick in the preceding election, when he stood against Mr. Saunders ?—Yes, I was.

1875. In what character have you been interested for Mr. Fenwick ?—In pretty much the same way as the last time, being the cashier.

1876. Mr. Schneider, as we know, had a walk over at the preceding election ?—Yes, he had.

1877. At the last general election was it well known that Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider were standing together ?—Yes, well known.

1878. In the same interest and assisted by the same parties ?—Certainly.

1879. Where you endeavouring to split the votes and to bring them both in together ?—We were doing all we could to get everybody to vote for them both.

1880. So that at the last election you were equally the agent of Mr. Schneider as of Mr. Fenwick ?—I suppose so. I had the same interest in the one as in the other personally.

1881. All your arrangements were made equally for both parties ?—Yes, they were.

1882. You say you occupied the position of cashier. What do you understand by that ?—I understand by it having some cash to pay in a manner that I believe is illegal.

1883. What sums of money did you receive on behalf of the last election ?—The first sum of money that I received was 710*l.* and 10*s.* in gold.

1884. When did you receive that ?—Perhaps a fortnight or three weeks before the election ; three weeks I should think it would be.

1885. From whom did you receive that?—I found it.

1886. You found it yourself ?—It was left on the counter in my absence, and I do not know where it came from or who brought it.

1887. You have no idea who left it ?—No, not at all.

1888. Were you out of your shop when it was left there ?—Yes, I was.

1889. Who was in the shop when you left ?—Only a boy of mine.

1890. What is the boy's name ?—I think it would be William Hutchinson.

1891. Is he still in your employment ?—Yes, he is ; he is an apprentice of mine. I am not certain it was him, but I think so.

1892. Have you any other person who could have been in the shop at the time ?—I had a young man at that time in the shop of the name of Alfred Tinker, but he is now in Liverpool. I am not sure which of them it was in the shop, but I think it was the young one.

1893. That, you say, was about three weeks before the election ?—Yes.

1894. At which shop was it left ?—At the one in Cheapside.

1895. In what sort of parcels, or how was it packed ?—It was tied up in a brown-paper parcel.

1896. At what time of the day ?—I think it was in the afternoon, but I would not swear it.

1897. Some time about dinner-time ?—I think it was in the afternoon ; I am almost sure of it. It would be between dinner and tea time.

1898. Had you been out of the shop for some time ?—Yes, I had been down at the other shop in Damside Street.

1899. During the morning ?—Yes, during the morning.

1900. When had you last been in the shop before you found the money ?—Perhaps two hours.

1901. You came in and found this one parcel lying on the counter ?—No, I did not find it lying on the counter ; it was put on a shelf on one side, and I was told that it was left during my absence, and they were to give it to me.

1902. Who told you that ?—The young man in the shop.

1903. William Hutchinson ?—Yes, I think it was him ; it was one of the two I named. I asked him who left it, and he said he did not know, it was a boy, and that he had said, " Give that to Mr. Welch when he comes in."

1904. Did you ever speak to anybody afterwards about that parcel ?—No.

1905. Nor tell anybody that you had received the parcel safely ?—I think I should tell Mr. Wearing, my next door neighbour.

1906. That you had received the parcel safely ?—No, not that I had received it safely, but that I had received a parcel, and that it contained so much money.

1907. You have no doubt that you did tell that to Mr. Wearing ?—I do not think anything occurred to either of us during the election that we did not tell to one another.

1908. No doubt you told him, it being an important feature in the election ?—I have no doubt at all that I did.

1909. What did you proceed to do with the money at that time. Did you keep it in your own hands, or did you pay it into the bank ?—I kept it in my own hands.

1910. What was the next sum of money you received ?—500*l.*, left exactly in the same way.

1911. Were you in your shop at that time ?—No.

1912. At what date was that left ?—That would be about ten days after the first.

1913. At the same time of day ?—I could not be certain ; it was in the course of the day ; it was daylight.

1914. I only ask that with reference to this point.

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Where you also down at your other shop when this second parcel was left?—I cannot say that. I am a good deal out of the place during the day, on other people's business sometimes.

1915. Did you also find that on the shelf?—Yes, it was put on the shelf in the shop when I came in.

1916. Did the same boy, William Hutchinson, or Alfred Tinker tell you that it was left for you?—Yes, one of them would. I have no one else to tell me, unless they brought it in when my brother was in the shop, but I do not think he was.

1917. Have you a brother who looks after the shop?—Yes.

1918. What is his name?—William Welch.

1919. Did you mention to any person besides Wearing that you had received this 500*l.* also?—No, I do not think I should.

1920. What was the next sum of money that was left?—The next was a sum of 500*l.* I was told to call for it at Mr. John Sanderson's, in St. John Street.

1921. At what date was that?—Perhaps a week before the election.

1922. Who is Mr. Sanderson?—He is a clerk in the Lancaster Banking Company.

1923. What is his Christian name?—John.

1924. At what date was that?—About a week before the election.

1925. That would be about the 5th of July?—Some time in the beginning of July.

1926. Who had told you to call for that?—I believe Mr. Sanderson left word at my shop that he had a parcel for me at his house, if I would call for it.

1927. Was that parcel packed similarly to the other ones?—500*l.* in gold tied up in a brown-paper parcel.

1928. In the same way?—Yes, folded up in hundreds.

1929. The same class of parcel as the other?—Yes, the same parcel. It was 500*l.* tied up in either fifties or hundreds; I think it was fifties, and the others were tied up in hundreds; it was, I know, tied up in fifties.

1930. What was the next money that you received?—I got another 500*l.* from the same person.

1931. In the same way as the last?—Yes.

1932. You were told by Mr. Sanderson to call, and you called for it?—I was told when I got the first to call again for a similar parcel.

1933. You were told by Mr. Sanderson when you got the first 500*l.*, that you received in that way, that you were to call again?—Yes, that there would be another similar parcel for me in a few days. I could not swear to the exact circumstances of the language I am relating to you, but, to the best of my belief that was the way of it.

1934. You were to call in a few days?—I did not call for the next parcel, I sent a person for it.

1935. We are upon the second parcel you received at Sanderson's house?—I sent a person for it, I did not receive it myself.

1936. When you received the first 500*l.* he told you that there would be a similar parcel for you in a few days?—I could not say whether he told me that then, or a few days afterwards.

1937. How long before the election was it that you received from Mr. Sanderson's house this second parcel of 500*l.*?—On the nomination day.

1938. What was the next money that you received?—The next money I saw I found.

1939. How much did you find?—I did not count it, it was tied up in a brown-paper parcel in a cupboard in a room we occupied at the "Queen's;" how it came there I do not know.

1940. Who directed your attention to that cupboard?—Nobody.

1941. Was it in the room in which you were sitting?—It was a room I was in in the evening.

1942. Let us have the day on which that discovery took place?—That was on the nomination day.

1943. Was anyone sitting in the room with you at the time you saw it?—I cannot tell, but I daresay there would be.

1944. Had you ever visited that cupboard before?—I had never been in that room before that afternoon, it was merely a kind of sideboard. I do not know whether it was a bookcase at the top and a cupboard underneath.

1945. Did you accidentally look into the cupboard? Was it a mere accident?—I cannot relate to you how it was I found it, but I went to the cupboard to put away the monies that I had left out of the other.

1946. There you found a brown-paper parcel?—Yes.

1947. You knew what was in the brown-paper parcel?—I felt it and I knew, at least I suspected what it was.

1948. You knew before that did you not?—No.

1949. You knew that the parcel was somewhere about the room?—No, I had never been told a word about it.

1950. What was the bulk of the parcel?—I took it to be 1,000*l.* from the size of bags I saw with 1,000*l.* in.

1951. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was it all in gold?—Yes.

1952. (*Mr. Hill.*) You felt that this was a parcel made up with bags inside it?—No, it was tied up in a paper and all folded together; tied up in fifties or hundreds.

1953. When did you open that parcel?—That afternoon or that evening, some of it was taken out.

1954. Where did you open it?—In that room.

1955. Who was present?—Mr. Wearing was present and Mr. Blades.

1956. Charles Blades?—Yes, I do not think there would be anyone else present at the time, there was no secret about it, it was a mere matter of business, it was not opened with any formality, it was only opened when it was wanted.

1957. What was the next money you received?—The next money was received on the morning of the election, it was a bag with 1,000*l.* in it I suppose.

1958. Where did you find that?—Mr. Wearing brought that into the room.

1959. Into the room at the "Queen's?"—Yes.

1960. What was the next money you received?—There was another bag of 1000*l.* brought in shortly afterwards by Mr. Barton.

1961. What is Mr. Barton's Christian name?—I do not know.

1962. What is he?—A gentleman.

1963. Residing where?—At the top of Church Street, in Lancaster; Church Place I suppose they would call it.

1964. What time of the day did he bring that in?—It would be about 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning, about 10 o'clock I should think.

1965. What time was the previous bag brought in by Wearing in the morning?—Perhaps half an hour before.

1966. What was the next sum of money you received?—That is all I got.

1967. Until the settling up of accounts, which we will come to by-and-bye?—Well, I had more than I wanted.

1968. That makes 5,210*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

1969. Did you hand back any balance to anybody when you finally came to settle up accounts?—One of the bags of 1,000*l.* was never touched on the day of the election.

1970. We will come to that presently. Out of this money which you received what was the first money which you distributed?—I suppose I should pay about 1,000*l.* previously to the election, somewhere thereabouts, quite 1,000*l.*

1971. Into whose hands did you pay that?—In sums of 1*l.*, 2*l.*, 3*l.*, 4*l.*, and 5*l.* into the hands of the captains appointed to the different districts for the canvassing expenses, and at the week's end wages for messengers, runners, and all sorts of people that there are at an election who want money.

1972. Have you a list of the captains to whom you paid those sums?—I have not.

1973. Can you give me no list?—I cannot give you a list, but Mr. Maxsted handed you in a book yesterday with the districts and the captains appointed to each district.

1974. You can tell me, looking at that, about what sums each of them received?—I could not tell you what they received, but I can tell you the names of the parties in the district to whom I paid it.

1975. Do you recollect what was the first date at which you paid any money at all?—It was sooner than I would have liked to have commenced, but it was a fortnight after the other side had been spending money and treating in public-houses.

1976. (*Mr. Newton.*) You say it was sooner than you liked to begin?—Yes, I know it is a troublesome business when you once begin, and I kept it off as long as I could; we were goaded into it by our party coming and telling us what they were doing on the other side; they commenced on the other side with a system of opening one public-house in one place one night, and another another night.

1977. (*Mr. Hill.*) I will take you through their system presently, you commenced sooner than you liked, but you were goaded into it by being told what they were doing on the other side?—Yes.

1978. When were you goaded into it, how long before the election?—I think a fortnight or three weeks before the election, three weeks I think it would be.

1979. I find from the book to which you referred me that the borough was divided into districts, and that there were captains and assistants set over each district?—Yes.

1980. Now I find in Skerton that there were as captain and assistants, William Towers, John Ireland, and Edward Bradley?—I do not know John Ireland and Edward Bradley. I only dealt with the captain; it was his business to distribute to his subordinates and other people. William Towers was the captain.

1981. When did you first pay William Towers?—I cannot say.

1982. Would he be about one of the earliest?—There was no difference in the earliness, when they began they began altogether.

1983. What sums of money did you, on the whole, pay William Towers?—Do you mean for the preliminary canvassing expenses, or altogether?

1984. For the preliminary canvassing expenses?—I do not know. I should think perhaps 15*l.* or 20*l.* altogether, up to the time of the election.

1985. Can you tell me what you gave him altogether for other purposes?—I think 100*l.* was all that he had for other purposes, both for voters and public-house bills, and hire of committee rooms. I think so, either 100*l.* or 150*l.* I cannot be sure but he will tell you.

1986. Do you know any other person that you dealt with at Skerton?—No.

1987. Heaton-with-Oxcliffe, Middleton, Overton, Sunderland, and Heysham, for that district I see the names of the captains are Mr. Wise and Mr. Bagot, did you look to them?—No, I did not give them any money.

1988. Who looked to them?—That district you have named I think was two districts.

1989. What were the names of the two districts?—Heysham I think was a district of itself, or Heysham and Heaton; but in Heaton-with-Oxcliffe, there were only one or two voters, and they are farmers, and they have to vote the way their landlord tells them, so that they do not want much looking after.

1990. From whom can we gain information as to those two districts?—As to what?

1991. As to money paid to persons residing there?—John Albright went down to Overton, and not Thomas Albright, as Mr. Clark told you yesterday.

1992. Did he receive money from you?—Yes.

1993. How much did you pay to John Albright?—I think it was either 70*l.* or 80*l.*, it was one or the other.

1994. Altogether for preliminary canvassing and other expenses?—He did not go down on the preliminary canvass, in fact very little preliminary canvassing was done at Overton on our side, the other side did more of it.

1995. We shall come to the other side by-and-by?—They are a very bad lot, we did not trouble them very much.

1996. Was there anybody else who looked after Overton, besides Albright?—John Bagot went down once or twice, and I daresay took some money with him.

1997. Did you give him any money?—I gave him a sovereign when he went down, to spend amongst them.

1998. Did you give nothing else to John Bagot, besides this 1*l.* to spend amongst them?—He would go three or four times.

1999. Did you give him 1*l.* each time?—1*l.* or 30*s.*

2000. What did you give him altogether, 5*l.*?—Yes, not more, he went down three times.

2001. Shall I say 5*l.* in round numbers?—Yes, it would be about that, not more.

2002. Did you give anybody else anything for Overton?—No.

2003. Did you do anything at all for Heaton-with-Oxcliffe?—No.

2004. Who looked after that?—I do not think anybody else looked after that, as I have told you; there were only four voters there, two Cottams and two Balls.

2005. Did either of them receive any money?—Not from us.

2006. Not from the Liberal party?—No, I do not know that any of them voted for us.

2007. Was there no money spent by the Liberal party at Heaton-with-Oxcliffe?—Not that I am aware, not to the best of my knowledge.

2008. The two Balls appear to have voted on your side?—Yes, I believe they did, and the two Cottams voted on the other side, Adam Cottam and John Cottam; they are respectable farmers.

2009. You do not know of any money being spent upon them by the Liberals?—No, I do not.

2010. Then, as regards Middleton?—I do not know Middleton at all; it is classed, I daresay, with some of the others.

2011. You do not know who acted; it is put down Mr. Wise and John Bagot, in the book?—Mr. Wise would go down to canvass them, if it is classed with Heysham they would come up with the Heysham voters.

2012. We shall learn, then, about that from Mr. Wise?—Yes, Mr. Wise and Lawrence Crook.

2013. They will also speak, as I understand, as to Heysham?—Yes; Heysham is the principal place, Middleton would be tacked to it.

2014. Then Sunderland?—That is tacked to Overton.

2015. Would that be under John Albright's care?—I do not think anybody went to Sunderland, I believe there were only one or two voters there. And they are not men to be looked after in that kind of way.

2016. They are not men who would take money, is that what you mean?—I think there are only two voters there; one is Mr. Walker, a solicitor, at Preston; he would not want looking after; and I believe there is one fisherman, and he would come to Overton when there was anything to drink.

2017. Therefore we can refer to Mr. John Albright for him?—Mr. Albright was never down there, excepting on the morning of the election to bring them up.

2018. Do you know of any money that was given to that Sunderland fisherman, or given to anybody on his account?—He did not vote for us, he always had done before, but he did not that time.

2019. What is his name?—I forget his name, but I was told by Albright that they could not get him, that he had gone over to the other side.

2020. Now we will come to Poulton-le-Sands. We

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have heard something about it. I find that with Poulton, Bare and Torrisholme are classed ?—They are.

2021. They are the same township ?—Yes.

2022. The head of affairs there was Mr. Shackleton ?—Yes.

2023. What monies did you give to Mr. Shackleton ?—About 200*l.* altogether.

2024. He has told us that you gave him 230*l.* ?—I daresay that will be correct; I know it was somewhere about 200*l.*

2025. You heard the evidence he gave as to that, and you have no reason to correct it ?—No ; I believe he told the truth.

2026. Did you give any money to anybody else for Poulton-le-Sands ?—Nobody else. Baines took some money down when he went the night before the election or the morning of the election.

2027. To Baines also you gave 230*l.* altogether ?—Baines took 200*l.* down with him. He had 150*l.* first, and he came for 50*l.* more. He had heard so much about the expensiveness of the place, and thought it would not be enough; and he took another 50*l.*

2028. And Mr. Shackleton he told us lent him an additional sum of 50*l.* ; and he paid 20*l.* out of his own pocket ?—Yes. I repaid him a few days after, the balance of his account, and Mr. Shackleton received his.

2029. So that altogether there would go to Baines and Shackleton 460*l.*, according to their account, which you have no reason to doubt ?—No ; I believe it to be correct.

2030. Besides that did you pay any money to anybody else on account of that district ?—Some parties from Lancaster, when they went down would take 1*l.* or 2*l.* with them to spend; but I did not give anybody much money to go down to Morecambe. I thought Shackleton was spending quite plenty.

2031. To what extent shall we say they had money besides ?—Perhaps, at different times it may have been 10*l.* or 15*l.*

2032. That was for drink and refreshment ?—Yes.

2033. Now we will come to Bolton. I see the name that stands first at Bolton is William Slinger ?—He did not vote.

2034. Thomas Irving ?—He did not do anything.

2035. Robert Stackhouse ?—He did.

2036. Edward Jackson ?—I do not know him.

2037. Robert Beattie ?—He did not go there.

2038. The only person you did anything with at Bolton was Stackhouse ?—Huntington went down with Stackhouse.

2039. Did you give any money to any one else for Bolton except Stackhouse ?—John Huntington and Stackhouse had 5*l.* each to go down with.

2040. To do what with ?—To pay the expenses of the voters, to give them their breakfasts in the morning and to bring them up.

2041. Was that the first sum of money that you sent down to Bolton ?—No, I think that Stackhouse would have 3*l.* or 4*l.* to spend before that—perhaps 5*l.*—I cannot say to a pound or two.

2042. We may say 5*l.* ?—Yes.

2043. Did Huntington receive any monies from you besides that ?—Huntington had 2*l.* or 3*l.* from me when he went down before that.

2044. 3*l.*, shall we say, or 2*l* ?—I do not know how many times he went down. I gave him 1*l.* each time he went down—perhaps 3*l.* altogether.

2045. Besides that, did Huntington receive any money ?—No.

2046. What monies did Stackhouse receive on account of the voters for bribery ?—There were not many voters down there. I do not know whether Stackhouse voted two or three out of that district. He did not vote many I know.

2047. What money would he receive on account of those men ?—He got 15*l.* for one, and I think 10*l.* for another.

2048. What was the name of the fifteen-pounder ?—He was a man that he brought up into the room—a man that they had up in London.

2049. Was it Bennison ?—No, it was not Bennison.

2050. Baxter ?—Yes ; he brought Baxter up into the room where we were at the "Queen's," and told me that the man would not vote unless he got 15*l.* I asked who he was, and said that he must not bring him there ; that we could only deal with the captains, and that he must send him away : and Stackhouse took 15*l.* for him.

2051. He took 15*l.* from the room for him ?—He did ; and took 10*l.*, I think, for Bennison.

2052. Thomas Bennison ?—Thomas Bennison.

2053. That was the gentleman who was to vote for Schneider and Lawrence, but who did in fact vote for Schneider and Fenwick ?—I believe he did so.

2054. Who was the third voter ?—I do not think he voted anybody else ; but he came for some money for a third voter ; and when he got the man to the polling booth, the man had voted previously ; and so he brought the money back again. I think those were the only two voters that Stackhouse polled.

2055. And they were the only two men who, so far as you know, were bribed at Bolton ?—As far as I know—that is, on our side.

2056. Now we will pass on to the next district, Over Kellet and Nether Kellett. I see Mr. Joseph Wilson's name connected with that district ?—Yes, I believe so.

2057. Was he the person who looked after that district ?—He went to see them, but he did not look after the Kellet voters.

2058. I suppose we may take Over Kellet and Nether Kellet as one ?—Yes ; there are only two voters in one of the Kellets, and they are both gentlemen who do not want looking after.

2059. Did Joseph Wilson receive any money from you to go down ?—I gave him some money for his expenses to go down.

2060. Nothing more than that ?—Nothing more than that for Kellet.

2061. Were there any voters paid at Kellet ?—There were.

2062. How many ?—I really cannot tell: not many.

2063. To whom did you give money for Kellet ?—To Hewitson.

2064. J. W. Hewitson ?—I do not know what his Christian name is.

2065. What money did Hewitson receive for Kellet ?—He took 50*l.*, I think, and brought some of it back.

2066. How much did he bring back ?—He brought a little back. I do not know how much ; but he will be able to tell you.

2067. He had somewhere about 50*l.* ?—I think 50*l.* exactly he took with him.

2068. But you say he brought some back ?—Yes ; but I cannot remember how much he brought back ; perhaps 5*l.* or 10*l.*

2069. Do you know of any other money that was paid on account of Kellet ?—Yes ; I paid Lawrence Lawrence 10*l.* myself for his services. It was badly looked after, and I engaged him to attend to his neighbours, as he could do it better than anybody in Lancaster ; and I gave him 10*l.* for his services.

2070. For his services in looking after voters ?—Yes.

2071. Lawrence Lawrence is a voter, is he not ?—Yes.

2072. Is he resident at Kellet ?—Yes.

2073. Did he receive any money from you for his vote ?—I gave him 10*l.* after the election, which I had agreed to give him before if he would help us all he could at Kellet, and do his best.

2074. But beyond that you gave him nothing ?—Nothing.

2075. Which Lawrence was it, senior or junior ?—It was the old man. The young man came from Liverpool. I gave the father 10*l.* for his son's expenses for coming from Liverpool besides.

2076. Did either of them receive any other money ?—No.

2077. Did you pay money to any other persons

than those you have mentioned; Hewitson 50*l.*, and each of the Lawrences 10*l.* on account of voters resident in the Kellets?—No; I do not think it was 50*l.* that Hewitson got, but he will tell you.

2078. Now we come to Warton and Carnforth; they both go together?—They do.

2079. I see that the names standing against those districts are Thomas Baines, Joe Miller, and Statfox. Which of those three names do you recognize?—I do not know either of them. I gave Joseph Wilson money for that district.

2080. I understand you to say with regard to Kellet that Joseph Wilson only had his own expenses for going over?—That was all.

2081. To what amount?—He would go to Kellet when he was going to Carnforth and Warton, and spend a few shillings at public-houses.

2082. Then there was no special money given him for the Kellets?—No.

2083. You say that Joseph Wilson received monies for that district?—70*l.* or 80*l.*, to the best of my recollection.

2084. Did anybody else receive money for voters there?—No.

2085. How many voters are there in that district? I really do not know.

2086. Did Joseph Wilson render you an account of monies paid to the voters for that district?—In the lump, but not particularly.

2087. Was there any other money paid to any other persons on account of that?—Not for that district, except a pound or two for expenses when they went down there; that is all.

2088. Just to look up the voters and give them refreshment?—That is it.

2089. Now then we come to Hest Bank and Slyne. I find the names put against that in the book are Joseph Albright, Isaac Greenwood, and Alfred Tinker. Alfred Tinker would be your apprentice, would he not?—He was an assistant of mine.

2090. Which of those three did you deal with in the matter of the Hest Bank and Slyne voters?—I do not think there was anybody down there to deal with. I do not think we got any voters there that were paid.

2091. Neither in the way of refreshment nor in any other way?—Joseph Albright went down there either once or twice, and I think he only took half a sovereign with him when he went down. There are no voters there to look after. They get among the Morecambe people there.

2092. Would not Alfred Tinker look after any voters there?—No; many of the names that were set down in that book were set down by parties at a meeting, and in the absence of the individuals. Many of them never interfered at all.

2093. Then there would not be above a sovereign on that account altogether?—There was nothing spent there of any amount that I remember.

2094. Then we come to Aughton-with-Halton?—Aughton-with-Halton or Halton-with-Aughton.

2095. The names set against that are Joseph Smith, Thomas Scurry, and James Gardiner. Who looked after that?—James Gardiner lives at Halton, and Joseph Smith has a farm there.

2096. To whom did you give money on account of the voters there?—Mr. Smith should have taken some money down for there, but he said it was of no use going down; that the other side were giving so much money he would not go, but would take the chance of finding them when they came the next day; and he did not go at all.

2097. Did anybody else go?—No; Gardiner lives there, but he went with Hewitson I think.

2098. Was any money given to any voter in that district?—Mr. Smith got something, but how much I do not remember: not much.

2099. 5*l.* or 10*l.*?—I have no recollection what Mr. Smith got.

2100. But there are voters there; there are Crossfield and Gudgeon?—Did they not vote for Mr. Lawrence?

2101. You are quite right?—I do not think we got any there. We had not much money there.

2102. Pedder and Richmond?—I think Pedder would vote for us. He is a farmer, and a respectable man; he would not have any money. He did not get anything.

2103. George Nathaniel appears to be the only other person?—I do not know him at all. I do not think we got anybody from Halton. They all went to the other side.

2104. Joseph Smith had 5*l.* or 10*l.*?—I did not give Joseph Smith anything. What he spent he spent out of his pocket, and told me after the election, and I gave it to him.

2105. 5*l.*?—I do not remember, for it would be some time after the election before he told me what he had spent.

2106. Ellel and Galgate; they both come under the district of Galgate?—Ellel is a very wide township. I think they were separate.

2107. Who looked after Ellel?—The township of Ellel?

2108. Yes?—John Birchall.

2109. What moneys did John Birchall receive from you?—I think I gave him 50*l.*

2110. Did you give to anybody else anything on account of Ellel?—A man named Rawes had something, I do not know what. He brought most of it back again.

2111. Shall we say 5*l.*?—No, I think he took 30*l.* or 40*l.*, and he brought about 20*l.* back.

2112. Then he had 10*l.* or 20*l.*?—Somewhere thereabouts.

2113. What was that for?—He paid either one voter or two. One voter I think it was.

2114. I should think in all probability it would be nearer 20*l.* than 10*l.* if there were two voters?—I do not think they paid them so much up there. I think he paid the two voters 16*l.*, and brought 24*l.* back out of the 40*l.* I think it was so.

2115. Did anybody else receive anything at Ellel besides those which you have mentioned?—Not except for expenses.

2116. What would be paid for expenses?—Perhaps 5*l.* or 6*l.*

2117. Do you know who were the two voters to whom Rawes paid that 16*l.*?—I do not.

2118. Now then, we will come to Galgate. Who looked after Galgate?—Edward Bradshaw, junior.

2119. Was he a resident there or did he go from Lancaster?—His father lives there, and has a tanyard and a house, or had at that time at Galgate, and a currier's shop at Lancaster; and the son was backwards and forwards.

2120. You say that he has a shop; that is the father?—The son is with the father in the business.

2121. What money did you give to Bradshaw for the Galgate voters?—I do not remember. He would get a good deal—100*l.* I should think, or more.

2122. What shall we put down as your nearest approximation to the sum?—I should say about 150*l.*, speaking from memory.

2123. When did you give him that money?—On the night before the election, and on the day of the election, I think.

2124. Did he give an account to you of what he had done with the 150*l.*?—He did make out a piece of paper of what he had paid.

2125. Did you give anybody else any money for Galgate?—No; nobody got any money for the Galgate voters except Bradshaw.

2126. Was any money paid to Bradshaw besides the 150*l.* for expenses?—Yes; some few pounds.

2127. May I say 5*l.*?—Yes, 5*l.* or 10*l.*, or, I should say, perhaps more. I should think that the expenses at Galgate would be 20*l.* before the election.

2128. Did you give any other persons any monies for going down to Galgate to look up voters?—Nobody but Bradshaw, so far as I recollect. He undertook it with the assistance of another young man.

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2129. Who was the young man who assisted him?—He was some person at Galgate that he selected for himself.

2130. I will mention some names: Robinson, Illingworth, Pilkington?—It was either Pilkington or Illingworth, I am not certain which.

2131. But you did not pay that assistant anything?—No; I am not sure whether he did not get a few pounds for expenses. I think he did.

2132. Do you know whether he was in the employment of some silk mill down there?—He was in the employ of the silk mill. It was either Illingworth or Pilkington. I believe they are both in the silk mill. It was either the one or the other of them. I only saw him once, and gave him 2*l.* or 3*l.* for expenses.

2133. You have nothing else to say about Galgate?—Bradshaw had the management at Galgate.

2134. Now we will come to a district containing a very great many names: Ashton-with-Stodday. Do you know anything of that?—The voters in Ashton-with-Stodday, I think, are farmers that were not looked after in that kind of way.

2135. Cockerham?—Henry Simpson was appointed for Cockerham, I think.

2136. Can you say anything about Ashton-with-Stodday?—No one went there, I believe, unless the Cockerham people called upon them; but I think there are only one or two voters. They are farmers.

2137. I see in this book there are a great many districts all bracketed with Ashton-with-Stodday: Cockerham, Glasson, Thurnham, Forton, and I need scarcely read the other names?—There are a good many of them.

2138. Did the same person look after those districts which are so bracketed together?—Henry Simpson looked after Cockerham, and John Bircham looked after Thurnham.

2139. Then those districts we need not separate, but you can give me an answer as to all of them, can you?—Yes. It was much the same as it was with the others.

2140. What monies did you give to William Welch?—William Welch and Henry Simpson were co-partners together. I think they spent about 50*l.*

2141. That district included Ashton-with-Stodday, Cockerham, Glasson, Thurnham, Forton, Cleveley, Over Wyresdale, Nether Wyresdale, Dolphinholme, Holleth, Cockersand Abbey, Aldcliffe, Lunecliffe, Tarnwater, Conder Green?—There are many of the places named there at which there are out-voters; but they are not parties to be looked after. It is not so formidable a district as it appears to be on paper.

2142. Against that district I find the names put of William Welch, Henry Simpson, John Birchall, and Henry Rawes?—Yes; I think they distributed the district as I told you before. Birchall and Rawes went to Dolphinholme and other places where they are all scattered, and Henry Simpson and William Welch went to Cockerham and Forton.

2143. To which of those four names did you give money on account of the voters resident in that district which I have read to you?—I paid Birchall and Rawes for the Ellel district.

2144. Which Rawes is that—Henry Rawes?—I think so.

2145. Birchall and Rawes received money on account of that district?—Wyresdale and Ellel outside. There is Ellel and Galgate-with-Ellel. The township adjoins up to Wyresdale.

2146. What money did you give to Birch and Rawes for that district?—I think I gave Rawes 40*l.* as I told you before, and he brought 24*l.* back, and Birchall had, I think, 60*l.*

2147. Then the only sum I have not got down at present is the 60*l.* I am not to make a fresh entry for Rawes?—No. Birchall and Rawes were together, but they each took some money.

2148. The sum given to those two would be 60*l.*? It would be 100*l.* for the two.

2149. But we have already dealt with the 40*l.* to Rawes?—I think Birchall's was 60*l.*

2150. We have already dealt with Rawes's 40*l.* as regards Ellel, so that the only sum we have now to deal with is the 60*l.* that Birchall received for Wyresdale?—Yes.

2151. Did those persons receive any other monies besides the 60*l.* and the 40*l.*?—No; I do not think they did. Birchall paid money out of his own pocket when he went canvassing. I do not know whether the 60*l.* he got paid him. I think he brought me some money back.

2152. At any rate you know he had no more than you have mentioned?—No more.

2153. Was that 60*l.* for the payment of voters?—And expenses.

2154. Did you pay to any other persons besides Birchall and Rawes any other sums of money on account of that district?—I paid a man of the name of Davies perhaps 5*l.* or 6*l.* altogether for expenses up there; a man who lives up there.

2155. Any other person?—No.

2156. What was Davies to do?—To look after voters in his neighbourhood. He is a farmer. He lives up there, and some of the voters live near him.

2157. Is he a voter himself?—No.

2158. As to the rest of the district, who looked after that?—Henry Simpson and William Welch.

2159. That is your brother?—Yes.

2160. What sums of money did you give those two on account of voters?—I did not give them any until afterwards, and I think it was about 50*l.* that they spent.

2161. Was that the whole of the money that they spent on voters?—The whole of the money they got.

2162. There was no extra money for refreshments or expenses?—They paid it out of their own pocket, and an account of the whole was rendered afterwards.

2163. Did you give anybody else anything in all these districts?—Nobody else.

2164. Although as you say it is a district large in names, it is sparse of voters?—In many of those places there is perhaps a single voter, and the voters are persons who do not want looking after.

2165. Now, then, we will come to the district which is named Scotforth, Springfield Terrace, Pointer, Alma Road, &c., Lower Greaves, Parkfield Terrace, Greaves, Pointer Road, Burrow House, West View, Deep Cutting; and I find set against that district the names of John Welch, Col. Yeadell. Is that Colonel Yeadell?—His name is set down there, but he never interfered.

2166. Josiah Ball, Robert McKinley, and Robert Parker, with which of those persons did you deal in that district?—Josiah Ball and a man named John William Jackson, of Scotforth.

2167. That is not one of the names that is put down?—No, those names were put down at a meeting, and most parties were absent, and many of them had nothing to do with it.

2168. You put down the names of persons who were known adherents of the Liberal cause?—Yes, parties who had assisted at other times.

2169. To which of those men, Josiah Ball and William Jackson, did you give money in the matter of this election?—Both of them.

2170. Did you give it to them in one sum, or in separate sums?—I gave it to them in one sum each.

2171. What sum did you give to each?—I think they had 30*l.* each.

2172. 60*l.* for the two?—Yes.

2173. Are they voters?—Yes, both of them.

2174. Was the money they received for their votes?—No.

2175. But to deal with others?—To deal with others.

2176. Was that for the purpose of paying voters?—That was for the purpose of paying voters; there would be a few pounds for expenses besides.

2177. Shall we say 5*l.*?—Yes; I daresay they would have 4*l.* or 5*l.* pounds each, not more.

2178. That would be about 10*l.* for the two?—I think that would be the outside.

2179. We will say about 8*l.*, and that will be within the mark?—Yes, I think that will be near it.

2180. Was there any other money paid to any other person on account of that district?—I think I gave John Welch either 2*l.* or 3*l.* for expenses—2*l.*

2181. Did you give anybody else anything?—Nobody else in that district that I remember.

2182. Did you give nothing to Robert Parker?—No.

2183. And nothing to Robert McKinlay?—No; Josiah Ball had two or three assistants. I did not send the money to them all, I gave it to Ball.

2184. I have taken it that on account of Scotforth you gave 60*l.* to Josiah Ball and William Jackson, 8*l.* for their expenses, and 2*l.* to John Welch?—Yes.

2185. That is about it?—Yes.

2186. What William Jackson is it?—He is an innkeeper and blacksmith at Scotforth.

2187. Now we come to Bulk. The names set against that are Charles Blades, James Wadsworth, and Martin Ireland; which of those people did you deal with as regards Bulk?—I do not remember that anybody went to Bulk.

2188. Had Charles Blades the looking after the people in Bulk?—I do not know; I never gave him any money for that purpose. There are only four or five voters in Bulk.

2189. You gave no money?—I do not remember that I did. I do not think that any of them voted for us. There are only four or five voters there.

2190. Caton and Brookhouse. The names set against that district are Edward Baker, R. W. Blades, and James Lamb; did you deal with any of those persons in that district?—James Lamb received some money for expenses there, and R. W. Blades got some money for what voters they had there.

2191. James Lamb, you say?—Yes.

2192. What money did James Lamb receive?—He only received a few pounds for expenses.

2193. 3*l.* or 4*l.*?—3*l.* or 4*l.* I think it was 3*l.* 10*s.*; 3*l.* or 4*l.*

2194. Then we will call it 3*l.* Edward Baker?—No.

2195. Blades?—R. W. Blades.

2196. What did he get?—I think it was 50*l.* or 60*l.*, but I do not remember whether it was that much or not.

2197. For voters?—Yes.

2198. Anything for expenses besides?—No; I gave it to him altogether; he will tell you what it was, but it was somewhere thereabouts.

2199. Was there anything given to anybody else on account of Caton and Brookhouse?—Nobody else.

2200. Now as to Littledale. I see the names against that are W. Bradshaw and Mark Standring. Did you deal with either of those two men in the matter of Littledale?—I do not think that anybody went to Littledale. It is a very outside place, and hard to get at.

2201. No money was paid in respect of Littledale?—I do not remember any.

2202. Then we come to Quernmore and Claughton. Against that there are James Mills, Thomas Kelsall, and Thomas Atkinson. Did you deal with either of those men?—Yes, Mills got some money.

2203. B. Mills?—Yes.

2204. What money did you give Mills?—I think it was 25*l.*

2205. Did you give him anything for expenses extra?—Nothing. Kelsall had 1*l.* or 2*l.* for expenses.

2206. What do you say Kelsall had?—Perhaps 2*l.* or 3*l.*

2207. May I say 3*l.*?—Either 2*l.* or 3*l.*; I daresay he would have 3*l.*

2208. Thomas Atkinson?—Nothing.

2209. There was no other money spent on account of Quernmore and Claughton except the money you have mentioned?—That is all.

2210. They are very outlying districts, are they not?—Claughton is, the other is not very far outside. I think there is only one voter at Claughton, and he is a tenant of Mr. Fenwick's.

2211. Mr. Fenwick has a considerable property there?—Yes, nobody would go there.

2212. The next district is Church Street, Cheapside, St. Nicholas, St. Margaret Street, and Anchor Street; that is in Lancaster?—Yes.

2213. So that we are now coming into Lancaster itself?—Yes.

2214. The names set against that district are Thomas Bradley, Thomas Kirby, and Thompson Broadley?—I do not know any such name as Thompson Broadley in Lancaster. Would it be Thomas Bradley written twice, do you think?

2215. It is not very material if you do not know the name. Then there is J. S. Baxter. Which of those persons do you recognize with regard to that district?—Bradley.

2216. Thomas Bradley?—Yes.

2217. What money did you give to Thomas Bradley?—I have no idea about it at present; I cannot say.

2218. You have not any account to which you could refer?—No, I have not; Bradley will be able to tell you.

2219. He will tell us?—I have no doubt he will.

2220. About what sum should you say?—It was not a very expensive district. I do not think it would be above 50*l.* or 60*l.*; but I really could not say.

2221. Did you give anybody else anything for voters resident in that district?—I think I gave Kirby 3*l.* or 4*l.* for expenses.

2222. Thomas Kirby?—Yes.

2223. Anybody else?—Nobody but Kirby and Bradley, I think, in that district.

2224. Kirby, you say, was for expenses?—Kirby was for expenses.

2225. The expenses would be taking a few voters occasionally to the public-house?—Yes, and treating them.

2226. Paying for their drink, and so on?—Yes.

2227. The next district is Bridge Lane, St. George's Quay, Lune Street, Pot Houses, Union Street, Union Square, Fleet Street, Cable Street, Marsh Lane, and New Road; and the names set against that district are Jacob Moser, Thomas Williamson, George Hatfield, Benjamin Long, James Charnley, William Atkinson, and James Barsby: which of those persons did you deal with in regard to that district, which I will call the Bridge Lane district?—I did not give money to any of those parties for voters, except for expenses. I think 150*l.* went down there for voters.

2228. Who received that?—I do not remember who received it.

2229. 150*l.*?—Yes. Somebody came to the room. I paid the money under the instructions of Mr. Wearing and Mr. Blades. They estimated the value of the districts, and said what money should go, and I paid it. I do not recollect who took the money.

2230. 150*l.*?—I think it was 160*l.* I did not give it to any of those men.

2231. Did you give any of these men anything for refreshment to voters?—Yes, I gave Moser something.

2232. Jacob Moser?—Yes; and Long had a few pounds for expenses.

2233. How much do you say for Jacob Moser?—I think he had 5*l.*

2234. And how much for Long?—I daresay they would be all alike.

2235. Did you give anything to any of the others?—I gave Hatfield 2*l.* or 3*l.*, but I gave him perhaps 10*s.* or a sovereign at a time, just as he spent it.

2236. 2*l.*?—He might have 3*l.* or 4*l.* or 5*l.* altogether at different times.

2237. 5*l.* I may say about?—Yes.

2238. Anything to any of the others?—What other names have you?

2239. Thomas Williamson?—I did not give him anything.

2240. Charnley?—I do not know Thomas Charnley.

2241. James Charnley?—I do not know him.

2242. William Atkinson?—I do not know him.

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2243. James Barsby ?—Barsby would have 2*l.* or 3*l.*

2244. 2*l.* or 3*l.*, which shall I say ?—He had very little ; he might have 3*l.* I do not know. You may say 3*l.* if you please.

2245. Was there anything paid to anybody else on account of the Bridge Lane district ?—Not except the 150*l.* that somebody took away.

2246. Nothing else ? — Nothing else that I can remember.

2247. The next district is the Green Area district ; that includes Parliament Street, Back Parliament Street, Chapel Street, Cross Street, Nile Street, Germany Street, Factory Hill, Sugarhouse Alley, Pitt Street, Spring Court, Damside Street, Mason Street ; and the names put against that district are James Turner, Mansergh Bell, Mr. Fothergill, and William Shaw : which of those persons did you deal with with regard to that Green Area district ? — James Turner.

2248. What money did James Turner receive ?—I think it was either 60*l.* or 70*l.*

2249. Was that for voters ?—Yes, for voters.

2250. Did Turner receive anything for expenses ? —He would receive 2*l.* or 3*l.* at different times for the two or three weeks before the election.

2251. What would that be altogether, 10*l.* or 15*l.* ? —Yes ; I should say that altogether.

2252. Did anyone else receive anything on account of that district ?—Mansergh Bell had something for expenses, but not much. Turner paid for everything.

2253. What had Mansergh Bell, 5*l.*?—That would be the outside.

2254. Did Mr. Fothergill have anything ? — No, nothing.

2255. Or anything to distribute ?—No.

2256. William Shaw ?—I do not know him ; I did not deal with anybody but Turner in that district.

2257. The next district is Castle Hill Street, Mary's Parade, Hill Side, Meetinghouse Lane, Dollas Place, Sunny Side, West Place and Road, Milkingstile Lane, and Mill Lane ; and the names set against that district, Isaac Vickers, Robert Powell, and Christopher Fothergill : with which of those persons did you deal on account of that district ?—With Vickers.

2258. What did Isaac Vickers receive on account of the voters for that district ?—It was not much ; it would be about 30*l.* or 40*l.*

2359. There are only a very few voters ?—There are some voters in China Lane, some expensive men ; but we did not get any of them ; they went to the other side.

3260. We will come to the other side presently. Did Robert Powell receive any money ?—Only a few pounds for expenses.

2261. Had Vickers any money for expenses besides the 30*l.* or 40*l.* for the voters ?—3*l.* or 4*l.*

2262. Which shall I say ?—I do not think it would be more than 3*l.*, and Fothergill had 3*l.*

2263. Do I understand you to say that no other money was paid for the voters in that district except this 30*l.* or 40*l.*?—Not by Vickers, unless some of the other voters got into other districts, as they do sometimes.

2264. Nobody else had any money ?—No, not for voters.

2265. Now China Lane ; that includes Castle Park and Castle Grove ; and the name put against that is William Bleasdale ?—He did not have any money.

2266. Who did receive any money for that district? —We did not get any voters in China Lane, and the Castle Hill voters are not men who want money.

2767. Nor Castle Park nor Castle Grove ?—No ; they are not men of that class.

2268. Were there no voters who received anything from your party in China Lane ?—No.

2269. Whether they voted or not ?—No ; none that I am aware of.

2270. Nor, as far as you know, in Castle Park or Castle Grove ?—No.

2271. Were you too late in China Lane, or what was it ?—I fancy our captains were rather modest, and would not come up to the mark of the other side.

2272. There was only William Bleasdale to that district, I see ?—That China Lane district was included in the district you named before.

2273. The Castle Hill district ?—Yes; with Vickers, Powell, and Fothergill.

2274. That is so. Then the next district is Fenton Street, Cawthorne Street, High Street, Middle Street, King Street, Upper King Street, Penny's Hospital, Windy Hill, Common Garden Street, Russell Street, James Street, Queen Street, Queen Square, Queen Place, and Spring Garden Street ; and the names set against that district are William Stephenson, John Gardener, Roger Wright, David Wright, John Robinson, and Edward Robinson: which of those persons did you deal with with regard to the Fenton Street district ?—Nearly all those persons you have named had money for their expenses, but Roger Wright had the money for the voters.

2275. What money had Roger Wright for the voters ?—He would have about 50*l.*

2276. Do you know that it was 50*l.*?—It would be about 50*l.*

2277. Had no one else money for voters in that district ?—No one else.

2278. What money had Roger Wright for expenses? —He had not any ; he never came near till the day of the election.

2279. What money had William Stephenson for expenses ?—He would have 5*l.* or 6*l.*

2280. Shall I say 5*l.* or 6*l.*?—He would have 5*l.* at different times.

2281. John Gardiner ?—He would have about the same, and a man of the name of Robinson.

2282. David Wright ?—I do not remember David Wright interfering ; he might be amongst them.

2283. John Robinson ?—Yes ; he would have 5*l.* or 6*l.*

2284. Edward Robinson ?—I think there was only one Robinson in that district.

2285. There are two Robinsons put down here ?— I do not remember ever having anything to do with more than one Robinson in that district.

2286. Now New Street district includes Sun Street, Wood Street, Little John Street, Rosemary Lane, North Road, Ashfield House ; and the names against that district are John Bell, John Watson, Edward Fisher, Edward Lewtas : which of those persons did you deal with for that district ?—John Bell.

2287. What did Mr. John Bell receive ?—I think it was 80*l.*

2288. For voters ?—Yes.

2289. Did any of the others receive anything for the voters ?—I am not sure whether Watson did not receive something for one or two voters.

2290. What would that be ?—It would be 10*l.* for each voter ; it was either one or two. I think it was someone who came out of another district.

2291. Did anyone else receive anything on account of voters ?—Nobody else but Bell.

2292. Did Watson receive anything for expenses ? —I do not know, I did not give Watson anything for expenses. I gave it to Bell, Bell paid.

2293. Was that paid out of the 80*l.* ?—No, he got money previously.

2294. How much did Bell get for expenses ?—I do not know, 5*l.* or 6*l.* or 7*l.*, from 5*l.* to 10*l.*

2295. Was that for his own expenses, or for the expenses of the district ?—The expenses of the district.

2296. There are four of them, it would be 10*l.* would it not ?—I think Watson had 2*l.*

2297. And Bell would get 6*l.* or 7*l.* ?—Yes, quite 7*l.*

2298. Did Fisher or Lewtas get anything ?—I do not know them.

2299. You do not remember anybody receiving anything in the district except Bell and Watson ?— No, no one in that district.

2300. The next is Penny Street district, including

Henry Street, Aldcliffe Street, Canal Side, Ann Street, Brock Street, Mary Street, Moor Street, Stonewall and Britannia Street, and the names against that district are, in fact, one for each street. I do not know whether that is intended?—No, I think not.

2301. The names are John Marsden, John Bleasdale, Anthony Bleasdale, James Tomlinson, Thomas Anderson, Robert Fort, Thomas Jackson, William Bleasdale, T. F. Thompson, Christopher Clarkson, and R. Hind; who did you deal with in that district?—John Bleasdale and John Marsden.

2302. Did you pay John Bleasdale and John Marsden together or in different sums?—I paid Bleasdale chiefly, but they had money separately at the election.

2303. How much did you give John Bleasdale on account of voters?—It is an expensive district, I think they would get between 200*l.* and 300*l.*

2304. Did Bleasdale keep it?—Bleasdale and Marsden.

2305. How much did Bleasdale get?—Sometimes one came and sometimes the other.

2306. Bleasdale and Marsden between them got 200*l.* or 300*l.*?—Yes.

2307. Which would it be, 200*l.* or 300*l.*?—It would be between 200*l.* or 300*l.*

2308. Shall I say 250*l.*?—I daresay it would be.

2309. Did any other person receive anything in that district on account of voters?—Nobody else on account of voters.

2310. Had Bleasdale and Marsden anything for expenses?—Yes, they had money on account of expenses, a good deal, but I cannot say what.

2311. What would that district cost you altogether on account of expenses?—You do not mean public-house bills as well.

2312. Have you been giving me public-house bills in the expenses of the other districts?—No.

2313. Then do you not include public-house bills; how much did that district cost you?—I should think the district would cost 10*l.* a week for three weeks.

2314. That would be 30*l.*?—Yes.

2315. That would be paid to all these men?—Chiefly to Bleasdale and Marsden.

2316. I will take it that preliminary expenses for the district would be 30*l.* for three weeks?—Yes.

2317. Was there nothing else paid on account of that district?—Some of the other men would get 1*l.* or 2*l.* I should think.

2318. Some of what other men?—Some of the other names you have read in that district.

2319. You mean that Bleasdale and Marsden received 30*l.*?—Bleasdale and Marsden would spend about 10*l.* a week for three weeks.

2320. What other person received any money? By Bleasdale you mean John Bleasdale?—Yes.

2321. Did Anthony Bleasdale receive any money?—I do not remember it.

2322. Did James Tomlinson receive any money?—Yes, he would have 2*l.* or 3*l.*

2323. Which shall I say?—3*l.* I should think.

2324. Thomas Anderson?—He would have the same.

2325. Robert Fort?—I do not know him.

2326. Thomas Jackson?—I do not remember that name; I do not remember ever having given any money to a Jackson.

2327. William Bleasdale?—I do not remember giving any to William Bleasdale, I fancy he would have two or three the same as the others, but I cannot remember it.

2328. I will put a query against him, you are not sure about it?—No, I am not.

2329. T. F. Thompson?—I do not know him.

2330. Christopher Clarkson?—I do not know Clarkson, but I have some recollection of that name.

2331. You do not remember paying him anything?—No.

2332. R. Hind?—He does not live at Lancaster.

2333. Did he get anything?—He was not there until the day of the election.

2334. How came he to be put down?—He is a voter and occupies a place in Lancaster and always comes over to elections.

2335. He received nothing on account of voters?—No, he was not here, he got some money on the day of the election.

2336. For himself or other people?—He took up three or four voters to vote for which he would get 30*l.* or 40*l.*

2337. Out of this district?—Yes, I think it would be that district.

2338. He would not have anything for expenses?—I remember now that he had a few pounds for expenses for going to Manchester to see after a voter or two. I think he had an uncle at Manchester who he went to fetch, and he had his expenses for going to Manchester.

2339. What would that be?—Perhaps 3*l.*

2340. Can you remember anything else with regard to him?—No, that is all I remember his doing previously to the day of the election.

2341. Had the uncle anything for coming?—For voting do you mean?

2342. Yes?—I do not remember whether he was paid for voting or not; I think not. Robert Hind paid him, and I think he gave him 5*l.* for expenses coming from Manchester and back again; he did not want paying.

2343. Is that all you have got to say about Hind?—Yes.

2344. Now we come to Dalton Square district which includes Friar Street, Gage Street, Great John Street, Monmouth Street, Bath Street, and Court and Plum Street, and the names attached to that district are Richard Nixon, Thomas Liver, Thomas Calvert, and Anthony Richardson, which of those persons did you deal with as regards Dalton Square district?—Richard Nixon.

2345. What did he receive for voters?—It is not a district with a deal of the lower class of voters, he would not have more than 50*l.*

2346. Shall I say about 50*l.*?—Yes.

2347. Did anyone else receive anything for voters?—Nobody else in that district.

2348. Did Richard Nixon receive anything for expenses?—He would have 5*l.* or 6*l.* besides.

2349. Did Thomas Liver receive anything?—No.

2350. Thomas Calvert?—No.

2351. Richardson?—No, it is only a small district, and they do not want looking after.

2352. They can look after themselves?—Yes.

2353. There are a good number of voters there?—Yes; but there are not so many in the district of the classes we are talking about.

2354. Look at that list (*handing a list to the witness*) and see whether you think 50*l.* would cover Nixon's expenses?—Many of these would get into other districts, they do not always stop in their own.

2355. I want you to say whether you think 50*l.* is enough?—I see several names here that I believe others paid in other districts, none of these down here are men that get anything, he had not more than 50*l.*

2356. The George Street district includes Back George Street, Lucy Court, Thurnham Street, Upper Thurnham Street, Robert Street, Upper Robert Street, Albert Place, Marton Street, Moor Street, Brewer Street, Nelson Street, Sulyard Street, Rose Street and Court, Greenfield, Brewery Yard, Brewery Lane, East Road, Primrose Hill, and the names attached to that district are Thomas Cleminson, James Crook, Benjamin Hartley, Edward Whiteside, J. B. Cleminson, Luke Dillon, Thomas Harrison, Thomas Whiteside, which of those persons did you deal with in regard to that district?—Thomas Cleminson and Thomas Harrison.

2357. What did Thomas Cleminson receive on account of voters?—I think it was 150*l.*

2358. Between the two?—Yes, either 100*l.* or 150*l.*, but I think 150*l.*

2359. Did any other person in that district receive any money on account of voters?—Nobody else.

2360. Did Thomas Cleminson receive anything for

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preliminary expenses?—He paid them out of his own pocket and settled it out of the money he got. Some of the other men you have named got a few pounds.

2361. Then, that 150*l.* was for voters and Cleminson's preliminary expenses?—Yes.

2362. Did Thomas Harrison receive anything for preliminary expenses?—No.

2363. Did James Crook receive anything?—He would have a few pounds for expenses.

2364. What shall I say would be the expenses in that district?—They might all get from 10*l.* to 20*l.*

2365. 20*l.* each?—No, all concerned in it from time to time.

2366. Are you sure that would be sufficient for these names which I have read over to you?—Yes. several of them I never saw.

2367. Now, Bath Street district includes Bath Mill Houses, Frechold, Quernmore Road, and the names against that district are George Shaw, George Bowness, Thomas Greenall, Thomas Sheils, which of those did you look to?—Shaw and Bowness.

2368. What sum did you give them on account of voters?—I do not think they had more than 50*l.*, it is only a small district.

2369. Do you mean the two together?—Yes.

2370. Did either of them receive anything for preliminary expenses?—They would have about 5*l.* a-piece.

2371. Do you mean that those two would, or all four of them?—No, I never saw anyone else but those two.

2372. Nobody else received anything in that district?—No.

2373. Now, Edward Street District includes Alfred Street, Lodge Street, Adelaide Street, St. Leonard Gate, and the names against that district are W. King, Richard Charnley, Robert Whiteside, Edward Johnson, Edward Cutts, B. Wright, and J. Swindells, which of those persons did you pay there?—Edward Johnson.

2374. What did you give Edward Johnson on account of voters?—I think it was 150*l.*

2375. Did you give anybody else anything on account of voters?—Yes, William King had something in that district.

2376. What had William King?—I do not know whether he would have 100*l.* or not, it would be somewhere thereabouts.

2377. Did anyone else receive anything besides King?—Robert Whiteside had something.

2378. It is a very large district?—Yes it is.

2379. Would it help you to know how much was paid, by looking at this paper?—No, not at all, I do not know the men they gave it to.

2380. You think Johnson had 150*l.* and King 100*l.*?—Yes.

2381. Who else had some money?—Robert Whiteside.

2382. What was that?—I think it was about 40*l.*

2383. Did anybody else have anything?—No, I think not.

2384. Did those three persons Johnson, King, or Whiteside have anything for expenses?—Johnson had, he was captain of the district.

2385. How much had Johnson?—I should think he would have 20*l.* at least for preliminary expenses in that district, perhaps 30*l.*

2386. Shall we say 30*l.*?—Yes, I would say it would amount to 30*l.*

2387. Had King anything?—I do not remember giving King anything for expenses, if I did it would be a mere trifle.

2388. Had Whiteside anything?—No.

2389. Had anybody else anything?—Several of the parties would come for 1*l.* or 2*l.*

2390. What other expenses would there be for that district?—I should think 30*l.* would cover the expenses altogether excepting the public-house bills.

2391. Now we will go to the Golgotha district, and that includes Workhouse Lodge, Bowerham Haverbricks, Asylum, Moor Road, Highfield, Hedgeberry, Quarry Street, and the names against that district are, Edward Riley, J. Wearden, William Riley, and Hesketh Riley, which did you deal with as regards that district?—Edward Riley.

2392. What did he receive?—That district was not much; I believe it was 30*l.* he got.

2393. For voters?—Yes.

2394. Did anybody else receive anything for voters?—No.

2395. Had Riley anything for expenses?—Yes, he would have 5*l.* or 6*l.* for expenses and Wearden the same.

2396. Had anybody else anything for expenses?—I do not remember anybody else in that district, it is very small.

2397. Now we have come to the end of the districts; we will go if you please to the public-house bills; to whom did you pay sums of money for the public house bills?—I cannot tell you in particalar.

2398. Did you pay them all to one person in a lump, or did you pay them as the bills were sent in?—Many of them were not paid until some time afterwards.

2399. Do you know at all what sum of money was paid for public-houses in a lump?—I should think 1,000*l.*

2400. Was that for refreshment and public-houses, or for them as committee rooms?—It was included; when the bills came in there were bills for refreshments with amount for the use of the house as a committee room.

2401. Can you divide them at all, and tell me how much would be for committee rooms and how much for refreshments at the public-houses?—I think it would be about 1,000*l.* altogether, as we should have between 30 and 40 public-houses as committee rooms, and they had from 2*l.* to 10*l.* each; some beer-houses where the men were not voters, had perhaps 2*l.* or 3*l.* for the use of a room, and beer-houses generally 5*l.*, and some of the public-houses 7*l.* 10*s.*, 8*l.*, 9*l.*, and some 10*l.* for the committee room.

2402. That was for the use of them as committee rooms?—Yes.

2403. Did any of them go higher than 10*l.*?—I do not know that anybody got more than 10*l.*

2404. Would the average price of the thirty or forty houses be 7*l.* 10*s.*?—I think it would take about 300*l.* to pay for the committee rooms.

2405. Then there would be refreshments about 700*l.*?—I daresay it would be somewhere thereabouts, somewhere very near upon 1,000*l.* for the whole.

2406. You cannot give me any more detail?—I think I have a reason for believing that I am right in what I say to you, and the reason is this, that after the election was over I had between 200*l.* and 300*l.* left, and a bag with 1,000*l.* untouched, and it all went after the election in settling with public-houses as committee rooms, and their bills, and some other payments; I fancy the other payments would amount to 300*l.*, and the 1,000*l.* would go to the publics.

2407. What were those other expenses of 300*l.*?—Expenses of messengers and runners that were not included in Mr. Tilly's list.

2408. Have you told me as near as you can recollect all you have to say with regard to the expenditure of money at the last election?—There would be some public-house bills paid previous to the election, that would amount to 200*l.* or 300*l.* I should say.

2409. Were those public-houses in Lancaster or the out-lying districts?—In Lancaster chiefly.

2410. Were they for refreshments or Committee-rooms?—For refreshments.

2411. Is there anything further that you have to add with regard to the expenditure?—I do not know that there is.

2412. There is one head we have left untouched, namely, conveyances?—They are included in Mr. Tilly's list.

2413. All of them?—Yes, I think so, 300*l.* or 400*l.* was set down for them, I think.

2414. Did that list include the whole of the ex-

penses for conveyances both previously to the election and at the time of the election itself?—Yes, the whole of the conveyances.

2415. You returned them all?—I had nothing to do with those expenses, they are included in Mr. Tilly's list.

2416. Did you pay Isaac Vickers any money after the election beyond the sum you have given us?—I paid Isaac Vickers all his money after the election.

2417. Did you give him any specific sum for any particular purpose?—No, I paid him after the election.

2418. The sum that was paid to him would be either 30*l.* or 40*l.* and 3*l.* for expenses?—It might be 50*l.*, I cannot speak for a certainty, it would not be more, and I think 40*l.* would be about the sum.

2419. That is all I need ask you with regard to expenses, and I will now put a few general questions to you with regard to the election. Where were you principally engaged on the day of nomination?—I was not anywhere specially on the day of nomination until that afternoon.

2420. Where were you on the afternoon of that day?—At the "Queen's Hotel."

2421. Was Mr. Schneider in the "Queen's Hotel" that afternoon?—Not in my presence, where I was was in the back part of the "Queen's Hotel," the "George and Dragon;" the house now is one house and it formerly was two; the "Queen's Hotel" proper faces into Market Street, and the "George and Dragon" into the Square, and there is an entrance door into the "George and Dragon" in that Square, and it was in at that door that I went into a room upstairs; Mr. Schneider was never there to my knowledge, he might be in the "Queen's," at the other end, but it was a separate place.

2422. Did Mr. Fenwick come in at all to that place?—No, never.

2423. You neither saw Mr. Fenwick nor Mr. Schneider on that day?—Excepting on the hustings.

2424. I should have rather said on the afternoon of that day?—No, I never saw them on that day.

2425. On the next day, the polling day, where were you?—In the same room from 6 o'clock in the morning until 4 in the afternoon.

2426. Excepting the time when you went out to vote?—Yes, excepting that, which would be about 10 minutes or a quarter of an hour.

2427. Did you see Mr. Schneider at all on the following day, except when you went out to vote?—I never saw him on that day at all.

2428. Nor Mr. Fenwick?—No, nor Mr. Fenwick.

2429. Did you go down at all to The Vicarage on either of those two days?—I never was in The Vicarage but once in my life, and that is seven or eight years ago, when I went to collect the vicar's annual subscription for the dispensary.

2430. You were still sitting in that room in the "Queen's," when Dr. Carruthers came at night to tell you that the Morecambe men were pressing for their money?—Yes, I was.

2431. We are told that a parcel of money was given to Baines; you were present then, were you not?—I was present when the money was given to Baines. Baines spoke literally the truth when he said it was put upon the table and he took it up.

2432. Was that part of the money you received which you have told us of to-day?—Yes, it was; those men came up because Baines was not down there. Baines' instructions had been to go down there in the morning, and Shackleton was told that he would be there in the morning. These men came up without consulting Shackleton; they were impatient, thinking that nobody was coming with any money; he could not keep them together, they saying they could get plenty of money on the other side.

2433. Was there any other paymaster at the election for illegal expenses except yourself?—None that I am aware of.

2434. Had Wearing any other money except that which came through you?—None.

2435. I understand you to say you cannot at all tell me who the sums of money you received were paid by?—I have told you of several that brought the money.

2436. You cannot tell me from whom they came to the person who paid them to you, namely, Mr. Sanderson?—No, I do not know at all.

2437. You cannot tell me out of whose pocket they originally came?—No, I cannot, I have no knowledge at all.

2438. Have you any reasonable belief as to whether they came from Fenwick or Schneider?—As far as reasonable belief is concerned I have none; I cannot tell. I have no knowledge of how they came. Mr. Sanderson never told me how these two five hundreds came.

2439. And you were careful not to ask?—I was rather careful not to ask.

2440. Had you heard anything at all said as to the proportion of expenses that were to fall upon Fenwick and Schneider relatively?—I had heard Mr. Fenwick himself say that if it was to be expensive he would not pay more than 1,000*l.*

2441. "If it was to be expensive" means, I suppose, if voters were to be bought?—Yes.

2442. Was that to be 1,000*l.* beyond the legitimate expenses?—1,000*l.* altogether.

2443. Did you hear Mr. Schneider make any declaration on the subject?—Never to me.

2444. You never heard Mr. Schneider say that the election should cost the opposition candidate 10,000*l.*?—I did not; that is stated to have been said as he was leaving the hustings, I believe, and I was not at the hustings at all.

2445. Can you give me any calculation as to the number of voters that were employed for the purposes of the election on your side?—It would be very vague indeed; it would be only a guess; there are parties who could tell you better than I can.

2446. Can you give us an idea in round numbers?—There were a great many of them, very nearly all fancy that they are employed.

2447. Of course I mean receiving money for their employment?—Yes, and when they get money for voting, they like to take it as payment for wages for work they wish you to understand as having been done and not as a bribe.

2448. What number of persons do you say were—I will not say "bought"—but "paid" on the Liberal side at the last election?—I should think about 200.

2449. And certainly not less than that on the Conservative side you will say, I suppose?—I should say above 400 on the Conservative side, and I think I am very near the mark.

2450. Now I will give you the opportunity you were asking for at the beginning of your evidence?—I do not seek for any opportunity.

2451. We will hear now a little of what the other side have been doing. Have you formed any reasonable idea of what the sums spent on the other side were?—I heard Mr. Clark say yesterday morning that it was about 8,000*l.*, and I have heard parties previously say that their expenses were 8,000*l.*, and I should say it was that at the very least.

2452. In fact you would rather suggest that it was something more than 8,000*l.*?—Well, it would be rather more, but 8,000*l.* is a deal of money; but there is a deal of money goes in other ways besides what the voters get.

2453. How is that?—Well, I daresay some of it sticks by the way, and I fancy that on their side they had not as good men as we had on our side to distribute the money, and I think that a larger proportion of it would stick on their side than on ours.

2454. There was rather more expensive management on their side?—Yes, I think so.

2455. Do you say that the voters at the last election received about equal sums on either side?—I should say that 10*l.* was the average.

2456. Both paid by the Conservatives and the Liberals?—Yes, both paid by the Conservatives and the Liberals.

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2457. You think that the sums that were paid to staffmen, for committee rooms, and all other expenses of the election were about equal on both sides?—I should think so from the appearance of the people about the committee rooms.

2458. Did the price paid for votes rise as the day proceeded?—I do not know; I had nothing to do with paying voters.

2459. That we shall get better from the captains?—Yes; I had nothing to do with paying voters.

2460. Do you look upon this last election as having been an extraordinarily expensive election?—Very extraordinary for Lancaster.

2461. Were the prices that were paid higher than they had been at the preceding contest between Fenwick and Saunders?—A good deal.

2462. What was the average price of a vote in that election?—About 3*l.*; to some as much as 5*l.* would be given, I daresay.

2463. 5*l.* would be the topping price, would it?—I think 5*l.* would be the top price.

2464. To what do you attribute the rise in the price of votes at the last general election?—One reason is that the idea of the election was in existence so very long before the election really took place. At the previous election we only heard of it on the Wednesday and the election took place on the following Wednesday; and therefore there was not much time and it was all done in a hurry and over, whereas in this case I should think that some five or six weeks before the election there was a general stir about the election, and parties were running about; and when a thing of that kind continues day after day and week after week it increases in intensity as you go on. We were also told, and it was generally reported, that Mr. Lawrence was a very rich man, and that Mr. Wilson was a great man at Liverpool; that there had been a meeting, and that they had subscribed large sums among the Conservatives at Liverpool, and that they were coming here with plenty of money. Everybody understood that Mr. Schneider had plenty of money, and that he would not mind parting with it.

2465. What led to that belief?—The idea of his great riches; and of course freemen who want money take advantage of these things to enhance the price of their votes; that is my idea.

2466. They were, in fact, going to test Barrow against Liverpool?—I fancy that was their idea, and Mr. Wilson told us that if we did not understand electioneering in Lancaster, he would come and show us how they did things in Liverpool. All these kind of things increased the desire of the people for money.

2467. Then the "walk over" was really only regarded as preliminary to some contest on a future occasion?—The Conservatives did their best to get a candidate at that time, but they could not get anybody to stand. They brought two, Mr. Saunders, and Mr. Wilson, of Liverpool. They had several meetings about it before they gave it up.

2468. Something has been said in the course of the evidence that you ought to have had an opportunity of answering. A statement was made as to one of the voters being bottled, and as to your having had something to do with it. Dixon was the name of the party referred to?—That is the matter which you seemed to say I was anxious about, and if you had not asked me I should have called your attention to it. I heard Mr. Clark make the observation yesterday, and at the time I thought he did not believe what he was saying. I do not mean to suggest that he was not informed of it; but I do not think he will say that he believed it when he did hear it. I do not think he would believe that I would get a voter and bottle him.

2469. You did not do so, in fact?—Certainly not, and there is rather a curious circumstance about that, that I should like to mention; Mr. Clark said yesterday that I had a man named Dixon confined somewhere in my premises on the day before the election. Now, everybody who had anything to do on the Conservative side on the day before the election knew that this Dixon was helplessly drunk at the "New Inn" public-house.

2470. I do not remember the exact account of the matter that Mr. Clark gave?—I should wish to tell you, if you will allow me, how they carried that matter out, and the unpleasant way in which they did it.

2471. What Mr. Clark appears to have said is that he learned you had a voter named Dixon locked up adjoining your premises. That you say is not so?—Certainly not; in the afternoon of the day of the election they sent from the committee room at the "King's Arms," a posse of men down to my place in Cheapside, on the pretence that there was somebody in the warehouse, or cellar, locked up. My next door neighbour allowed them to come through his shop, and got some ladders, and they got over the yard, and went into the premises, and made a great stir in the place. There was nobody in the house but my brother's wife, and an old lady, who was staying there, and Mr. Parkinson's wife, from the other side of the street. These women were very much alarmed at the proceedings of these men, and at their roughness. I think it was an abominable shame, and if it had occurred at any other time than during a general election, more, probably, would have been said and done about it. If they were looking for Dixon, as they said they were, they knew perfectly well that he was at the "New Inn;" they could not therefore come there to look for Dixon.

2472. Was this a Liberal or a Conservative house in which it was alleged that Dixon was drunk?—It was a Liberal house.

2473. Is there anything else you wish to tell me that I have omitted to ask you?—I do not know that there is, except that Mr. Clark laid great stress yesterday on my being personally on particularly friendly terms with Mr. Fenwick. I think you put it to him whether he meant politically or personally, and he said personally. I do not think he was stating that which was strictly correct. I have no personal friendship in these things with either one candidate or the other. What I have done for them has been done entirely on political grounds.

2474. I did not understand Mr. Clark to mean what you suggest?—I understood him to make this observation as in some way accounting for the part that I took in the election.

2475. Have you known Mr. Fenwick for some time?—The first time I knew him I was introduced to him by Mr. Clark himself, in 1859; Mr. Clark was Mr. Fenwick's election agent at that time, and my introduction occurred at the "Queen's." Mr. Clark could not find anybody to second Mr. Fenwick, and he begged and prayed of me to do it, and I consented. That was my first introduction. I have never been in his house since, except at a public dinner that he gave to the Corporation of Lancaster two or three years ago.

2476. I believe that was on the occasion of his son coming of age?—No; I had no invitation when his son came of age.

2477. Has Mr. Schneider ever been at your house?—Never.

2478. Has Mr. Schneider ever said anything to you on the subject of money?—He has never said anything to me on the subject of money; the only thing that he ever said to me was at the first election, at the "walk over." That was at the "Queen's."

2479. What was that?—It was with reference to the previous election. He said he understood that I had had the payment of the illegal expenses at that time, and that he hoped I would undertake it for him, along with Mr. Fenwick, whenever another opportunity should occur.

2480. That was said at the "walk over?"—Yes, and I said that I would much rather not.

2481. He said he hoped you would undertake it. What did you add?—He said he hoped I would undertake the same business whenever there should be another contest. He never named the subject to

me afterwards, and I told him then that I would much rather he would get somebody else, as it was a job I did not like.

2482. However, you did undertake the job ?—I did, with great reluctance.

2483. At whose request was that ?—Generally, of the party in Lancaster with whom I act.

2484. Did any particular persons press you to undertake it ?—No.

2485. Only the party ?—Only the party.

2486. Have you any subscription in Lancaster for looking after the register between the elections ?—No; I never had anything to do with the register. There is an agent for each party, who is paid by somebody.

2487. Who is the agent ?—Mr. Moser.

2488. Is that Jacob Moser ?—No; R. P. Moser, I think. It is a matter that I have never had anything to do with. I do not know who pays him.

2489. We have heard of freemen being admitted. Do you know anything about the payments for their admission ?—I never had anything to do with that but once.

2490. When was that ?—That was in 1864.

2491. That was the admission of freemen on the register upon which this election took place ?—Yes.

2492. Several freemen were admitted; 134, I think, were admitted on that occasion ?—Above 100 I know.

2493. How many did you pay for ?—I paid 35*l.* for about 27 or 28 freemen.

2494. By whom was that money repaid to you ?—It was repaid to me by Mr. Fenwick.

2495. Has it been a long standing practice that a candidate pays for the persons who have been admitted on his own side ?—I have heard that said; but I never had anything to do with it before that time.

2496. Do you know who had paid it before ?—No, I do not.

2497. Who paid for the rest of the persons besides those that you paid for on that occasion ?—I believe that somebody would pay for Mr. Gregson about the same amount that I paid for Mr. Fenwick. There were about between 50 and 60, to the best of my recollection, taken up at that time by the Liberal party. One half was paid by Mr. Fenwick, and the other by Mr. Gregson, the two sitting members; and I should suppose that about as many were paid for by the other side.

2498. Can you tell me what was the cost to Mr. Fenwick of that contest with Mr. Saunders ?—I had 1,500*l.*

2499. For illegal expenses ?—Yes.

2500. Do you recollect what the legal expenses were ?—I do not; but they were somewhere about 1,000*l.*, or less, I think. I think they were under 1,000*l.*, but on that way.

2501. And the expenses on the other side; have you any notion what they were ?—Well, I have the same kind of notion that Mr. Clark gave you yesterday as his notion of what we had done. He said he had been informed that our expenses at the last election were 15,000*l.*; and if I were to begin to give my notion it would be as baseless as his notion was about it. I have no idea except from hearsay. I have heard it said that it cost them between 3,000*l.* and 4,000*l.* by parties who are likely to know.

2502. Legal and illegal ?—Legal and illegal.

2503. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have told us that you had been agent for illegal expenses on a previous occasion ?—Yes.

2504. With reference to the money that was left at your shop—had you any intimation that money would be left ?—No.

2505. Had you no hint of it from anyone ?—No hint from anyone.

2506. What do you suppose induced them to leave the money at your shop ?—If I were to say, it would be entirely suppositions on my part. Whoever left it I have no doubt knew what it was for.

2507. At the time it was left was there an understanding that you would undertake the illegal expenses ?—There never had been any understanding that I would.

2508. I thought you said that you undertook them at the request of the Liberal party ?—Yes. Our own friends pressed me and were anxious I should do so; but I objected a good while, and they said they wished I would do so; and I consented to do so.

2509. Was it after you had given that consent that the money was left at your shop ?—It was.

2510. (*Mr. Newton.*) Will you tell me, if you please, of whom this Liberal party consists ?—I really cannot. I would say of the parties who generally act with us at an election.

2511. Who are they ?—I do not know that there was any special meeting about a thing of the kind.

2512. You said that after reluctance you consented to be the illegal agent ?—I was asked by parties belonging to our side at different times.

2513. I want to know who those parties were ?—Our party. There was Mr. Storey, and Mr. Wearing, and Mr. George Cleminson. I daresay I was asked by a score of people if I would not do it again.

2514. If you would not do what ?—What I had done at the previous election, pay the money for illegal expenses.

2515. Was there any term that they made use of ?—I do not know any term except that they would say, "to take the money," "to be cashier."

2516. How long before the election was that ?—I do not know, I cannot say; perhaps a month or six weeks.

2517. Then at that time you knew that money was going to be spent ?—I expected that money would be spent, or else we must give it up.

2518. Did you know where the money was to come from then ?—No, I did not.

2519. Somebody must have brought the money ?—There is no doubt about that.

2520. Did you ever make inquiries as to where the money was to come from ?—I did not; I did not want to know.

2521. When was your first acquaintance with Mr. Schneider ?—At the walk over in 1865.

2522. Had you never seen him before ?—Never.

2523. Did you get a commission upon all this ?—No, not a penny; I should be very sorry to take it.

2524. Your services were all gratuitous ?—Perfectly. I would not be hired to do such a job.

2525. It must have given you a great deal of trouble ?—It did, more than I should like to undertake again.

2526. Then perhaps I may be allowed to ask your motive ?—Politically.

2527. For the good of the cause ?—For the good of the cause solely.

2528. If you had ever wanted more money, to whom should you have applied ?—Well, the circumstance never having arisen I could not say.

2529. But it might have arisen; to whom should you have applied ?—It would have been too late to apply when the election came.

2530. Supposing you found you were running short on that day what should you have done ?—I suppose I should have done the best I could with what we had.

2531. Should you have gone to anybody to apply for it ?—I do not think I should.

2532. Then you would have been beaten ?—We should.

2533. You would not have liked that ?—I should not.

2534. Then you would take measures to stop it, would you not ?—But I should have been at a loss how to set about it.

2535. Should you not have gone to Mr. Wearing ?—Mr. Wearing was with me all the day.

2536. Or to Mr. Cleminson or to Storey ?—I should not have known where to find them.

2537. Or the clerk at the bank; should you not have gone to him ?—I should have left it to somebody else to go there.

2538. You would not have gone to Mr. Schneider ?

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—I would not have gone to anybody. If anybody else had gone and fetched it for me I would have distributed it, but I would not have asked anybody.

2539. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who went in your room at the "Queen's Hotel" with you?—Mr. Wearing and Mr. Blades.

2540. No one else?—No one else.

2541. On the day you are speaking of?—The evening of the nomination and the day of the election.

2542. (*Mr. Newton.*) You were a sort of secret committee?—I daresay they would have called us that.

2543. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did nobody else come into your room then?—The captains of the districts came into the room when they wanted money.

2544. As, for instance, Stackhouse?—Yes. The captains came into the room frequently during the day; they came for money.

2545. (*Mr. Newton.*) They all looked up to you as the person to give them money?—Yes.

2546. (*Mr. Hill.*) You told me at the beginning of your evidence that you paid money to captains before the election to the extent of 1,000*l.*?—Yes, about 1,000*l.*

2547. Were those captains the same ones whose names I gave to you, and as to whom you have spoken to me of having paid them money for voters and refreshments?—The same.

2548. And that 1,000*l.* was—for what shall we say?—It all went in drink.

2549. Entirely apart from the preliminary expenses which have been spoken of?—What do you mean by "preliminary expenses?"

2550. You told me that you paid several sums to different persons, sums of 6*l.*, 5*l.*, and 4*l.*?—That is included in the 1,000*l.*

2551. Pardon me; that cannot be. Your figures will not come right if that is so?—I paid about 1,000*l.* to the captains previously to the election; perhaps 200*l.* or 300*l.* more than 1,000*l.* It would be a little over 1,000*l.* for their canvassing expenses. Some of them had some money for expenses; 5*l.* in the afternoon of the nomination day, in addition to the money they took to pay the voters.

2552. That 1,000*l.* must be entirely apart from the other sums which you have given me, and which I have taken down *seriatim*?—Some of the monies that I have told you of, 2*l.* and 3*l.* given to different parties previous to the election are included in the 1,200*l.* or 1,300*l.*

2553. That cannot be. I have added up the sums you gave me. You say that the sums paid to the public-houses were about 1,000*l.*, and the monies paid after the election came to about 1,300*l.*?—About 1,000*l.* was paid to public-houses after the election.

2554. And about 1,300*l.* besides?—Yes.

2555. That would make altogether 4,100*l.*; whereas the sum you received was 5,200*l.* Therefore if we add to the 4,000*l.* the 1,000*l.* paid to the captains before the election it will come to very nearly the sum?—I have given it as nearly as I can remember it. I shall no doubt be wrong a few pounds in many instances, but I have given it you as nearly as I can remember.

2556. I think it right to give you the result of the statement so that you may see how the matter stands?—I am much obliged to you; perhaps you will allow me to say that in telling you the monies which I gave to different people, I was guided by the names that you read to me and I did not think of parties whose names were not upon that paper; it has just occurred to me that Anthony Knowles Allinson whose name you never gave me received from me about 200*l.* I think.

2557. When was that?—I paid him money for expenses previously to the election and money for voters on the day of the election; altogether about 200*l.* and I paid (I do not know whether you have that down) some staff men and messengers monies which are not included in Mr. Tilly's list.

2558. I do not think you gave the amount paid to the staff men?—I do not know what the amount would be; there would be a good many of them.

2559. It is desirable that we should have a sum of some sort down; to the best of your belief what would that amount to?—I do not know whether I should pay more than 50*l.* on that head or not, but Allinson's being an amount rather large it occurred to me that I had better name it.

2560. (*Mr. Hill.*) That was before the election?—About 50*l.* before the election and 150*l.* at the election; about 200*l.* altogether as nearly as I can tell; I think it was 130*l.* something at the election. He rendered me an account.

2561. And 70*l.* before the election?—Yes; then there were his bills; he keeps a public-house; that would make it about 150*l.* and I think I should give him about 50*l.* before the election.

2562. You have not included his bill in the public-house bills?—I paid his bill along with his expenses.

2563. There is no other person that you think of?—No, but that was rather a large amount and it just occurred to me that I had better mention it.

2564. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you give any other person money on the day of the election besides Anthony Knowles Allinson and Stackhouse?—I really cannot tell, it was a very busy day.

2565. When you were in your room in the "Queen's"?—I think it would be very trifling if I did, because I was careful only to deal with the captains of the district for fear of its being paid twice over. I do not remember that I did. Yes, I recollect now that I paid a man a few pounds,—a Quaker for his expenses in coming from Cockermouth.

2566. What was the name do you remember?—Pickard

2567. You paid him personally?—I did.

2568. His expenses from Cockermouth?—Yes.

2569. What was the amount?—I gave him five guineas he wanted ten.

2570. (*Mr. Staveley Hill.*) He got 10*l.* I think?—No he wanted 10*l.* but he only got 5*l.* and he afterwards brought 3*l.* of it back again.

2571. (*Mr. Newton.*) Out of the 5*l.*?—He brought either 3*l.* or 2*l.* out of the 5*l.*

2572. How long afterwards?—Perhaps three weeks or a month.

2573-4. That is all you can remember?—That is all I can remember.

Adjourned for a short time.

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Mr. Charles Blades sworn and examined.

2575. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I believe you are a builder in Lancaster?—Yes.

2576. How long have you lived here?—Between 30 and 40 years.

2577. Have you been generally an active political partizan?—Yes on the Liberal side.

2578. On the occasion of the last election I believe you seconded Mr. Schneider's nomination?—I did.

2579. I believe you have been concerned in what has been called the secret committee?—You have given it that term this morning.

2580. You understand what I mean?—I do.

2581. Is that so?—It is, that is the truth.

2582. You were with Mr. Welch in the room at the "Queen's"?—Yes on the evening of the nomination and the morning of the election day.

2583. Were you besides one of those we call captains?—No.

2584. Your functions were rather general?—I took no part in the election until the day of nomination; perhaps I may be allowed to explain a little; I took no part beyond going up to Mr. Maxsted's every evening

and going through the book with him. I had always done so at previous elections, and we had canvassed the matter together; beyond that I took no part whatever.

2585. On what day of the week was the nomination?—On Tuesday, I believe; I am not quite certain.

2586. How were you yourself personally employed in the evening of the nomination day?—In the evening of the nomination day Mr. Welch sent for me and asked me would I be good enough to assist him in distributing the money.

2587. I think you say you took no part in the illegal expenditure of money until that day?—No, I took no part whatever in the election.

2588. Except looking over the canvass-book?—No.

2589. You say that Mr. Welch sent for you to desire you to assist him in distributing the money?—To consult with him. I had nothing whatever to do with the money.

2590. Did he consult you?—He did.

2591. Did you then advise with him as to the distribution of it?—I did.

2592. Then I am to understand that you advised him as to the distribution of the money which he has mentioned here to-day?—I did, more or less,—not in all cases, but generally.

2593. Did you yourself give any money to any captain?—None whatever.

2594. Nor to any voter?—Nor to any voter.

2595. We have heard of a sum of money being found in a cupboard in a room in which you were?—Yes.

2596. Were you there when that money was found?—I cannot say I was present when it was found, but I know that such a sum of money was found.

2597. Did you know of its being placed there?—I did not.

2598. Had you anything to do with arranging that Mr. Welch should have that room?—Well, I should think, in a general way, I had,—I believe I considered that the room would do for us among the rest of the party; I do not know that I engaged the room myself, but I believe I was a consenting party to it.

2599. With whom did you agree that the room would do?—With Mr. Welch and Mr. Wearing.

2600. With anyone else?—I think not.

2601. Had you seen the room before Mr. Welch established himself there?—I would not speak positively to that.

2602. Just recollect yourself?—I might have; but I could not say that I had not, nor that I had. Probably I had.

2603. If you had not seen it you would hardly have known that it would suit you?—I was in the room with Mr. Welch, when I said it would suit.

2604. You found Mr. Welch there?—I found Mr. Welch there.

2605. Why did you think the room would suit you?—Well it was central; it was one of the rooms of the house belonging to the candidates.

2606. Was that all;—had it any other qualification?—None that I know of.

2607. Did you examine the cupboard?—I did not.

2608. The fact of the cupboard being there had nothing to do with inducing you to take the room?—No; in fact I did not observe that the cupboard was in the room; it was, as Mr. Welch has stated, a piece of furniture.

2609. Were you there when Baines came in?—I was.

2610. Did you see him take anything when he was there?—I cannot say I did. I believe I was in conversation with Mr. Wearing; but at all events I saw Mr. Baines come into the room.

2611. What did he do when he was in the room?—I think very little. I suppose he took the money off the table.

2612. Tell us what you saw him do?—I did not see him do anything.

2613. Did he come in and walk out again?—He would remain a few minutes in in the room.

2614. What did he do when he was there?—I think he had some conversation with Mr. Welch, and probably he might have with myself; I cannot say.

2615. Did you give any directions about refreshments?—I did not.

2615. None whatever?—None whatever.

2616. Did you take the canvass-book as well to Mr. Maxsted's?—No, I never had it in my possession.

2617. You looked over it with Mr. Maxsted?—Yes, with Mr. Maxsted.

2618. Is that all you can tell us of your part in the election, as far as your side is concerned?—As far as I was concerned personally, myself, I took no part in the election, except on the day of nomination and the day of election; and, as I have stated before, I consulted with Mr. Welch as to disbursing the money to the different captains, and on any other matter that he might ask me about.

2619. Is that the whole of the part you took?—No, I have a small farm in Bulk, and a number of those in Bulk are voters in Lancaster, and I believe I saw most of the tenants.

2620. Did you say anything to them about the price of their votes?—Certainly not.

2621. Nothing of the sort?—Nothing of the sort.

2622. And gave them no refreshment?—Never; so contrary was it to that, that during the day of the election Martin Ireland had promised to vote for Fenwick and Thomas Huntington, or William Huntington, I am not certain which, came into the room. Martin Ireland was spokesman, and he said, "We have had 10*l.* offered to us on the other side, and unless you will mend it we shall not vote for that."

2623. They came into what room?—Into the room where Mr. Wearing, myself, and Mr. Welch were.

2624. Thomas Huntington?—I am not quite clear as to the Christian name; he is a farmer in Bulk, he is in the Bulk list of voters. (*The witness refers to the polling list.*) I see it is Henry Huntington; both those men had promised to vote for Fenwick and Schneider. I ordered them out of the room at once, and they left.

2625. We have heard of various sums of money being left at Mr. Welch's house, do you know anything of that?—No, nothing whatever.

2626. Did you speak to Mr. Schneider on the day of the election?—I did.

2627. On the polling day?—I did.

2628. On the subject of the election?—Generally on the subject of the election.

2629. What was the nature of the conversation?—It was as to how we should get on; what were the other side doing; were we going to win; and so forth.

2630. Was anything said as to the means it would be necessary to take in order to win?—There would be something said about that, but I declined to have anything to do with the money.

2631. When you say there would be something said, do you mean that you said something?—I did; I said that the other side were spending very large sums of money and that I was afraid it was going to be a very costly election.

2632. This was to Mr. Schneider?—To Mr. Schneider.

2633. And you were afraid you say?—Yes, I said I was afraid that it would be a very costly election.

2634. What did Mr. Schneider say to that?—Well, he was afraid so too; he had been told by the other side that they were prepared to spend 10,000*l.*, I believe that Mr. Starkey had told him so, and he replied to him that they would have to spend it before they would win.

2635. Just repeat that if you please?—He said that Mr. Starkey said, the other side were prepared to spend 10,000*l.*, and Mr. Schneider said, "From the state of our canvass they will have to do it before they can win." I believe those to be the exact words as near as possible.

2636. Was anything said about the money you

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would be required to spend at that time?—No; I believe there was something said as to the money Mr. Fenwick brought; had Mr. Fenwick brought any money?

2637. Was that in this conversation?—In this conversation.

2638. Can you tell us more explicitly what that was that was said?—I believe I replied, "I think he has brought 1000*l.*"

2639. Why did you think so?—I am not quite clear, but I think I heard Mr. Wearing say so. I believe he was the party who brought the money, I am not quite clear about that.

2640. By "the money" you mean this 1000*l.*?—Yes.

2641. Did Mr. Schneider say anything upon that?—No, I think not.

2642. Do you know at all where that money came from?—I do not, I had nothing whatever to with it, and never handled a shilling of it.

2643. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was this on the day of polling?—This was on the day of election.

2644. At what time?—I should fancy it would be about 11 o'clock in the morning.

2645. At that time were you in a majority or minority?—We never were in a minority and I said, "It is all right the others have flown their kites?"

2646. You meant the other party?—Yes.

2647. You say you heard from Wearing that Mr. Fenwick had 1000*l.*?—I think so, but I would not be positive about it.

2648. Do you know what became of the 1000*l.*?—Mr. Welsh disbursed the whole of it.

2649. How did Mr. Welsh get it?—Mr. Wearing brought the money I understood.

2650. When did he get the money?—I cannot say, sometime in the morning I presume.

2651. Where did he find it?—I cannot say, or whether he found it at all.

2652. I think you know?—No, I do not, and I am here to tell you all I know.

2653. You have a suspicion, have you not?—I have not indeed; I have not the slightest suspicion where Mr. Wearing got it from, it was there, and beyond that I do not know anything.

2654. Were you in Court during Mr. Welch's examination?—Yes.

2655. Do you know of your own knowledge of any other money being given towards the expenses of the election?—I do not.

2656. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say that you believe 1000*l.* came to Mr. Fenwick on the day, do you mean on the nomination day or polling day?—On the polling day, I am not quite clear about it, but I believe so.

2657. Mr. Welsh said there was 1000*l.* brought by Mr. Wearing into a room at the "Queen's?"—Yes, I believe that was the fact.

2658. Had Mr. Schneider been about on the nomination day?—He was there on the platform on the hustings.

2659. Besides that had he been what you call going about?—I cannot say, not taking any part in the canvass, but I should say he would be.

2660. You were not shut up in this room all the time, were you?—No, I was away in the afternoon on my own business.

2661. You did not see Mr. Schneider about?—I think I saw him in the evening, and I believe I said to him "Well, you have had enough to do to-day, and you will have enough to do to-morrow; you had better go home and get your rest.

2662. Did you see Mr. Fenwick about that evening?—Yes, Mr. Fenwick was at the "Queen's" all that night I believe.

2663. He looked in at your little room?—No, certainly not.

2664. Did Mr. Schneider come in?—No, certainly not.

2665. Who lived in the house?—Mr. Fenwick.

2666. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know nothing particular of the New Road district?—I know all the districts in the town pretty well.

2667. Did Mr. Welch pay the money that he paid in respect of that district under your directions?—I cannot say whether he did or did not, but in all questions of difficulty he applied to me, and I believe all I said was final upon the subject, and Mr. Wearing along with me. I may say, for I suppose you want the whole truth, that at about 1 o'clock in the morning the captains of the various districts came into the house.

2668. All the captains?—Several of them men in whom I had the fullest reliance; they stated that it was no use our going on with the election if we intended to win, for money was floating about like water on the opposite side.

2669. What captains were they?—Mr. Bradley was one and Mr. Bell was another, and Mr. Turner was another, there were several others as well.

2670. Think of some others if you please?—Mansergh Bell was another; we talked the matter over and I said, "Well, I felt quite satisfied that under any ordinary circumstances we shall have a very large majority," for I had gone carefully over the book that evening with Mr. Maxsted, and in giving the opposite side 125 votes who would not promise, and 100 parties who had not been seen, still we should have a majority equal to the figures Mr. Maxsted stated to you, and that unless they spent a very heavy sum indeed they could not win and had no chance of it. Mr. Bradley said, "If you say so well and good, you have had a great deal to do with it, we are quite satisfied you are right and we will go out again."

2671. Did they go out?—They went out again and returned, and stated that it was of no use, that they could do nothing with the means given them, and if I would not believe it, would I go down to the "White Horse" and look at what was going on.

2672. Where is the "White Horse?"—It is a house belonging to a Liverpool firm of Penn, Hill, and Company, very extensive dealers, or, rather, they are the takers of it, and the owner of it as trustee is Mr. Wilson Barker, who was the treasurer of Mr. Lawrence's party.

2673. That does not answer my question: where is it?—At the bottom of Church Street.

2674. You went down?—Yes, I went down to look for myself.

2675. What did you see?—I saw a large number of parties there, and I believe amongst the rest Mr. Lawrence's brother; and I was quite satisfied from a glance that they were taking those steps the captains stated.

2676. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We have not had in any very definite language what these steps were?—In the first place the captains stated that they were offering not less than 10*l.* per man.

2677. Anything else?—That they had a large number of men at the spirit vaults behind the building, which I believe was the fact.

2678. Did you see these voters?—I did not go inside to them.

2679. At the time that the captains stated the Conservatives were offering 10*l.* per man, what were your side offering?—There had been no definite sum fixed, but our own idea was from 3*l.* to 5*l.*

2680. Do you mean that the general rate was not higher at that time?—Not up to 1 o'clock in the morning, on our side; not that I know of. You may not be aware that I had nothing to do with the election prior to this evening, and I do not know what was done previous to that time.

2681. At what o'clock in the morning was this?—About 1.

2682. How did you know that from 3*l.* to 5*l.* was the current rate at that time?—I only knew from the conversation we had amongst ourselves that that was the rate we should offer.

2683. Then I may take it from you that from 3*l.* to 5*l.* was the rate the Liberal party were offering at 1 o'clock on the polling morning?—Yes, just so.

2684. You say you saw at a glance that they were taking the steps the captains had stated?—Yes.

2685. Did you see at a glance that they were offering 10*l.*?—That I knew nothing of; I only knew what the captain had stated, and judged it to be true from the drinking that was going forward, and the crowd of people that was about the place.

2686. What did you really see?—I saw the front room entirely filled with electors and non-electors, and partisans of the Conservative side.

2687. Did you see anything else?—No; I came back again to the "Queen's" afterwards, after just taking a turn through the town.

2688. Are we to understand that from seeing the front room filled with electors and non-electors you concluded that the captain's statement was correct?—Yes.

2689. You took no other means of verifying that statement?—Not beyond questioning them.

2690. Seeing a thing at a glance is one thing, and questioning them is another. That is all you saw at a glance?—Yes, it is.

2691. I suppose you returned to the "Queen's?"—I did.

2692. Did you give the result of your inspection to Mr. Welch?—Yes, I did.

2693. What did you resolve thereupon?—We resolved that the captains should be at liberty to take any steps they thought proper; we had confidence in them.

2694. What steps did you propose that the captains should take?—Of course there was a more lavish expenditure.

2695. Did you furnish them with the means of making a more lavish expenditure?—Mr. Welch did.

2696. In your presence?—I cannot say in all cases, but in some, no doubt.

2697. Is that all that you know of your own knowledge of what was doing on the Conservative side?—I do not know, but if any questions strike you I shall be very glad to answer them.

2698. That is a question: Is that all you know of your own knowledge that was doing on the Conservative side on the polling day?—Certainly not, on the polling day.

2699. Do you know of your own knowledge of any act of bribery committed by a Conservative captain?—I have named Mr. Martin Ireland, and Mr. Huntington.

2700. You did not say who bribed them?—They will be able to tell you. Thomas Brown, of Dolphin Lee in Bulk, came to the committee room, and said he had had 10*l.* offered, and unless we would give it to him he should vote on the other side.

2701. For Mr. Lawrence?—Yes.

2702. When did he come?—It would be some time before 12.

2703. On the polling day?—Yes.

2704. When you say committee room, you mean the room in which Mr. Welch was?—Yes, the room Mr. Welch, Mr. Wearing and myself occupied.

2705. Did you make him a higher offer?—Certainly not. I ordered him out of the room.

2706. Did he state who had offered him the money?—Not to me.

2707. Why did you order him out of the room?—Because a man in his position ought to be above such a thing, and he had promised myself to vote for Fenwick and Schneider.

2708. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is he?—A very respectable fellow.

2709. Is he in any profession or trade?—He is a farmer.

2710. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the extent of his holding?—Perhaps upwards of 200*l.* a year.

2711. (*Mr. Hill.*) Rent?—Yes; I think so; I will not speak positively.

2712. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you give us any more information of Conservative bribery of your own knowledge?—I cannot name the names, but I think I can put you in the way of getting them. There was Mr. Wilson's brother-in-law, Isaac Jackson, of Liverpool; he was principally operating in the Carnforth district, and I believe if you ask him when you get him in the box he will be able to tell you of a number of other Liverpool gentlemen who were here on the same errand.

2713. Do you know whom he bribed?—No, I do not; but our captain will be able to tell you the parties.

2714. Any one else?—Oh, yes. I can give you some more. There are the Messrs. Stirzakers, cousins of H. T. Wilson, of Liverpool, gardeners at Skerton, who furnished from their wishes for the welfare of the cause, a few hundred pounds. How it was dispersed they will be able to tell you.

2715. How do you know they furnished money?—It is well known; they went to the Lancaster Bank for money, and drew it out in their own names.

2716. What bank is that?—The Lancaster Joint Stock.

2717. The Lancaster Banking Company?—Yes.

2718. How do you know they did that?—It is a general rumour in the town, and I believe it is a true one, because at that time the other side was short of money, and it was got in that way.

2719. (*Mr. Hill.*) When was it got?—Some time during the day.

2720. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I was asking you with regard to the acts of bribery that you knew to have been committed of your own knowledge?—I am merely giving you the channel that leads to it, and it is for you to inquire.

2721. Have you any other information to give of the same kind?—On the morning after Mr. Lawrence's address in the Palatine Hall, I met Mr. Henry Wilson on the platform of the railway station.

2722. At what time was his address?—About 8 o'clock in the evening.

2723. (*Mr. Hill.*) On the nomination day?—No, prior to that, about the middle of June, I fancy.

2724. Where did you meet Mr. Wilson?—On the platform at the Castle Station. He said, "Well, what did you think of Mr. Lawrence last evening?" I said, "Oh nothing, but very well," and he said, "Yes, you will find some different work now in Lancaster on the Conservative side; the Conservatives never before knew how to work an election." And I said, "Do you not be so boasting as that; there is quite as much common sense in Lancaster, and quite as much honesty as there is in Liverpool;" and he said, "I did not mean it in that sense;" and I said, "I thought you implied it."

2725. Anything more?—No, not at that time.

2726. Was nothing said about how they meant to win it?—Of course it was well understood.

2727. Was anything said?—No, it was merely implied.

2728. They did not say what it should cost them, or what it should cost the opposite party?—Certainly not to me; it was spoken of very often in the town.

2729. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know of any other case?—No; the Conservative captains will be able to tell you what has been done as they come before you.

2730. You say that these "Stirzakers" furnished a few hundred pounds for the Conservative side; do you know of any one on the Liberal side who furnished any money for that cause?—I do not.

2731. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was the name of the house that you went down to upon this representation of the captains?—I am not sure what the sign of it is, but I believe it is the "White Horse;" it is at the bottom of Church Street.

2732. You went down there to see whether what the captains had told you was correct?—Yes.

2733. And there you found a vast number of people?—Yes.

2734. And you presumed from the number of people buzzing about there that there was some honey in the pot?—Yes.

2735. What time of night was it?—Somewhere about 1 in the morning.

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2736. About what number of voters should you think there were?—A considerable number, both voters and non-voters.

2737. What do you mean by "a considerable number?"—Perhaps over 50.

2738. 50 voters?—No, I will not say voters.

2739. How many voters would you say?—Probably one half of them might be voters.

2740. How long were you down there?—Not many minutes; it was the enemy's quarters.

2741. Could you hear what the buzz of conversation was about?—Of course I could not swear to any conversation.

2742. You have no doubt that the conversation was about what was the price of votes?—Yes, no doubt.

2743. Men were pretty well on and talking in a whisper, I suppose?—No.

2744. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you hear anything?—Nothing that I could swear to.

2745. (*Mr. Hill.*) At that time, when you went down, how many captains went with you?—None.

2746. You went by yourself?—Yes.

2747. How many people did you leave at the "Queen's?"—Mr. Welch and Mr. Wearing.

2748. I mean how many persons did you leave about the house drinking?—It was in the other part of the "Queen's;" I do not know.

2749. Which was the house on the Liberal side which would most correspond with this house, the "White Horse," where this drinking and asking about the price of votes was going on?—I do not know.

2750. Did you see Mr. Wilson at his house that night?—I am not aware; I think not; I missed him that morning.

2751. He was on the move too?—Yes.

2752. Did you see any others of that same party on the move that night?—Mr. Lawrence, I think.

2753. Do you know what is his Christian name?—John, I think.

2754. He is a Liverpool man?—Yes; it was the battle of Liverpool against Lancaster after the "Wennington Bull" was down.

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2755. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

2756. Where?—In this town.

2757. In what street?—Cheapside.

2758. How long have you lived in Lancaster?—All my life.

2759. Your politics, I believe, are Liberal?—Yes, they are.

2760. Have you taken an active part in the election?—Yes, I have.

2761. Since when?—I began as a boy, in the year 1837, taking a great interest in it.

2762. Are you a freeman?—Yes, and a householder.

2763. Have you proposed and seconded candidates at elections?—No.

2764. In what position did you consider yourself at the last election; as one of the secret committee?—Yes.

2765. You considered that you belonged to it?—I acted with Mr. Welch throughout the entire election, the previous election, and in the interval between the other elections.

2766. You were acting also with, I presume, Mr. Blades?—Yes.

2767. Had you known Mr. Schneider before he stood for Lancaster in 1864?—Not personally.

2768. Did you know Mr. Fenwick before he became member?—Yes.

2769. When did you first make his acquaintance?—I think it would be about the year 1857 or 1858; I am not certain which.

2770. He was returned in 1859?—No, he was not returned in 1859; he was then defeated and returned in 1864.

2771. Your acquaintance increased, I suppose, when he became member?—No, I do not know that it increased.

2772. Did you consult with Mr. Blades and Mr. Welch previous to the election, as to what means were to be taken to win it?—I should.

2773. Did you?—Yes.

2774. Mr. Welch has told us that he was disinclined to become the cashier of the election?—Yes, he was.

2775. Did you press it upon him?—I pressed it individually, and I believe others did.

2776. By the word "cashier" what do you mean?—I mean the person who has the money, and distributes it for the various purposes connected with the election, whether they are legal or illegal. If an illegal expenditure takes place, the treasurer, I apprehend, pays that as well as the legal expenses.

2777. In this case it was illegal expenses?—I fancy he would pay illegal expenses as well as expenses that would be properly charged to the legal expenses account.

2778. When was the first conversation you had with any gentleman about spending money at this election?—I cannot say.

2779. Can you give us any notion?—I should think it was some time previous to the election.

2780. How long?—I should think more than a month.

2781. When had you any conversation?—The conversations were quite incidental.

2782. Who with?—Mr. Welch.

2783. Will you state what sort of conversations they were?—The purport of them would be as to what the other side were doing, and what we should have to do to meet it.

2784. Did you come to any determination as to how you were to meet it?—No, I supposed it would be understood. We had been together at the previous election; we had been associated together.

2785. There was no secret between you; you both knew exactly what was going to happen?—Yes, certainly.

2786. That you would have to pay for voters?—We expected that.

2787. When was the first time a voter was paid?—I do not know that any voter received anything until the morning of the election.

2788. Do you mean the election or the polling day?—The polling day.

2789. Who gave money on that occasion?—I cannot say.

2790. Then how do you know it? I ask you whether you know, of your own knowledge, of any money being paid, and when was the first time you knew it?—Are you alluding to the last election?

2791. Yes, I am speaking all about 1865. You have stated that you consulted with Mr. Blades and Mr. Welch previous to the election?—I should converse with Welch, but not with Blades certainly more than two days before the election. I do not recollect the subject having been named by Mr. Blades previously to that time, or in his presence.

2792. What was the purport of your conversation with Mr. Blades?—On the Monday previous to the election it was reported in Lancaster that money had come from Liverpool; that the captains on the Conservative side were extremely active; that some of the voters who had promised the Liberal Conservatives, had gone over to the other side, and that they were offering large sums of maney, in some cases as much as 20*l.*

2793. Anything more?—Other matters of that kind. I do not recollect anything in particular.

2794. Were any names specified as regards voters receiving these large sums ?—I do not recollect, but I should think that would be the result of any conversation with Mr. Blades.

2795. I bring you now to the occasion of any money having been spent ?—Not that I am aware of before the morning of the election.

2796. Be good enough to tell us what was the case that you know of money being paid to any voter ?—I know of none previous to the election.

2797. I ask you what is the case of which you are aware of money being paid to any voter ?—The captains will be able to tell that. I do not know.

2798. You told me just now that of your knowledge you knew of money being paid ?—I did not know of any money being paid previous to the morning of the election.

2799. And I now ask you what the case on the morning of the election ?—I should know it from the captains having spent the money.

2800. Give me any individual case you know of money being paid ?—I do not recollect.

2801. You must recollect ?—I do not recollect.

2802. You say you did not know till the morning of the election of any money being paid ?—I have no reason to suppose that the captains engaged on the Liberal side of the election paid any money.

2803. Did they pay any to your knowledge on the morning of the election ?—I have no doubt of it, but I have no knowledge of it. They received the money the day before for the purpose.

2804. Who did they receive it from ?—Mr. Welch.

2805. Were you present when they received it ?—Certainly.

2806. Where at ?—At the "Queen's," in the room Mr. Welch and Mr. Blades spoke to.

2807. The captains came into that room ?—Yes.

2808. At what time of day ?—It would be about 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the nomination day.

2809. What did the captains say ?—I do not know that they said anything. Previously to their coming in Mr. Blades and myself with Mr. Welch consulted as to the amount the district was likely to require.

2810. And you settled it ?—Yes, we settled it, gave the money to the captain, and away they went.

2811. Where did Mr. Welch get the money from ?—I took him 1,000*l.* on the morning of the election.

2812. Where did you get that 1,000*l.* from ?—I got it from Mr. Fenwick ; at least I suppose it was 1,000*l.* ; he told me it was. It was in a black bag.

2813. That was the morning of the election ?—Yes.

2814. At what time did you get it ?—I should think it would be about 9 o'clock, perhaps a few minutes before. I could not say whether it was a few minutes before or after.

2815. What time did you get it up ?—Immediately I suppose it would take me to take it out of Mr. Fenwick's room to where Mr. Blades, Mr. Welch and he were, half a minute.

2816. It was in the "Queen's ? "—Yes.

2817. Had you asked Mr. Fenwick for it before ?—No, but Mr. Fenwick in a conversation with Mr. Welch and myself a few days previously said there were rumours about their offering money on the other side, and he said he should not pay more than 1,000*l.* towards the expenses ; he said that he did not think the legitimate expenses of the election ought to cost more than 2,000*l.*, and that 1,000*l.* was as much as he ought to be called upon to pay, I do not know whether he said that the legitimate exenses of the election ought not to be more than 2,000*l.*, or whether he said 1,000*l.* was quite as much as he ought to called upon to pay.

2818. Up to that time had he paid any money ?—No, not that I knew of.

2819. Did you go to his room that morning ?—Yes.

2820. And asked him for the money ?—No, certainly not.

2821. What did you go for ?—To say "Good morning" I suppose.

2822. Were you in the habit of going to his room every morning ?—Very frequently, and every evening.

2823. You went to his room to say "Good morning ? "—I do not know that I went to say that, but very likely I did say so.

2824. What did he say ?—He said, "Oh, I have, got the money that I spoke to you and Welch about."

2825. He gave it to you ?—Yes.

2826. And you took it off to the room where Welch was ?—Yes.

2827. And Blades ?—Yes, and placed it on the chair and left it there.

2828. Did you make any remark ?—I do not think I did ; I might do.

2829. Were you in and out of that room all day ?—Yes, I was.

2830. Did anything else come to your knowledge as to money that was paid away by Mr. Welch or anybody else ?—There was money being paid away during the day. If the captains ran short they came for more.

2831. If you did not speak to Welch when you put this money down on the chair, how was he to know what was inside it ?—I suppose he would know pretty well.

1832. Was it a common black travelling bag ?—Yes.

2833. How was he to know that it contained money ?—I did not think it necessary to say anything.

2834. Does every black travelling bag contain money ?—No.

2835. How did Mr. Welch know it ?—I have no doubt that he did know it. He saw me bring it in and he knows I brought it in, he said so this morning.

2836. What conversation took place ?—I do not think there was any conversation.

2837. Did he know you had gone for the money ?—No, I think not.

2838. Something must have taken place ?—No, because when I left the room I did not know that I should have the money given me.

2839. Did it rattle in the bag ?—No, not at all, it was too heavy for that.

2840. Was it locked up ?—No, the bag was open.

2841. How was the money put in ?—I cannot say. I did not look into it. Mr. Fenwick will be able to tell you all about it.

2842. Mr. Fenwick was not present ?—He will be able to tell you the amount, there was no conversation respecting it.

2843. Surely you must have said "Here is Mr. Fenwick's money ? "—Perhaps I might, but I do not think I did.

2844. He took it for granted that because you brought a black bag into the room it therefore must contain money ?—I should say so. We might have had a conversation afterwards during the day.

2845. I mean at the time you brought the bag in ?—No, I think not.

2846. Did anybody else go in and out of that room ?—No, not unless with our permission.

2847. Was the bag locked ?—No.

2848. Do you mean to say you left a bag open with 1,000*l.* in it in the room ?—There was more money there. Mr. Welch, I think, had some money in the window-seat in the room, at the back of where he sat.

2849. Was that in paper ?—I think it was rolled up in brown paper.

2850. 50*l.* at a time ?—Yes ; and then he had some loose in a canvass or leather bag.

2851. Was anybody else besides Welch in the room when you brought it in ?—I think Mr. Blades would

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be there, but I am not certain. I am certain Mr. Welch was there.

2852. You say no conversation took place ?—Not that I recollect. It is quite possible I might say, "I have got this from Fenwick," but I do not think I did; I do not think I said a word.

2853. Can you give us any more information as to any occurrences that took place that day which were not strictly legal; I am not talking about the other side ?—I can only give you my impression. I am morally certain that money was spent for the purpose of paying voters.

2854. Can you give us any information with respect to the other side ?—Of my own knowledge, nothing.

2855. Do you know of no single case ?—No, not a single case.

2856. Not of any sort ?—I saw nothing of the kind. I knew what was going on.

2857. When did you first know what was going on ?—I knew it all the day. The first return of the voting was quite sufficient for any one who knew anything at all about elections.

2858. How did the first return show you what was going on ?—It showed that a considerable number of parties who were expected to vote for us had voted the other way.

2859. Had you been canvassing yourself ?—I was canvassing with the candidates two or three days.

2860. And some of those you had canvassed voted wrongly ?—I could not give you the names, but I should think there were some who had been canvassed when I was present, and who had promised Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider to vote for them, and they voted the other way.

2861. When the captains came in that morning you were consulted as to how the money was to be distributed ?—I did not say so. Mr. Blades said so. I think you misunderstood me. We consulted what each captain should receive for the district; I do not know that we consulted with reference to all the districts previous to the captains coming in, but Mr. Welch would say, "What must so-and-so have," or something of that kind.

2862. Is that what you mean by "consulting ?"—Yes.

2863. I want to know how you formed a judgment as to what each captain should have ?—We had some slight idea from previous elections which districts were venal, and which were the most respectable, and where the largest number of voters who would require paying lived, and we judged accordingly.

2864. Did you go over the list of voters in the district with the captains ?—I had done that previously myself with several captains.

2865. At this time were you consulted ?—No.

2866. That had all been settled before ?—Yes, to some extent.

2867. Did you go into any details as to who wanted money ?—The plan I took with regard to the captains I saw was to take one of the printed lists you have of names in his district, and as to those parties who did not require calling on, and who were good men, either on one side or the other; I took my pencil and crossed the name through. Those parties that I knew nothing about I left, and as to those parties that were bad, I made a cross opposite to them; I know I did that with several of the captains' lists, but which of them I do not know.

2868. We were told by the last witness that up to 1 o'clock in the morning of the polling day the sum that was proposed to be given on each side was from 3*l.* to 5*l.* ?—I never heard any sum mentioned previously.

2869. But do you confirm that; that that was the sum that was proposed to be given ?—I cannot indeed.

2870. What is your opinion ?—My own opinion on the day of nomination, and the day previous was that something like 10*l.* would be required for these men who wanted money, and who were determined to have it.

2871. (*Mr. Hill.*) You arrived at that opinion on the nomination day ?—No, the day before, from the rumours I had heard with respect to what the other side were offering; I had no data to go upon, but rumour and reports as to what had been offered.

2872. What did you do upon forming that opinion ?—I did nothing except express it to Mr. Welch.

2873. And to Mr. Blades ?—I do not think I did to Mr. Blades, I think I had no conversation with Mr. Blades respecting it in detail; not until the day of nomination.

2874. On the day of nomination did you express that opinion to Mr. Blades ?—I think I did.

2875. Did you take any steps in consequence of that opinion ?—No, we took no steps at that time; Mr. Blades says it was about 1 the next morning, but I think it was about 11 o'clock at night when the captains came, and on that occasion Mr. Blades said he did not think that on any account more than 7*l.* should be given, which was a considerable increase upon what Mr. Blades had previously thought ought to be given.

2876. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was that when, or before the captains came ?—That would be after the captains came.

2877. Did you take any steps to procure money ?—We had the money; we had a considerable sum of money at the time, but what amount I do not know. I supposed at the time that it was sufficient for the emergency.

2878. You say you had a conversation with Mr. Fenwick some time previous to the election ?—Yes; several days previously.

2879. At which you mentioned the probable expenses of the election ?—No.

2880. But that the election would probably be expensive ?—I do not recollect anything of that kind being said, but I quite understood so myself, and I think it very likely that something would be said with respect to the election being expensive.

2881. And was it then that Mr. Fenwick said he should not spend more than 1,000*l.* ?—Yes.

2882. And on the morning of the polling day he gave you that 1,000*l.* in a black bag in sovereigns ?—Yes, I expect it was in sovereigns.

2883. On the morning of the poll ?—Yes, I did not see them; but from the weight I should say there were a thousand sovereigns.

2884. You have said that when you brought the bag into the room you did not tell Mr. Welch what it was ?—I do not think I said anything about it.

2885. Mr. Fenwick had told you what it was ?—He did when he gave it to me.

2886. Why should you not tell Welch ?—That I cannot tell; he might be busy or might not.

2887. You say it was a mere accident that you did not tell him ?—I should think it was. It was not from any wish to keep the matter secret from him that I did not tell him, but as a matter of fact I do not think I did.

2888. I want to know your reason for not doing so ?—I have no doubt he knew that Mr. Fenwick would provide 1,000*l.*

2889. You have no doubt that he expected that Mr. Fenwick would provide 1,000*l.* that morning. Is that your answer?—Yes; I should think so; I do not know it, but I should think so.

2890. You were present when Mr. Maxsted made his statement as to the approximate numbers he thought would be polled ?—Yes.

2891. At that time there were also present Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Schneider, Mr. Charles Blades, Henry Welch, and Mr. Cleminson ?—I do not recollect being there at the time; I might have been.

2892. What room was it in ?—The room Mr. Fenwick used as his private room.

2893. It was not in this room where the money was ?—No, I never saw either Mr. Maxsted, Mr. Schneider, or Mr. Fenwick there.

2894. You are quite sure that before you went to Mr. Fenwick's room in the morning you had said

nothing to Mr. Fenwick about being ready with money the next day?—I am quite sure of it.

2895. Nor had anything been said by him in your presence?—Nothing.

2896. You went to him early in the morning?—Yes, I suppose it would be about 9 o'clock.

2897. That parcel of 1,000*l.*, we are told, was not opened until after the election?—So Mr. Welch told me. Sometime during the day I said to Mr. Welch, "I put Mr. Fenwick's 1,000*l.* upon the chair."

2898. Some time during the day?—Yes, some time during the day.

2899. You drew his attention especially to the fact that that was Mr. Fenwick's 1,000*l.*?—I named it.

2900. Now tell me as nearly as you can and as accurately as you can, considering the distance of time and the difficulty of remembering a conversation, what Mr. Fenwick said when he gave you the bag?—I can tell you what the substance of it was.

2901. Tell us as nearly as you can; I have a special reason for asking you to do so?—"I have got the money for you," or, "A thousand pounds;" he might use one phrase or the other, but that was the effect of it; and I took it.

2902. But what was said? Was it said that that ought to be sufficient?—Not a word was said at that time, but simply, "I have got the money for you."

2903. Then when was it that the conversation took place as to what would be sufficient?—Several days before.

2904. Tell me what it was?—Something after what I have previously said.

2905. I want you to repeat it, if you please, for I am not sure that I took it down correctly?—He did not intend to pay more than 1,000*l.* towards the expenses of the election.

2906. Mr. Fenwick would say, "I do not intend to pay more than 1,000*l.* towards the expenses of the election?"—It was to the general effect that he considered that was sufficient.

2907. Did he say, "That will be sufficient for my share?"—I cannot say the exact words he used, but that was the meaning.

2908. You knew at the time you received this 1,000*l.* that there had been more than 4,000*l.* paid already?—Mr. Welch would tell me he had received certain money; in fact I took one of the bags he spoke about this morning to Mr. Welch. It was left at my house by a man of the name of Wright, who was in Mr. Milner's employment as a shopman.

2909. One of the bags containing 1,000*l.* was left for you?—I do not say it was 1,000*l.*; I do not say what was in it. It was one of the parcels that he said was left at his shop, and he did not know who left it. He spoke of two or three parcels being left at his shop, he did not know by whom.

2910. There was one three weeks before the election, he says, and another ten days afterwards; that will be about eleven days before the election?—I should think about that time.

2911. And another about a week before the election. You think it might be the middle one?—I think so.

2912. He said that that was left at his shop in Cheapside?—Yes, next door but one to my home.

2913. And did you leave it?—Yes.

2914. He said it was left in the same way as the previous parcel had been?—I knew nothing about how the others were left. I was satisfied that Mr. Welch would tell me he had the parcels left he spoke of this morning.

2915. You say that in all probability the centre one of those three parcels was left by you. Mr. Welch says that it was left in the same way as the former one, but you say that you did not leave the former one?—Certainly not.

2916. Did you instruct anyone else to leave it?—Certainly not; and I knew nothing of it further than what I heard from Mr. Welch at the time.

2917. From whom did your receive that parcel?—A young man of the name of Wright, who was a shopman with Mr. Milner, of the "Guardian" office; he went into my house; he went forward without saying a word, and when he came out again he said, "I have left three parcels for you." I guessed what they were intended for, and placed the three parcels into one and folded them up; and the next morning I took them into Mr. Welch's shop while Alfred Tinker, his shopman, was in the shop, and a boy might be in at the same time. I took it under my coat-tail and went and chatted a little bit with the young man in the shop, and while doing so I contrived to place the parcel on the shop counter; and after chatting for a few minutes I left without saying anything to Tinker about it. He asked me afterwards what parcel it was that I had left.

2918. And you told him that it was no business of his, I suppose?—I evaded the question in some way.

2919. You say that Wright walked into your house and then walked out again?—Yes.

2920. He said nothing about what the parcel contained?—No, he had left three parcels.

2921. On your sofa?—Yes.

2922. How did you know what they were?—From the weight I guessed what they were.

2923. How did you know they were to go to Mr. Welch?—I took that for granted.

2924. But why?—Because I knew that it could only be left for such a purpose.

2925. But you would not take every heavy parcel that was left to Welch. Had you had no conversation about it, or how came it to be so well understood?—I understood that he was the treasurer, and that that sum of money would be taken to Mr. Welch without his knowledge. I judged from the fact of his having told me previously that he had had one or two parcels of money left; and very likely the suggestion would come from Mr. Welch as to my acting by taking it in the way I did.

2926. He would tell you what to do with it if you found a heavy parcel on your sofa?—No; but if he told me how the one had been placed in the shop without his knowing anything about it, I should judge from that what was intended.

2927. He would tell you what had been done with other parcels?—Yes. If he had two parcels previously to this one I feel satisfied that he would have named it to me.

2928. How did you know that Wright was likely to have such a parcel?—He was one of the captains, and I took it for granted that it was intended to be placed to Mr. Welch's credit.

2929. You are quite certain that those parcels came from Wright?—I am quite certain of it.

2930. Beyond this, had you any conversation with anybody about these parcels?—No.

2931. Or about money; where the money was to come from?—No.

2932. Had these parcels any particular mark upon them?—No.

2933. No address of any sort?—No, none whatever. Whether there were three bags or not I could not be certain, or three paper parcels.

2934. Was any other parcel ever left with you?—Never.

2935. That was the only one?—Yes.

2936. And you yourself have not heard and do not know how the other parcels got into Mr. Welch's possession?—I do not know at all, and I have not heard.

2937. Did Mr. Fenwick say at this time that that was the whole of his share?—Yes; that he would not pay more than 1,000*l.*

2938. You knew that something like 4,000*l.* had been already paid on behalf of the election, or had been handed over to the treasurer on behalf of the election?—I did not know the amount.

2939. You knew that it was something like that?—I do not know that I did.

2940. You felt sure the night before that there was money?—Yes.

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2941. You felt sure that there would be something like 4,000*l.*?—Yes, I should think that I had come to that conclusion at the time.

2942. When you heard this from Mr. Fenwick the next morning you knew that Mr. Fenwick had given no money previously himself?—Not to my knowledge.

2943. You had reason to believe that the whole of the rest of the money had come from Mr. Schneider?—I should say so. Do not take it for granted that I knew it came from Mr. Schneider, but I took it for granted that it came from Mr. Schneider.

2944. Did you understand that Mr. Schneider was to bear the bulk of the expenses of the election?—I certainly had that impression.

2945. And did you understand that if any other money was wanted it was to come from Mr. Schneider and not from Mr. Fenwick?—I believed that it would be so.

2946. By what principle did you understand that Mr. Schneider was to contribute so much greater a proportion of the money that was necessary for the purpose of that election than Mr. Fenwick?—I had rather not answer that question unless I am compelled to do so.

2947. But I want an answer to it particularly?—If I am compelled, the reason why I came to the conclusion was that one was a very rich man, and the other was not so rich.

2948. That was your reason?—Yes.

2949. Was it your only reason for thinking so?—That was my only reason, coupled with what Mr. Fenwick had stated, that he would not pay more than 1,000*l.*

2950. Was there not this further reason, that Mr. Fenwick had already stood an expensive contest with Mr. Saunders?—Yes, that was another consideration.

2951. That would enter largely into the reason in your mind, would it not?—Certainly.

2952. And the fact also, that Mr. Schneider had had a walk over for his seat?—Yes.

2953. Mr. Fenwick having spent a good deal of money in the contest against Mr. Saunders and Mr. Schneider having had a walk over, the expenses were to be distributed in this election, leaving a much larger proportion to fall on Mr. Schneider?—That was my idea.

2954. And that idea would be carried out further when Mr. Fenwick told you that 1,000*l.* was all that he intended to spend or expected to have to spend?—I think I should say that previously to the election, I think from six weeks to two months previous, but I am not certain as to the exact time, perhaps six weeks would be nearer, I called on Thomas Wise, who had taken an active part in all previous elections in Lancaster.

2955. (*Mr. Newton.*) On the Liberal side?—On the Liberal side, and I wished to retain his services, I think he was dissatisfied with what he had got at the previous election.

2956. You wished to retain his services for what?—For canvassing and making himself generally useful; at the election previously he had not been satisfied with what he had received, and he seemed to be standing a little aloof from the party, and I agreed to give him 25*l.* for his services, and I paid him the 25*l.* after the election, and I think he earned his money if money is earned at elections.

2957. Where did you get that 25*l.* from?—I got it from Mr. Welch, he was cognisant of the arrangement that I had made.

2958. Is there anything else that you would like to say?—There are also other parties that I engaged as committee-men previous to the election and as canvassers or door-keepers; there were two or three of them I recollect.

2959. Do you recollect their names?—Yes, one was an old man of the name of George Wilson, I spoke to him three or four months previous to the election and asked him if he would vote for the sitting members, and he said he did not object, and would I find him a place at the election as a door-keeper or some easy place, as he was an old man; and I agreed to engage him for a fortnight, at 5*s.* a day; on the Monday previous to the election he called on me, and said, he had been offered 10*l.* by the other side, and as a poor man he could not afford to lose it, or he ought not to lose it. I told him that I had made an arrangement with him, and I was prepared to carry out my part of it, and I expected he would do the same. I found, however, that on the morning of the election, very early, he voted for Fenwick and Schneider, and I think a day after the election, or two days after the election, I took him the 3*l.* I had promised him.

2960. That was for being door-keeper?—He was door-keeper and messenger, and did anything he was required to do, he attended from the time the committee room opened.

2961. That was to include the 5*s.* a-day?—Yes, whether he received his 5*s.* a-day from Mr. Tilly I do not know, I have never ascertained or asked the question, it is probable he might; there was a man named William Ralph who called upon me a fortnight before the election and he wanted to be engaged as a canvasser, I asked him what he expected, he talked of 15*l.* I said that was quite out of character; he was lame at the time, and the only thing I could promise him would be 10*s.* a-day from that time to the election, which would have amounted to about 7*l.*, he intended to canvass voters in public-houses, he could not walk very well; he was then walking on a stick or two sticks, but he wanted something to go on with, and I gave him a sovereign.

2962. Which way did he vote?—I gave him a sovereign for expenses.

2963. Which way did he vote?—For Lawrence a plumper. On the Saturday before the election he wanted to be paid 10*s.* for each day he had been engaged, I gave him 2*l.* more on the morning of the election; I made the same arrangement with two of his nephews, one of them came on the Saturday night. I told him he had been at work. They also voted for Lawrence, a plumper, on the morning of the election.

2964. You had not given the nephews anything?—No, I took care of that. I have no doubt that they had a consideration, more than 7*l.*, all three of them. I do not think they would have voted as they did without it. There was a young man, a draper, of the name of Fort; several weeks before the election I spoke to his father; he was at Newark, in Nottinghamshire; and I arranged to give the father 3*l.* or 3*l.* 10*s.* He did not like to appear in the public list of parties receiving expenses, and I gave him 3*l.* 10*s.* or 3*l.*

2965. Was that for travelling expenses?—Including expenses 30*s.* or 2*l.*

2966. Is the father a voter?—He is not.

2967. Were Ralph and the other man Lawrence freemen?—Yes, freemen.

2968. And Wilson?—Wilson is a freeman. There are three Ralphs; one of the Ralphs I think I did not see, but I made an arrangement with his brother.

2969. Which was your Ralph?—William, a painter on Castle Hill.

2970. The nephews Robert and John both plumped for Lawrence?—Yes.

2971. Are both of them painters?—Yes. There was also a man down at the Foundry (they had a number of voters there) of the name of Robert Roberts; I asked him previous to the election if he would look after the men working at the Foundry, and I would arrange with those parties through him who did not receive anything from anyone else. After the election was over I understood there were three only who had not received anything from any other party, and I think about a week after the election I took down to his house 20*l.* for himself and the three others. He was not at home, and I left it with his wife. The next morning he called upon me and said

he could not receive anything for himself; he brought me the 5*l.* back, and said he had given the other 15*l.* to the three other parties, and on the following night, after he had seen the other three, he brought me back the 9*l.*

2972. He kept 6*l.*?—No; the three men had lost a week's work. They had been actively engaged in the election, and did not think there would be anything wrong in their accepting what they would have received as wages if they had been at work. I mention that as an instance that ought to be mentioned.

2973. He kept 6*l.*?—No, he kept nothing; the other three men kept 2*l.* each.

2974. (*Mr. Hill.*) What were those men's names?—I do not recollect; I thought it was very creditable to them.

Mr. JOHN SANDERSON sworn and examined.

Mr. J. Sanderson.

2975. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—Cashier to the Lancaster Banking Company.

2976. How long have you been with them as cashier?—About 7 years.

2977. And you were cashier at the time of the election in 1865?—Yes.

2978. Did either Mr. Fenwick or Mr. Schneider keep an account with the Lancaster Banking Company at that time?—No; Mr. Fenwick kept a trust account at our Kirby Lonsdale branch, but no private account at Lancaster, nor did Mr. Schneider.

2979. You are acquainted with Mr. Henry Welch?—Yes.

2980. A week before the election did you go to Mr. Welch?—Yes.

2981. Did you see Mr. Welch when you called?—I think not.

2982. Did you leave a message that he was to call upon you?—Yes.

2983. And did he call upon you?—Yes, I think he did.

2984. And did you give him a parcel?—Yes, I remember giving him one parcel.

2985. What did that parcel contain?—500*l.* in gold.

2986. From whom did you receive that parcel?—I got it from the bank.

2987. From whom did you receive that parcel?—Mr. Coulston gave me instructions to pay the amount to Mr. Welch, and to see him about it.

2988. Did you make up the parcel?—Yes.

2989. By Mr. Coulston's instructions?—Yes.

2990. Mr. Coulston is the manager?—Yes.

2991. Where did you obtain the money from which you put into that parcel?—I debited the amount to Mr. Coulston's separate account.

2992. That parcel you then delivered to Mr. Welch?—Yes.

2993. Did you deliver it to him at the bank?—I remember delivering one parcel to him at the bank, but I paid him 1500*l.* in all.

2994. You made up a second parcel?—Yes.

2995. Was that also 500*l.*?—Yes.

2996. And was that also delivered to Mr. Welch?—Yes.

2997. And was it also debited to Mr. Coulston's separate account?—Yes.

2998. And you made up on the nomination day a third parcel?—Yes.

2999. Did that contain 500*l.* also?—Yes.

3000. And did you debit that in the same way to Mr. Coulston's separate account?—Yes.

3001. And delivered it to Mr. Welch?—No, I think he sent for it.

3002. That is the parcel which he says he received? Yes, no doubt.

3003. What instructions had you from Mr. Coulston as to debiting this money?—Simply that I was to debit it to his separate account.

3004. That is all?—That is all.

3005. Those were the only instructions he gave you?—Yes.

3006. And Mr. Coulston's instructions were that those parcels should be delivered to Mr. Welch?—Yes.

3007. Did he say at all for what purpose?—No.

3008. You knew yourself, I suppose?—I had merely to follow Mr. Coulston's orders.

3009. Had any sum been paid in recently to Mr. Coulston's separate account?—I believe there was no payment at all into the separate account.

3010. I do not exactly follow you?—I mean that those amounts I have mentioned remain still at Mr. Coulston's debit in the separate account.

3011. There has been no money paid in to meet them?—No.

3012. Neither before nor since?—No.

3013. Then that is still a debit from Mr. Coulston to the bank?—Yes.

3014. Does Mr. Coulston then pay interest upon that money?—The interest forms a debit item as well as the other.

3015. You make up the interest I presume after each transaction?—No; on the 30th June and the 31st of December in each year.

3016. Have you not a column in your banking book in which you make up the interest after each transaction?—No; that is one system of banking, but it is not ours.

3017. I thought that in most of the banks they followed that practice now?—No I think not.

3018. You do not do it?—No.

3019. You merely take the account as it stands from half year to half year?—Yes.

3020. Does the bank hold any security as against Mr. Coulston for his separate account?—Mr. Coulston is an exceedingly wealthy man.

3021. I know that, and that is the reason why I hesitated to ask the question?—There has been no security given that I am aware of.

3022. I did not ask the question from any doubt that Mr. Coulston himself could meet it. Do not let anything of that kind be supposed for a moment. Answer this question, "Yes" or "No." Have you received any instructions at any time from Mr. Coulston, or rather any information from Mr. Coulston, at any time as to the person against whom he intended eventually to debit that sum of 1500?—I do not remember his saying anything about it.

3023. Has he mentioned Mr. Schneider's name to you in connexion with that?—I do not remember anything of the sort.

3024. I think you would have recollected it if it had occurred?—Yes, most probably I should, but I do not remember anything of the kind.

3025. Did you during that election debit Mr. Coulston's separate account with any other sums of money?—Yes.

3026. With what?—1000*l.* on the nomination day.

3027. What did you do with the cash which you so placed against Mr. Coulston's account?—I gave it to Mr. Schneider.

3028. On the nomination day?—Yes.

3029. 1000*l.* into his hands?—Yes.

3030. What was it in?—Gold.

3031. Was there any further sum of money paid from the bank to Mr. Schneider?—No, not on that account. I changed him a 500*l.* note I think previous to the election.

3032. You gave him gold for it?—Yes.

3033. You placed that last 1,000*l.* to Mr. Coulston's separate account also?—Yes.

3034. That made that separate account on the bank 2500*l.*?—Yes.

3035. There being nothing on it before?—No.

3036. Was the account increased in any way during the election?—No.

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Mr. J. Sanderson.

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3037. Does it still remain 2,500*l.*?—The present balance is about 3,555*l.*, exclusive of interest.

3038. Where does that extra 1055*l.* come from?—In August I paid 500*l.* to Mr. Welch, according to Mr. Coulston's instructions, and the same in October, I think.

3039. Will you tell me what that is in October?—I cannot from recollection. It would be about the middle of August I think, and about the 12th or 14th of October perhaps.

3040. Have you paid anything else?—In December, I do not know the exact date, 55*l.*

3041. So making the total 3,555*l.*?—Yes.

3042. Have there been any further sums to the best of your belief drawn from the bank for the purposes of this election?—Do you mean by Mr. Welch?

3043. I mean by any one?—I remember Mr. Richard Stirzaker coming for 400*l.* on the day of the election, and Mr. Wilson Barker also on the day of the election for 500*l.* I do not remember any further sums.

3044. Can you say whether or not on looking through your books you should be able to find any further sums?—Of course with such a multitude of transactions it is impossible to say.

3045. Of course they would not be in small sums. Are there any further sums you believe to have been drawn from the bank for the purposes of this election?—I could not tell without looking through the books carefully.

3046. These two last sums would have been drawn out on behalf of the Conservative party?—Yes, I suppose so.

3047. There were some cheques paid to Mr. Tilly, or signed by Mr. Fenwick payable to Mr. Maxsted; did these go through your book?—I do not remember.

3048. (*Mr. Hill.*) Mr. Maxsted keeps an account at your bank?—Yes, he does.

3049. There were cheques for the amount of 300*l.* drawn on your bank, and paid July 8th, July 11th, and July 13th?—Drawn by Hannay and Schneider?

3050. (*Mr. Maxsted.*) Drawn by Schneider in my favour, and paid to my account.

(*Witness.*) They would be drawn on our branch?

(*Mr. Maxsted.*) They were all drawn on Mr. Schneider's private account.

3051. (*Mr. Hill.*) Had Mr. Schneider a private account at your bank?—No, I think not; in fact I may be quite sure upon that point.

(*Mr. Maxsted.*) I may be wrong; they might be drawn by Hannay and Schneider, but they were drawn in my favour.

3052. (*Mr. Hill.*) My object in asking this question was that I could not reconcile Mr. Tilly's evidence upon that point with your saying that there was no account kept by Mr. Schneider at your bank?—No doubt they would be drawn by Schneider, Hannay, and Company on our Barrow Branch.

3053. Has Mr. Fenwick at the present time any account with your bank?—No; he has the trust account at our Kirby Lonsdale Branch.

(*Mr. Maxsted.*) Allow me to explain. The cheques were given by me to Mr. Tilly, and therefore they are in my private account. I received the money from Mr. Schneider.

3054. (*Mr. Hill.*) They were cheques drawn by Messrs. Hannay and Schneider against their account with the Barrow Branch of the Lancaster Banking Company, and I presume it would appear in the bank books what they were?—If Mr. Maxsted received a cheque from Mr. Schneider it will appear in his account if he paid it in to his account.

3055. Would the particulars of the cheque appear? Yes; we should have a copy of it.

3056. You could refer to that?—Yes

3057. (*Mr. Tilly.*) The cheques were drawn by Mr. Maxsted on my account—Mr. Maxsted's private account.

(*Mr. Maxsted.*) Yes, that is so, excepting the cheque for 500*l.* drawn on the Preston Bank.

3058. (*Mr. Hill.*) I understood Mr. Maxsted to say that they were drawn by Messrs. Hannay, Schneider, and Company?

(*Mr. Maxsted.*) That is what the witness said, and I stated in answer to it that I do not recollect whether they were Mr. Schneider's own cheques, or Messrs. Schneider, Hannay, and Company's cheques.

3059. (*Mr. Hill.*) As you received them so you paid them into your account?

(*Mr. Maxsted.*) Yes; and therefore a reference to my account would show what they were.

3060-1. (*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Maxsted.*) You said in your evidence that with the exception of 500*l.*, which you said was sent by Mr. Fenwick, all the rest of the sum of 1,404*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* was paid by Mr. Schneider.

(*Mr. Maxsted.*) 1,000*l.* in fact was paid by Mr. Schneider, and 500*l.* by Mr. Fenwick. The last cheque for 300*l.* was handed over as a cheque to Mr. Tilly without going through the bank.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Thursday, 30th August 1866.

PRESENT:

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON.

MR. HILL.

FOURTH DAY.

W. Towers.

30 Aug. 1866.

WILLIAM TOWERS sworn and examined.

3062. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your business?—a grocer.

3063. Do you live in Cheapside in this place?—Yes.

3064. How long have you lived in Lancaster?—Fourteen years nearly.

3065. Have you been pretty active at election times?—Since 1859.

3066. On the last election I believe you were a a Captain?—Yes, I believe I was known by that name.

3067. What district did you work?—I took Skerton under my charge.

3068. What sum of money did you receive from Welch?—Altogether I received a little over 170*l.*

3069. How did you disburse that money; first of all we will take the voters whom you paid?—Well, if you will be kind enough to hand me the Skerton list I will tell you.

3070. Edward Bradley of Main Street?—He kept a beershop.

3071. Did you give him any money?—Not for his vote I did not.

3072. I will only ask you at present what money you gave for votes. Did you consider yourself to be agent for votes. You know quite well what that means?—I do.

3073. George Cowell, Main Street?—No.

3074. John Cowperthwaite, Lime Street?—He was working, and I believe at present he is working at Wolverhampton, I gave him 10*l.* and 2*l.* 10*s.* for expenses in coming from Wolverhampton and returning.

3075. Thomas Rowlandson Dunn?—No.

3076. John Ellershaw?—No.

3077. George Loxham, Captain's Row?—Yes, I shall have a statement to make afterwards, but I gave him 6*l.*

3078. William Mathers?—Not for his vote.

3079. Samuel Pickard?—No, I believe Mr. Welch dealt with him.

3080. John Redshaw?—No.

3081. Richard Smelley?—No.

3082. Simpson Todd?—No, but there are lots of freemen that are not down there.

3083. The first in this list is Matthew Bailey?—I did not pay him anything: I shall have something to say respecting him after a bit.

3084. Robert Bull, coachman?—No.

3085. William Barrow, cabinet-maker?—Not for his vote.

3086. Edmund Boardley, woolcomber?—No.

3087. James Bond, husbandman?—No.

3088. C. T. Clark, attorney?—No.

3089. Christopher Gudgeon, twine spinner?—No.

3090. William Gudgeon?—No.

3091. William Helme?—No, he broke faith.

3092. John Herbert?—He was dead.

3093. R. F. Housman, Esq.?—No.

3094. William Housman, gentleman?—No.

3095. Edward Jackson, barrister?—No.

3096. James Jackson labourer?—Yes.

3097. How much?—10*l.*

3098. Joseph Jackson, labourer?—He broke faith.

3099. William Lamb, silk-spinner?—Yes.

3100. How much?—12*l.* There was another Lamb, a brother of his, that was residing at Skerton at the time on the register for some other part of the town, and I also dealt with him at the same time,

3101. What is his Christian name?—I believe it is John.

3102. John Lamb, Moor Lane, silk comber?—Yes.

3103. You dealt with him you say?—Yes.

3104. How much?—12*l.*, I might as well explain to you at this time that if I have not actually given them the money myself but have arranged with anybody else I take it for granted they have given them it. If I have placed the money in the hands of somebody to pay them I have the responsibility of paying them. I did not hand them the money myself, but I gave somebody else the money to give them.

3105. To whom did you give the money for those two?—I believe they call him Thomas Wilson.

3106. Edward Marshall Smith?—He broke faith; I did not pay him anything.

3107. Thomas Middleton, stonemason?—No, I did not pay him.

3108. James Pennington, stonemason?—I paid him 10*l.*

3109. William Redhead, joiner?—Unfortunately he broke faith with me and I did not pay anything.

3110. Thomas Roberts, ironfounder?—I engaged him.

3111. Do you mean as a runner or something?—I will tell you afterwards; I paid him.

3112. Is that Roberts of Leonardgate?—No, of Skerton.

3113. Henry Smith?—I did not pay him anything.

3114. Robert Smith, cotton spinner?—Nothing beyond a shilling or two.

3115. Henry Stirzaker, gardener?—No.

3116. Richard Stirzaker, gardener?—No.

3117. Thomas Taylor, labourer?—10*l.*

3118. Is that Thomas Taylor, of Skerton, labourer?—I ought to explain that Thomas Taylor, of Skerton, labourer, is not recorded as having voted. He came to live from Bolton to Skerton, and was on twice, a duplicate, and he voted as residing at Bolton. Thomas Taylor, of Bolton, coming to live at Skerton, lived there two or three weeks, and afterwards came to live in Market-street, Lancaster.

3119. Thomas Gardener Thompson, miller?—Nothing.

3120. John Thompson, miller?—Nothing.

3121. James Walker Cotton, spinner?—He cost me a little money. I did not give him anything for his vote, which I will afterwards explain.

3122. C. Lawson Whalley?—No.

3123. William Wilcock?—Did he vote for us?

3124. Of Skerton, tailor?—I did not give him anything.

3125. Isaac Wilkinson?—I did not give him anything.

3126. Richard Willacy?—He voted against us.

3127. Robert Wilson, cabinet maker?—That is another worse still.

3128. George Wilson, cabinet maker?—No.

3129. Thomas Winder?—No.

3130. Michael Woodman?—I believe I engaged him for something.

3131. You did not pay him money down as a voter?—He did get paid, but it was an arrangement.

3132. What was it, then?—Previous to the election some person engaged him to do anything he could in promoting our cause, and undertook that he should be paid, I believe, 6*l.* I did not do the matter myself, but I paid him. I was told previous to the election that he was engaged, and that that was the price that we should pay to him, as I did not engage him myself.

3133. (*Mr. Hill.*) And he had not been engaged?—I never asked him.

3134. (*Mr. Barstow.*) J. S. Carruthers?—No.

3135. Then the names that follow on this list are those that I have gone over before. Can you remember bribing anyone else in Skerton?—I cannot.

3136. You were going to tell us something about Bailey?—I believe, in fact I am sure, that Bailey was one of those that had his freedom taken up in 1864, paid for by Mr. Welch. I was under the hope that I should be able to get his vote without money, beyond a shilling or two which he got a few days previous to the election. I did not succeed. I gave him a shilling or two, and I did not succeed in getting his vote. I found that he was one of the very first to go from Skerton and poll for Lawrence.

3137. What is Barrow?—He keeps the "Red Cross" at Skerton, a public-house which is the head-quarters of the Liberal party. I engaged him to work, and I also engaged his house at the same time. I believe I agreed to give him 5*l.* for his services and 7*l.* for the use of his house as a committee room.

3138. That is 12*l.*?—12*l.* together.

3139. I presume he received something for refreshments?—Yes, he received something for refreshments, but not till after the election.

3140. Perhaps you did not pay him?—I did.

3141. How much?—I believe I paid him 25*l.* 10*s.* altogether. I never paid him any money but once, except a few pounds that I might spend and pay at the time in the house.

3142. Was that the whole of the money that Barrow received from you?—It was, or from anybody else respecting the election.

3143. To your knowledge?—To my knowledge.

3144. What did you do with Boardley?—He was a very good Liberal, put on to assist me in the district. I engaged him myself some five weeks previous to the election, and agreed he should be paid 5*l.* for his services, which he was paid afterwards by me.

3145. And nothing else?—And nothing else.

3146. Roberts?—Roberts I engaged about five or six weeks previous to the election, and he volunteered to get any information that might be of service to me from the enemy's camp. I did find him of service, and for rendering those services I afterwards paid him 10*l.*

3147. Did he keep a shop?—No, it is Roberts, of the iron foundry.

3148. James Walker?—James Walker, I believe, was paid for his freedom at the time that Bailey's was taken up, but on the morning of the election I could not manage him; he was past my skill.

3149. Had you given him any money?—Nothing beyond probably 12*s.* I had been to him at different times previous to the election; but on the morning of

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the election 10*l.* would not touch him, and I thought if he was so priceable the others should have him.

3150. Are those the names of all the persons to whom you gave money except for their votes?—No, you have not asked me several; you have not gone through the list of the householders.

3151. Bradley is a householder, is he not?—He is.

3152. And Barrow?—No, Barrow is a freeman.

3153. The alphabetical list ends with "Woodman, Michael, labourer," and then it goes on Aldrew, Armstrong, and others. That, I suppose, is the 10*l.* list?—It is.

3154. Then I will go on with that list. Now we are on the householders, I observe that Aldrew, Armstrong, Atkinson, Atkinson Robert, and Atkinson William, voted for Lawrence?—They did.

3155. Have you anything to say about those?—No, only so far as one of them is concerned; he has always been a Liberal before, but the screw was brought to that pressure this time that he told me he was really compelled to vote as he did.

3156. Which was that?—Robert Atkinson.

3157. Edward Bradley, of Main Street?—He keeps a beershop, and he is a small farmer as well; he farms under Mr. Thomas Dunn.

3158. What did you pay him?—I paid him 5*l.* for the use of his house as a committee room, and I paid him for refreshments 2*l.* 10*s.*, altogether 7*l.* 10*s.*

3159. George Cowell?—He also keeps a public-house.

3160. What did you pay him?—I paid him for the use of his house 6*l.*, and I afterwards paid him 7*l.* 10*s.*

3161. And for refreshments?—For refreshments I believe it was 7*l.* 10*s.*, 15*l.* altogether I am nearly sure.

3162. John Cowperthwaite?—I have already told you I paid him 12*l.* 10*s.* to come from Wolverhampton.

3163. Gilbert Hall?—He also keeps a public-house.

3164. What did you pay him?—I paid him 7*l.* 10*s.* for the use of his house.

3165. Anything for refreshments?—A few pounds, but I cannot tell you exactly how much; but it was not much. I had no bill there.

3166. We should like to take down some figure, if you can tell us about how much?—I am sure it would not exceed it.

3167. What do you think we ought to put down?—I think you might put down 5*l.*, but I am sure it would not exceed it.

3168. William Howson, of Lune Street?—He did not reside at Skerton then. I did not pay him anything. He was residing at Kendal, I know now.

3169. Mathers?—Mathers was paid for the use of his house, for refreshments, and for coming from Rochale.

3170. Is he a publican?—Yes, he is a wool-sorter at Rochdale and working there, and he had to come from there here and to go back again, and altogether I paid him about 14*l.*

3171. John Redshaw, Main Street?—Nothing.

3172. Richard Smalley?—Nothing.

3173. James Todd?—No; I think there is a Burrow on the List you have not asked me about.

3174. He voted for Lawrence?—He did.

3175. What have you to say about him? Did you pay him any money?—I paid him no money; he promised, or partially promised, to vote for us for a sum, but it was not enough. I apprehend he got more on the other side.

3176. It will be convenient for us to exhaust the payments first?—I think you have done so now.

3177. You think that is all the money you paid?—No, it is all the money I paid for Skerton.

3178. What other money did you pay?—I engaged a young man that works at the foundry, of the name of Richard Garth, to go with me to Skerton to be of any assistance to me that he possibly could, and for those services I paid him 10*l.*

3179. Is he a voter?—Yes, he is down as residing in Germany Street?

3180. Is he a freeman?—Yes.

3181. Anyone else?—All the monies that I paid; that is, all with one little exception.

3182. What is that?—I also engaged another man, a voter named John Ireland, to accompany me on all occasions when I went to Skerton.

3183. What did you pay him?—And for those services I paid him 3*l.*, after the election considerably, a fortnight or three weeks perhaps.

3184. Do you know Skerton very well?—I do.

3185. How many public-houses and beer-houses are there there, do you know?—Six.

3186. How many had you engaged?—Four.

3187. Now, you think you have told us all the money you spent?—I have told you all the money I spent; that is, that I gave to voters or to anybody else, I believe.

3188. Does this include all public-house bills?—It does.

3189. To whom did you account for the money?—To Mr. Henry Welch.

3190. What was the mode of your accounting?—My mode of accounting was that I made use of that list that you have before you, the street list; and against each of the names that I paid money to I put the amount, and one of those lists I handed in.

3191. Did you receive any remuneration yourself?—I did not, and I should like to take this opportunity of protesting against an assertion made by Mr. Maxstead on Tuesday, in answer to your question, "Were the captains paid?" He said, "No:" he is reported to have said so, and I heard him; but he said, "Do not you be misinformed by my answer: the managers are of such a class that they will not give their services unless they get some remuneration. Against that I protest. What I have done is this: I have never received anything for it, and I would not have done it if it had been offered; and I think after it is done it is very wrong that observations of that kind should come from a gentleman who professes to have the conduct of the election, and will walk off with the loaves and fishes.

3192. But people who undertake duties of this sort subject themselves to remark?—Yes, but it ought not to come from the quarter it did come from.

3193. Do you know of your own self any act of bribery committed by the other side? I do not wish for rumour, because we have had quite as much of that as we wish for. We have now come to more solid substance?—I think they would take care that if any act of bribery was committed they would not let me see it.

3194. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you pay all these sums down at once to the voters, or did you pay them down at different times?—I paid them at different times after the election. I did not pay any man a single shilling before he voted.

3195. (*Mr. Hill.*) You mean for his vote?—Certainly.

3196. (*Mr. Newton.*) Then we are to believe that you entered into an agreement that if they voted for Fenwick and Schneider they would have 10*l.* for their vote, and if they did not vote for Fenwick and Schneider they were to have nothing?—I think I ought to tell you that I did not commence that game until very late upon the night previous to the poll.

3197. Which game?—The game of offering them so much for their vote. I had always evaded it, and the result was that I lost some five or six that we had always had before, or that if it was the first time they voted we had paid for their freedom. It was not till after 5 o'clock that I offered any of them 10*l.* I could not get them for the sum I was instructed to offer them previously, and that was the reason why I missed several.

3198. You went into the market late?—I went into the market late.

3199. What were your instructions as to the amount

you were to offer them ?—My instructions on the eve of the poll were—

3200. Before the eve of the poll what instructions had you ?—I had none.

3201. On the eve of the poll what were your instructions ?—On the eve of the poll I was instructed that we ought to win with a gallop, and not pay more than 6*l.* to any person, from the state of the canvass.

3202. That you would win ?—Yes.

3203. If you only paid 6*l.* ?—Yes.

3204. Who gave you those instructions ?—Mr. Blades.

3205. How was it that you increased your price ?—Early on the morning of the poll.

3206. You tell us this was all going on on the evening of the nomination ?—I told you my instructions were that I had no occasion to offer anybody more than 6*l.*

3207. But you were offering these men on the evening of the nomination 10*l.* ?—No, I did not until the morning of the poll; about 5 o'clock I sent a messenger over with instructions to this effect, that I did not think it was of any avail to give sums of 6*l.*

3208. You sent a messenger over to Lancaster ?—Yes.

3209. Whom ?—I believe it was Wilson.

3210. Which Wilson ?—Thomas Wilson.

3211. You sent him over to Lancaster with a message ?—I sent him over to Lancaster with a message for further instructions.

3212. What message ?—A message to the effect that I was of no use, that I could not get these men to vote for anything like the sum I was prepared to offer them.

3213. You said they must have 10*l.* ?—I said that a great deal of them I could not get for less.

3214. That was to Mr. Blades ?—I do not know that it was particularly to Mr. Blades, but it was more directly to the three gentlemen who you learned yesterday sat in the room at the "Queen's."

3215. The council ?—Call them what you like.

3216. The secret committee; what answer did they send you back ?—The answer they sent me back was that I was to use my own discretion and do as well as I could, that we were sure to win, and that I was to poll my worst first, and reserve the better of the voters until afterwards.

3217. Then you took upon yourself to offer the 10*l.* ?—I did from that moment.

3218. What time did that answer come back to you ?—About 5 o'clock.

3219. You sent off at 5 o'clock I thought you said ?—I merely speak from memory; it might be at 4 that I sent off, but as far as I can judge it would be about 5 when the man came back again.

3220. Where did you find these men John Lamb, William Lamb, Jackson and Cowperthwaite, at that hour in the morning ?—Cowperthwaite arrived from Wolverhampton the evening before. I saw him then. I did not give him any money then. He voted, and after he voted I paid him. I saw him when he got up next morning, about half-past 8, and he went and voted and I afterwards paid him.

3221. You told him before he voted ?—Yes, I had made the arrangement previously by letter.

3222. Had you stood any drink to all these people before ?—Very little; the chief part of the drink was paid for in those bills I have told you of at the public-houses.

3223. But all the direct sums of money for votes were promised to be given on the morning of the poll ?—They were.

3224. And were there many others that you promised to give money to that did not vote for you ?—There is one other man I remember now whom you have omitted asking me about, that is Thomas Knowles, of Skerton, a householder.

3225. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He voted for Lawrence ?—Yes.

3226. What about him ?—He waited upon me early in the morning, perhaps by 4 o'clock.

3227. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was that before you sent off to Lancaster ?—I cannot possibly say, and he said there was himself and six more prepared to go either way for the most money, that they asked 100*l.*; he asked me that himself.

3228. He was modest enough to ask 100*l.* for the seven ?—Yes.

3229. Who is Knowles ?—He is a man there who I believe is the owner of considerable property in Skerton, and it was the first time he had ever had the privilege of voting, I believe.

3230. A householder ?—Yes, a householder; he promised to vote for Fenwick and Schneider, and also told me he would vote for them till the evening before the polling.

3231. What do you call a considerable property ?—The property, I believe, that he lives on is his own.

3232. What is it worth do you suppose ?—It must be worth 10*l.* a year, or else he would not be qualified for voting.

3233. Does he follow any trade ?—He is a pot dealer.

3234. Who were the other six ?—He did not tell me who the other six were.

3235. Do you think there were six ?—Well, I thought since that there were not. I had no faith in his statement at the time. I did not listen to it, and I was not prepared to carry out any sort of arrangement.

3236. He wanted 100*l.* for himself ?—No, I do not think that, because I know that some that we lost did; I saw them go with him and I suspect that the other side had come to a sort of arrangement with him.

3237. In the meanwhile ?—Yes.

3238. That was before he came to you ?—No, afterwards, after I repudiated it.

3239. You would not have anything to say to it ?—No.

3240. Were there any others besides Knowles who came to you for the same sort of proposal ?—No others came to me. There was James Redhead, and Wilson.

3241. What Wilson ?—Robert Wilson I believe his name is. They waited on me about 7 o'clock in the morning.

3242. What house were you at ?—I was all night at Mathers's house, till about half-past 6 in the morning; that, and walking about from place to place.

3243. Where were you when Redhead and Wilson came ?—I was in Mathers's, and there was another or two came with them, and they asked me 12*l.* a piece. I told them that I could not give it.

3244. Did any men come to you besides those ?—William Redhead promised to vote for us, and afterwards broke it; he did not get any money, neither did I talk to him about any money.

3245. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you make any bid to Thomas Knowles; when he came and offered seven votes for 100*l.* did you tell him what you would give him ?—I did not. To tell you the truth, my candid opinion was that I could not put any confidence in him.

3246. Did you make any bid to the others who asked 12*l.* ?—Yes, I offered them 10*l.*

3247. Did they accept 10*l.* down on the nail ?—No, the next question they asked was, would I pay them before they voted, and I said no.

3248. Well ?—Would I deposit the money with the landlady, they said; and I cannot exactly say what my answer to them was as to that, but I did not do so. I broke off the negotiation.

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3249. They were not very keen on 10*l.* then?—No, they were not.

3250. They seemed to have an idea that they could get a larger sum?—Yes, but my idea was that they would have been very glad to have got hold of some of my brass, and then they would have made as good use as they could of their votes afterwards.

3251. You have not told us when you received the money from Welch?—The first money I received from Welch was 7*l.*; I received it perhaps eight or ten days previous to the election. Perhaps eight or ten days previous to that I was desired by Mr. Welch to go to Skerton, and to tell them I was coming again, and from my going at that time up to the time of receiving this 7*l.* from Mr. Welch, I had spent it out of my own pocket.

3252. That was a repayment to you of money that had been already spent by you?—It was.

3253. What was the next money that you received?—The next money I received was 13*l.*

3254. When did you receive that?—It would be three or four days after that.

3255. Were these sums paid you in gold or notes?—In gold. The next money I received was 100*l.* on the morning of the nomination; when that was done on the election morning I brought away with me what remained of my voters that required money from Skerton, and I got other 50*l.*

3256. You brought them to Lancaster?—I brought those men from Skerton to Lancaster whom we had not already polled, and I left them in charge of some of my staff that was with me, and I went and got 50*l.* more.

3257. You came up to the Queen's for it?—I did.

3258. And there you saw Welch, Wearing, and Blades in the room and you got 50*l.*?—I got 50*l.* from them.

3259. And you went back to the men you had left in charge?—Yes, and polled them.

3260. And then paid them the money?—Yes.

3261. You paid them all their money after they were polled?—Yes.

3262. Did you pay them as they were polled?—No, before I left Skerton I paid them, when they got back to Skerton, when they returned from polling. Before I left Skerton in the morning as the men went from Skerton to poll when they came back I paid them.

3263. Some of them had got back from Lancaster before you started?—Yes, three or four lots. Those men I took to poll myself. The last that I brought from Skerton I paid them. I took them to a place where I got this Wilson the money to pay them with after they had polled.

3264. How did you send your men up from Skerton?—In carriages.

3265. How many in a carriage?—Four generally.

3266. And how many carriage-loads were there?—I cannot positively say, perhaps sometimes there would be three go and sometimes probably five; but I think I had two carriages and two trips would be made, I believe, before I left Skerton.

3267. How far is it from Skerton to Lancaster?—To the polling booth perhaps it is three-quarters of a mile.

3268. You brought five men up yourself, did you?—No.

3269. How many did you bring up yourself? You wanted 50*l.*, you know, for them?—I believe that two was all that I paid that day out of that 50*l.*

3270. What did you do with the other 30*l.*?—10*l.* of that I paid to Thomas Roberts about a week after. That is the one that I had engaged that I have already told you of.

3271. I thought it was Robert Roberts?—Thomas. I paid him about a week after the election, and with the balance that I should have I got the bills from the public-houses and went to Mr. Welch a few days after the election and we squared the account up, and I took the money and paid them. I had not sufficient money. I was not in possession of sufficient money to pay these bills, and Mr. Welch gave me the difference some few days after the election.

3272. That is to say, you had received at that time 170*l.* What was about the balance that you received?—That I afterwards received?

3273. Yes?—I cannot tell, but my impression is that it was not a great deal.

3274. Was it a 10*l.* note?—I am under the impression that it was about 13*l.*

3275. When was that balance received from Mr. Welch?—Shortly after the election; perhaps a week after, or probably nine days.

3276. You say that none of this money stuck to your fingers at all?—No.

3277. But did you afterwards receive any present?—No.

3278. Neither from Mr. Fenwick nor Mr. Schneider?—No.

3279. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I hope you did not understand when I asked you whether you had received any remuneration, that I meant to suggest that you had diverted any of the money you had received to your own use?—No, I did not so understand you. I wish to say that I received no payment for my services either from Mr. Welch or from anybody else. There is one thing I should wish to mention. I gave 6*l.* to George Loxham, and if you will allow me I will tell you the circumstances how that came about. He is a very good man, a man who I believe will not sell his vote. He promised to vote for Fenwick and Schneider, and on the nomination day my attention was called to a man who had come over from Skerton, who said he knew of a voter who would go against us unless he was paid, and when my attention was drawn to that, I asked the man's name. He said "I cannot give his name but I know it is a fact; but if you will provide me with 6*l.* I will undertake that he shall vote for you." I said I could not do anything of the sort, that I knew the Skerton voters as well if not better than himself, and that I could not enter into any such arrangement. He afterwards told me it was George Loxham. I said to this man that I knew George Loxham so well that I had every reason to believe he would not receive the money, but as the morning of the poll wore on I had my apprehensions that perhaps this man might be persuaded at the last moment to receive money, and if 6*l.* would prevent him from voting on the other side I thought it would be better to give it, and I sent a messenger down telling him that if he required 6*l.* I would give it to him. He afterwards came up to me, and this man with him; this man wanted the money, but I would not give it him. I gave it to George Loxham himself, but George Loxham told me that this man wanted some of the money, and afterwards got some of it from George Loxham's daughter.

3280. George Loxham received the 6*l.*?—Yes, I would not pay it to anybody else.

3281. Who was this man that you saw?—I cannot tell his name, but he lived in the house with George Loxham. I believe that George has always been very sorry ever since that he should have been induced to take it.

3282. However, he took the money?—He took the money. Perhaps the Commissioners will allow me to tell what I have had to contend with; I should like to tell you what was going on on the other side.

3283. How do you know what was going on?—I did not see it myself, but I had it from the lips of parties who did see it.

3284. Give us, if you please, the names of the parties who did see it. In the first place say as shortly as you can what it was that you saw?—The two Lambs were living on green peas and lamb for about nine days previous to the election at the "Black Bull,"

and it was an open house from the commencement till the finish.

3285. Is that at Skerton ?—Yes.

3286. The "Bull" was Lawrence's house ?—It was; and the "Hand and Heart." James Carruthers, Mr. Mitchell, William Atkinson, Robert Aldren, junior, were my chief opponents as managers on behalf of the Conservative side. I on one occasion went to Kellet, that was on the first occasion that anybody went there on our side at the late contest, and I took with me the gentleman who was afterwards the captain, J. W. Hewitson; the parties who were the agents for the Conservative side there were Mr. Thomas Taylor, a spirit merchant, in Lancaster, and George Coulston, a gentleman, of Lancaster; I went through to Carnforth on that day, and our opponents at Carnforth were Mr. Jackson, who lives at Carnforth, Mr. James Hodgson, John Whormby, an auctioneer, and a man of the name of Clarkson, a stonemason; William Sharp was at Halton.

3287. What is Mr. William Sharp ?—I believe he is a solicitor in Lancaster. I could name many who took a very active part indeed on the Conservative side.

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3288. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live ?—In Moor Lane, Lancaster.

3289. What are you ?—I am an apprentice with Mr. Welch, a grocer.

3290. Has he a shop in Cheapside ?—Yes.

3291. Were you in his employment a month before the last election ?—Yes, I was.

3292. Do you remember anyone on any day coming into his shop and leaving there a brown-paper parcel with a message ?—No.

3293. Did you ever hear any conversation about such a circumstance having occurred ?—No.

3294. Who else had Mr. Welch in his service in the shop ?—A young man of the name of Alfred Tinker.

3295. Did you ever hear him speak about it ?—No, I can tell you the circumstance of the parcel being left.

3296. That is what we wish to know.—On the morning a parcel was left this person, Alfred Tinker, was down at the other shop in Damside Street; Mr. William Welch was away on a journey, I believe.

3297. He is a brother of the other Mr. Welch ?—A brother of Mr. Henry Welch: he was away on a journey; Mr. Henry Welch had not come down from his house at the Greaves'; at least, I had not seen him that morning. I left the shop to go into our warehouse behind the shop for a parcel of some description, I cannot recollect now what it was. Whilst I was away some person or persons unknown left the parcel. When I came back into the shop the parcel was there on the counter.

3298. How do you know that it had been brought there ?—It was there when I came back, and it was not there when I went out.

3299. What sort of parcel was it ?—It was a parcel wrapped in brown paper.

3300. What was the size of it ?—I cannot exactly tell what the size of it would be, perhaps as large as that book beside you.

3301. Was the parcel directed ?—It was not directed.

3302. Was it done up with a string ?—It was tied with string.

3303. Was it sealed ?—I did not see any seal upon it.

3304. What did you do with it ?—I took it off the counter and placed it on a shelf.

3305. About what time was this ?—In the forenoon, I fancy it was between the hours of 10 and 11, but I am sure it was some time before dinner.

3306. What did you do with it afterwards ?—I never touched it afterwards.

3307. Did you leave it there ?—I left it there.

3308. Did you know what was inside it ?—I did not open it to see.

3309. But did you know what was inside of it ?—No, I do not.

3310. Did you know what was inside of it ?—No, I did not know what was inside it.

3311. When did you next see Mr. Welch after this ?—In the afternoon, directly after dinner.

3312. And what did you do with the parcel then ?—I never touched it, I merely mentioned the circumstance that the parcel had been left in the shop.

3313. You told him of it ?—I told him.

3314. Did not your curiosity prompt you to see what was inside it ?—No, it did not.

3315. Were you shopman ?—I am an apprentice.

3316. Attending in the shop ?—Waiting in the shop.

3317. It might have been goods, or something of that sort ?—It was not my place to open it whatever it was.

3318. Did you expect any parcel of that sort to come ?—I never expected any parcel to come.

3319. Did you see anybody about the shop that morning ?—No, I did not see any one about the shop before I went to the warehouse.

3320. I mean just before you went to the warehouse ?—No, not any one in particular that I recollect. I might have had some customers in. I do not know that I had any customers.

3321. Do you often have brown-paper parcels left on your counter without any direction upon them ?—No, not often.

3322. Only at election times ?—I never saw one before.

3323. What did you say to Mr. Welch when you told him of that ?—I said, "There was a parcel left this morning in the shop."

3324. What did he say ?—I cannot recollect now.

3325. What did he do with it ?—He never touched it.

3326. Did you show him where it was ?—I pointed to it.

3327. Did he take it up in his hand ?—No; I believe the parcel was there when I went at night, and the next morning it was gone.

3328. It did not rattle about ?—No, it was tied.

3329. But if you shook it did it not rattle about ?—No, it was tied together.

3330. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you often leave your shop without any one to take care of it ?—Our shop is rather inconvenient; and if any person comes in for stores of sugar, or rice, or anything of that kind, it is necessary to go into the warehouse to get those things, and I might have gone off to get a store of rice, or sugar, or something.

3331. Do you tell me that you are in the habit on such occasions of leaving your shop without any one in it ?—Yes, we cannot do it different.

3332. The warehouse is upstairs ?—We go up the passage behind the shop.

3333. Can you see from the warehouse into the shop ?—No, we cannot.

3334. You left the shop, and when you returned you say you saw the parcel ?—Yes, in the shop. I found it directly afterwards.

3335. After you had found the parcel you left the shop again ?—No; after I found the parcel I did not leave the shop again.

3336. I understood you to say that when you returned at night you saw the parcel there ?—It was; it was there when I went home at night, but in the

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morning it was gone from the shelf on which I had left it.

3337. Did you see any one about your shop before you left it to go to the warehouse?—I did not.

3338. And you tell us that you have no notion whatever who left the parcel there?—No, I have no notion whatever who left it there—not the least.

3339. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you know what was in the parcel?—I did not open it to see.

3340. Did you know what was in the parcel?—No, I did not open it to see.

3341. You knew it was money, did you not?—I suspected it.

3342. You could not have any doubt that it was money from the weight of it, could you?—It lifted like money; it lifted heavy.

3343. You knew, then, that it was money?—I could not be sure that it was.

3344. Had you any doubt in the world that it was money?—Well, I did not open it to see.

3345. Had you any doubt that it was money that was in that parcel?—It weighed like money.

3346. Had you any doubt that there was money in the parcel. Answer my question, yes or no?—Yes.

3347. Then tell me what doubt you had?—I could not tell what it was till I looked into it; no one could.

3348. If you had handed that parcel over to anybody, should you not have said to him, "There is money in that parcel?"—Perhaps I might.

3349. There were 710 sovereigns in it; what was the weight of it?—I do not know.

3350. Had you seen money made up into brown-paper parcels before?—Yes.

3351. Knowing that, had you any doubt in the world that there was money in that parcel, and heavy money?—There is no doubt but what it was money.

3352. That being so, did you not say anything to Welch about its being a money parcel?—I did not.

3353. Who had you last seen about that shop?—I cannot tell that.

3354. Just think; who had been last in that shop with you?—I have no idea, not the least.

3355. You must have some idea?—I cannot recollect after the space of 15 months who was in the shop.

3356. But there was a special fact which would draw it to your attention; who had been last in that shop with you?—I cannot tell.

3357. When you found that a money parcel had been put on the counter with nobody to guard the shop, do you mean to say that you do not for a moment know who had been last in the shop. Come, speak the truth, because we shall get at it in some way?—I am speaking the truth; I do not recollect who was in the shop.

3358. Who had been last in the shop with you?—I do not know; any customer that we had might have been.

3359. Tell me who had been last in that shop?—To my knowledge the last person in the shop is he who was with me always, Alfred Tinker.

3360. How long before that had Alfred Tinker been in the shop with you?—Some five minutes perhaps; he had just gone down to the other shop.

3361. Had you taken the opportunity of his having gone away only five minutes before to go into the warehouse?—No, I did not.

3362. What had you gone into the warehouse for?—I cannot tell exactly.

3363. Was it for something to supply a customer with?—It was for something to supply a customer with; some orders that we had down in a waste-book that we have.

3364. Had you had any customers in the shop that morning?—Yes; no doubt we had.

3365. Can you tell me the name of any customer that you had in the shop that morning?—I cannot tell, indeed.

3366. When did Alfred Tinker come back to the shop?—Some five or ten minutes, perhaps, after the parcel was left.

3367. What did you say to Alfred Tinker about the parcel?—I said the parcel had been left in the shop.

3368. You did not say "the" parcel. This was a money parcel, you know, and you knew, or had reason to believe, that it was a money parcel?—I do not know that I said anything to Alfred Tinker specially about it.

3369. Did you not say somebody has been leaving money in the shop?—I might say so, but I do not know that I did.

3370. Did you not say to him anything about the parcel being a money parcel?—I do not recollect that I did.

3371. Just try and remember. Did you not say something to him about its being a money parcel?—I do not recollect that I did.

3372. Who came next into the shop, of the people connected with the shop after Alfred Tinker?—Mr. Wright Wearing.

3373. How soon afterwards did Mr. Wright Wearing come into the shop?—Directly after Alfred Tinker came in.

3374. What did he come for?—I do not know that he came for anything.

3375. He did not come to buy groceries?—He did not come to buy groceries. He did not say anything to me when he came in. He never asked me anything at all

3376. How long did he stop in the shop?—Perhaps two or three minutes.

3377. Did he look round the shop?—I cannot tell whether he did or not.

3378. Did you see him?—I cannot say.

3379. Can you say whether his eye rested on the brown-paper parcel?—No.

3380. Did you put it where he could see it?—Yes, anyone could see it.

3381. Who came in next after Stephen Wright Wearing?—I do not know; I am sure I cannot tell.

3382. Did any other person come in for business that morning that you recollect?—Not that I recollect.

3383. Then, as far as you know, Mr. Wearing was the only person connected with election matters that came into the shop?—He was.

3384. And he came in within ten minutes of the parcel being left?—Yes.

3385. And he had an opportunity of seeing the parcel if he chose to look for it?—Yes.

3386. Did you say anything to Mr. Wearing when he came in?—I do not recollect that I did.

3387. Did you hear Tinker speak to Wearing?—They stood together close to the desk, and if they spoke I could not hear them, for I was in the other part of the shop altogether.

3388. Wearing came in and spoke to Tinker?—I believe he did.

3389. It is a small shop, is it not?—Yes.

3390. If he spoke to him he did not speak in a loud tone of voice?—If he had spoken in a loud voice I must have heard him.

3391. Did Mr. Wearing speak to you?—He did not.

3392. Was Tinker the only person in the shop?—Yes.

3393. So that unless Wearing spoke to Tinker he spoke to nobody?—No.

3394. And you say he was in the shop two or three minutes?—Yes, he was.

3395. Did he seem to you to be waiting for anybody?—No, he did not.

3396. Wearing's shop is the next door, is it not?—The next door but one.

3397. Had you ever seen Wearing and Tinker talking together before?—Yes, many a time.

3398. Tinker was an older person than you, was he not?—Yes, he was.

3399. What age was Tinker about that time?—Perhaps 22.

3400. And how long had Tinker been in Lancaster?—Four or five years; I cannot tell exactly.

3401. He knew Mr. Wearing pretty well, I suppose?—He never knew Mr. Wearing before he came to Mr. Welch's shop.

3402. But he knew him very well, he having been next door but one to him for so many years?—Yes.

3403. Had you ever seen Mr. Wearing speaking to Tinker before?—Yes; I had seen him many times.

3404. Were you and Tinker much together out of shop-time?—Yes; when Mr. Welch was not in the way, we were always together.

3405. You slept in the same room at night?—No, I lived at home in Moor Lane.

3406. Did Tinker talk to you about election matters?—He did not. He never spoke to me about election matters.

3407. He never spoke to you at all about the election?—No. He was a very reserved young man, and never spoke about anything almost.

3408. He was a sort of man to trust a secret to?—I should not trust secrets to him myself.

3409. He was a reserved young man you say?—Yes.

3410. Was Tinker employed in the election so far as you know?—I believe Mr. Welch mentioned that he was a captain for the Slyne district.

3411. (*Mr. Newton.*) What was the last thing you said to Tinker before he left the shop?—I cannot tell.

3412. Yes you can. Let us have no more fencing. Tell me directly what was the last conversation he had with you?—I cannot tell. It might have been about business. He might say, "Get So-and-so's parcels of stuff ready," or he might have said a dozen things.

3413. Did he order you to go to the warehouse?—He did not.

3414. That you are prepared to swear?—Yes.

3415. He did not order you to go to the warehouse so as to leave the shop empty?—No; he did not.

3416. Did not Tinker know that you were going to the warehouse?—He did not know that I was going to the warehouse.

3417. How was that?—As I have said before, there were some orders in the waste-book, and I found out that I must get them ready, and I went into the warehouse for something connected with these orders. There is no doubt about that.

3418. Did not Tinker know that you had to get those orders ready?—I daresay he would know it.

3419. Do you know that he did know it?—No, I do not.

3420. Do you also know that he knew you were going to the warehouse?—I do not know that he knew I was going to the warehouse.

3421. Were you making up those orders that were in the waste-book before Tinker had left?—I was.

3422. You were occupied in that way?—I was occupied in that way.

3423. Tinker would therefore know that you had to go to the warehouse to complete your orders?—I do not know, I am sure. It just depends on whether he knew what orders there were.

3424. Tinker did not say to you, "Now go out to the warehouse and leave the shop empty?"—He did not.

3425. Where did he go?—To our other shop.

3426. What did he go for?—I cannot tell.

3427. Yes you can?—No, I cannot.

3428. If you remember that he went to the other shop, how comes it that you do not remember what he went for?—He said to me that he was going to the other shop.

3429. To go to the other shop would he have to go past Mr. Wearing's windows?—He would.

3430. How long was he away altogether?—I cannot tell exactly; perhaps a quarter of an hour.

3431. You had reason to expect, had you not, that a parcel was coming?—No, I had not.

3432. Take care?—I had no idea of it whatever.

3433. We shall have Tinker here?—I do not care; I had not the least idea.

3434. You expected a parcel to come?—No, I did not.

3435. You expected it to come, and you knew what was inside the parcel?—I did not expect a parcel to come.

3436. I see there is a man of the name of Hutchinson who lives in Moor Lane, a voter. Is that your father?—That is my father.

3437. Edward Proctor Hutchinson?—Yes.

3438. Had he anything to say as to the election?—He is with Mr. Welch.

3439. What is he there?—He is down at our other shop on the Damside Street; he is constantly there.

3440. Employed in the shop?—He is employed in the shop.

3441. Did he take any active part in the election?—I believe he did.

3442. Did you tell him of the parcel being left at your master's house?—I did, some few weeks after the election, and at the same time I told him that I did not know who had left it.

3443. Now I will put this question; perhaps you do not know who left it, but who do you think left it?—I have not the least idea.

3444. Upon your solemn oath?—I do not know who left it.

3445. You have never thought about it?—I have thought about it, and I have often wondered who did leave it.

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3446. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you reside in West Street, in this borough?—No.

3447. Where do you reside?—In Cheapside, No. 7.

3448. You are the brother of Mr. Henry Welch?—I am.

3449. And you are a grocer?—Yes.

3450. You are a Liberal, are you not?—Yes.

3451. And you have been actively engaged on behalf of the Liberal party?—Yes.

3452. At how many elections have you been actively engaged for the Liberal party?—At the last two particularly, and at one before that a little; but very little.

3453. You mean the last two contested elections?—Yes.

3454. At the first election that you were engaged in, when, as you say, you were only a little engaged, as what did you begin?—I had no office at all.

3455. Not looking after voters?—Well, I believe I did go with one man, John Armistead to voters.

3456. What was your engagement at the contest between Mr, Fenwick and Saunders?—I had the same engagement as I had at the last election.

3457. What was that?—Mr. Simpson and I were selected to go down to Cockerham and Forton, being natives of these neighbourhoods, and Hollin's Lane, which I believe is in Forton, about two miles from where I was born.

3458. By whom were you engaged to go to Cockerham and Forton?—There was a list made out at committee meetings of parties they thought most suitable, and in that list my name was put down without my knowledge along with Henry Simpson.

3459. When was that list made out?—I do not know. We should have a meeting, and then there was a meeting fixed for the appointment of captains. That would be just at the commencement of the canvass, about three weeks before the election.

3460. At the time this appointment was made, was anything said about what money would be required for the election?—Not that I am aware of.

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3461. It was not discussed among the captains at that time ?—No, not at all.

3462. It was not discussed what would be the price of votes ?—No.

3463. At that time was there any plan laid down for you to follow in the way of opening public-houses? —We had no public-houses opened in the districts into which I went.

3464. In the way of engaging public-houses ?—No, there was only one house that we stopped at in Cockerham, but we merely stopped there one night—the night before the day of nomination.

3465. Then you engaged no public-houses in that district ?—Not at all.

3466. When first did you begin to work on the canvass ?—We should first make a preliminary tour round to see the voters, about three weeks before the election.

3467. About how many voters were there in your district ?—Not a great many, I could scarcely tell you how many, but you have the list, I think.

3468. Your district did not exactly correspond with the street list district ?—No, that is a very wide area.

3469. You do not know how many voters there were in your district ?—I should say that in Hollin's Lane and that neighbourhood there are about seven or eight.

3470. Would those be all the voters that you had to look after ?—No, we had Cockerham, as well.

3471. But in Hollin's Lane ?—That would be all, they are principally foreigners ; there are only four or five voters that really want looking after ; there are some gentlemen in the neighbourhood who do not want looking after ; they are old Conservatives.

3472. In Cockerham how many voters are there ? —I should say about the same number ; Mr. Simpson, my colleague, is a native of Cockerham, and I fancy he will be better able to describe the voters there than I am.

3473. Do you wish to confine your evidence to Hollin's Lane and the district there ?—No, I give my evidence as regards Cockerham as well, for I shall have certain explanations to give that will enlighten you a little.

3474. What was the first money that you received ? —The first money I received would be for preliminary expenses ; we went with a conveyance. Mr. Clark told you yesterday or the day before that we went in a conveyance.

3475. Where did you get the money ?—I should get it from my brother.

3476. Henry Welch ?—Yes.

3477. Can you say about what sum ?—I should say about 2*l.*, 30*s.* or 2*l.*, I cannot say exactly.

3478. What was the next money that you received ? —I do not recollect receiving anything else till we went round.

3479. I want to get first of all the moneys you received, and afterwards we will come to the way in which you expended them ?—I do not recollect receiving anything except on the nomination day ; perhaps I am in error there. Mr. Simpson received the expenses when we went out ; I did not receive anything till the day of the election.

3480. Then what you said as to preliminary expenses comes out ?—Yes.

3481. Just give me the money that you absolutely received yourself ?—I did not receive anything till the day of the election, unless it was a mere trifle.

3482. The day of nomination ?—No, I did not get anything on the nomination day. Mr. Simpson was considered captain.

3483. What money did you receive on the election day ?—I received money for voters.

3484. From Henry Welch ?—Yes.

3485. How much ?—I believe I received about 50*l.*

3486. Is that the exact sum ?—That is the exact sum I received for voters ; there might be some few pounds for other expenses besides.

3487. How much would you say ?—I might receive perhaps a couple of sovereigns ; I would not be certain how much.

3488. What shall we call it, for expenses ?—Yes, voters that we brought up. We were continually meeting them and other parties as well.

3489. Did you receive besides that 2*l.* and the 50*l.* any other sums on account of the election ?—I believe I did pay a man in Lancaster 10*l.* after that ; I thought when I read the evidence that my brother had given to you that he was very correct ; but I afterwards thought of one butcher that I paid 10*l.* to which I got from my brother.

3490. That was the whole money you received ?— Yes, I believe so.

3491. 62*l.* ?—Yes.

3492. Now we will go, if you please, to the way in which you laid out that money ?—Mr. Simpson and I started off the night before the election with a conveyance.

3493. Before we come to that, I will ask you whether you paid anything yourself for preliminary expenses ?—No.

3494. You say that Mr. Simpson and you started off the night before the election ?—Yes, Mr. Simpson and I started off ; it being in the country we had, of course, to stop all night ; the first place we called at would be the "Bay Horse," which was engaged by the opposite party ; we generally used to call there ; they are friends of mine as well ; I am friendly with many of the opposite party. We went in and had a glass, and Mr. Simpson reconnoitred behind the house and he spied two faces out of a window, and they were two Whitesides in Hollin's Lane, the only two of that name I believe that had votes.

3495. W. Whiteside, of Forton, is that one of them ? —Yes.

3496. And which is the other ?—They are two brothers ; one is a tailor, I think, and the other a husbandman.

3497. They are both put down here as husbandmen; there is one of Forton, tailor?—That is the one. These two men had been locked up in that room, I am sure, from the Monday morning, by Mr. Rodwell, or Mr. Harris Thompson, or Robert Lawson, a surveyor or agent, who acted on the opposite side.

3498. These men were looking out of a window you say ?—Yes; we had voting cards which we wished to give to our parties; we had voted them the time before, but they were locked up and imprisoned there for two or three days from the Monday morning till the day of the election.

3499. They had been imprisoned since Monday ?— Yes; I know it was Monday.

3500. They were locked up in that room all the time ?—Yes.

3501. Were they locked up in a room in the "Bay Horse ?"—Yes.

3502. And you saw them looking out of a window inside ?—Mr. Simpson did.

3503. You and Mr. Simpson were together ?—Yes, we were.

3504. Mr. Simpson called your attention to them ? —He did ; he said he had seen them ; the landlord locked his bar door, and would not even serve us.

3505. When you saw them what did you do; did you go to them ?—We could not get to them ; that was what we wanted to do.

3506. You did not succeed in getting to them ?— No, never.

3507. Did they poll ?—They polled for Mr. Lawrence, a plumper.

3508. Were they crying for help ?—No; I daresay that they were very comfortable.

3509. They have brought no action for false imprisonment since ?—No ; I daresay they kept them pretty quiet ; they gave them plenty of honey, as was described last night by Mr. Blades. They are men of that sort that they would be happy if they had plenty.

3510. What did you do ?—We went on then to Hollin's Lane, and called on John Towers, a labourer :

he has a brother and a father at Dolphinholme, who are voters too.

3511. Did you see them?—Towers was not at home, and we let the driver go in the conveyance. They told me he was working in a hay field.

3512. Did you see him?—Yes; the man fetched him from the hay field, and they said he was paying a shilling a day more to this man just to sweeten him for his vote.

3513. Who was?—Mr. Rodwell, a very active man of the Conservative party.

3514. When you saw Towers, what did you say to him?—Our conveyance went and fetched him, and when he came we asked him to vote for us.

3515. What did Towers say?—Towers said he had voted for us before, and would do so again on certain conditions, you know.

3516. Now give us the conditions.—The conditions were 10*l.*

3517. He said that he would vote for 10*l.*?—Yes.

3518. Did you promise him the 10*l.*?—I believe I promised it to him. We had no chance of getting another in that lane, and I thought we might as well have one.

3519. Did you poll him the next day?—Yes; he came up and polled without fetching, and I paid him the 10*l.* in the "Bear and Staff" the next day, and I felt pleased that he did so without looking after at all. Then there were two others—Abraham Pedder and Richard Smith, two men that would contaminate a whole neighbourhood.

3520. By that description of them I suppose they did not vote for you?—No; they never did.

3521. What have you to say about them beyond the general allegation you have made?—I made them offers, but it was not of any use at all.

3522. Did they rise in price or not?—No; I was perfectly disgusted with them, and would not have anything to do with them. At the election before we went and tried to get their votes. The next day I met Smith at the "Queen's Hotel," in a private room, and offered him 5*l.* to vote for Fenwick. That was at the election between Fenwick and Saunders, and he voted for Saunders on that occasion.

3523. You tried to get them this time also?—Yes.

3524. But they remained staunch to their former colours?—Yes, they did.

3525. Did you offer them anything?—No.

3526. Did they say what their price was to be?—I daresay they did, but I knew they were such outrageous chaps that I could have nothing to do with them.

3527. Outrageous as regards their demands for money?—Yes.

3528. Now go a little further and tell us who you came across.—The next would be Henry Cottam, of Forton, Moor Head.

3529. I only want the names of persons to whom you gave something. First we come to Cottam.—He voted for us.

3530. What is his Christian name?—Henry.

3531. What did you give to Cottam?—I gave him 10*l.*

3532. When?—At the "Queen's Hotel," on the morning of the election, coming downstairs.

3533. Then we come to Cockerham.—There are some Armers at Cockerham. I believe there are five of them.

3534. Thomas Armer voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

3535. And John and William Armer both voted for Fenwick?—Yes.

3536. Did you give them anything?—Yes.

3537. What did you give to John Armer?—I did not give anything to themselves, but I gave the old gentleman's wife 10*l.* each for the three; there are five of them; the other two voted for Mr. Fenwick.

3538. To each of them you gave 10*l.*?—Yes; at least, I gave it to the old lady for them. Mr. Simpson ought to have paid them, but they were so very busy at the "Queen's Hotel" that when he went up there he could not get the money. That will explain why Mr. Simpson did not have any money. He was the captain, and ought to have had it.

3539. What other monies did you give?—That is all.

3540. Those are the whole of the voters you paid?—Yes; that 10*l.* for the butcher my brother did not calculate when making his statement yesterday.

3541. What other monies did you pay?—I do not know that I paid anything else.

3542. Now let us have the butcher.—I fancy his name is Hodgson—Thomas, or John. There is another Hodgson, a butcher—Septimus, I think, is his name; but he voted on the other side.

3543. When did you pay him?—On the day of the election. I believe he waited in our warehouse while I fetched the money. I live in Cheapside, on the premises.

3544. You gave him 10*l.*?—Yes.

3545. In this 60*l.* did you spend any money for refreshments?—No.

3546. You spent no more money that you know of in that election?—No.

3547. And received no more?—No.

3548. Do you know anything about this parcel we have been talking about this morning?—No more than the explanation you have had.

3549. We want to know who left it at the shop?—I do not know. Very likely the boy knew it was money, but who left it I do not suppose he knew; I was away from home at the time, and I daresay when I got home they told me that there had been a suspicious looking parcel left; but I had no idea of where it came from.

3550. Do you say that you had no idea of where it came from?—No, I had not the least idea; but I could suppose where it came from.

3551. Where do you suppose it came from?—I suppose it was found by the members.

3552. From whose hands did it come?—I had not the least idea as far as that goes; how it got there I have not the least idea; really I would not say so if I knew.

3553. We know all about the other parcels, so that would not be very material for any person to keep it back?—No, not at all; and I would say if I knew.

3554. You do not know?—No.

3555. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When did you first hear of its being left?—I daresay I might hear of it that night, before I got home.

3556. Did you expect any parcel to come?—No.

3557. You did not know that any was to come?—No. You may shake your head, but it is quite right; if you wish to put any more questions to me I shall be ready to answer them; I should be sorry to leave the box leaving you under the impression that I was withholding anything. The boy gave his answers as correctly as I could have expected.

HENRY SIMPSON sworn and examined.

H. Simpson.

3558. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A draper.

3559. How long have you lived in Lancaster?—About 28 years.

3560. A pretty keen electioneerer?—A little.

3561. Nothing compared to those who have given their evidence?—No; not so much. I have been electioneering perhaps since 1847 a little.

3562. At the last election you were captain of the Cockerham district?—Yes, along with Mr. Welch.

3563. You heard Mr. Welch's evidence?—Yes, I have.

3564. You did not pay anybody with your own hands in that district?—No.

3565. You had some money for preliminary expenses?—Yes; between 2*l.* and 3*l.*

3566. For treating voters, I suppose?—Not so much of that. Of course there were refreshments. The

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whole of the money that I had in my hands for the election was between 2*l.* and 3*l.*

3567. What sum shall I put down?—Between 2*l.* and 3*l.* It was not more than 3*l.*

3568. As you were captain, how came you not to have the money to pay these men?—I do not know any reason at all for that. I went round canvassing with them, and I never thought about the money at all. I made up my mind not to have anything to do with money.

3569. Were you engaged at the "Queen's Hotel" on the day of the election?—No; I was in the country. I went the night before the election down into the country, and, as you will see by Mr. Welch's statements, the "Bay Horse" was the first place we called at. There were one or two we missed getting—the Armers; and the reason why we did not get them was that they wanted 15*l.*, and the parties electioneering on the other side were Jacob Nelson, William Lambert, and John Simpson; and there is a man named Threlfall on the Cockerham List who had to do with them.

3570. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which of the Threlfalls was it?—There is only one Threlfall in Cockerham.

3571. What is his Christian name?—I do not know.

3572. (*Mr. Barstow.*) They had to do with the voters on the Conservative side?—Yes; and there was a person unknown there, but I believe his name was Parker, from Liverpool: he had to do with them during the night.

3573. (*Mr. Hill.*) A Conservative Jenkins?—Yes, no doubt.

3574. Which of the Armers was it—the man that voted for Lawrence?—They were Anthony and Thomas Armers, and they were offered 15*l.* Of course we left them. It was offered by Jacob Nelson.

3575. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You did not hear Jacob Nelson offer it to them?—No; but they told me.

3576. The Armers told you?—Yes; they told me personally.

3577. (*Mr. Hill.*) When did they tell you so?—The night before the election. I saw them all the night before.

3578. Did they ask you to give them 15*l.*?—Yes.

3579. Were they of liberal tendency naturally, do you know?—I cannot say. They generally went for the money; no doubt for what they could get. I think they voted both ways.

3580. We shall hear from them when they come.—Yes, they voted both ways.

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JOHN BLEASDALE sworn and examined.

3581. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Penny Street, Lancaster.

3582. How long have you lived there?—I have lived there all my life.

3583. Have you been much mixed up with elections?—Partly; these last three elections.

3584. On the Liberal side?—Yes.

3585. At this last election in 1865, I believe you were what is called a captain?—Yes.

3586. Being a captain, did you obtain money from any one?—Yes.

3587. From whom?—From Henry Welch.

3588. You were captain of the Penny Street district?—Mr. John Marsden and I were together. It was a large district, and we divided it. He took one half and I took the other.

3589. Did he take the money, or did you?—We both had.

3590. What had you?—I think I had 125*l.*, and I think he would have the same, or somewhere about the same.

3591. We will talk about you first, and we will have Marsden afterwards. How was it paid to you?—I think I got 50*l.* on the morning of the election.

3592. On the polling day?—Yes; and then I got 50*l.* on the same day soon after; that is 100*l.*; and then we got another 50*l.* between us; 25*l.* each, I think it was.

3593. On the same day?—Yes.

3594. Was 125*l.* all you got?—Yes, during that day.

3595. You were paid something for expenses?—Yes, there was part for expenses.

3596. How much?—I had got part before the election, I do not know how much, perhaps about 15*l.*; but I do not know exactly.

3597. Was that for preliminary expenses?—Yes.

3598. From Mr. Welch?—Yes.

3599. How was it paid—at one time, or at several times?—I think it would be paid in several times.

3600. Were you not to have so much a week?—No; there was no agreement about it. When we had a meeting of a night anywhere, I went to Mr. Welch, and he gave me the money.

3601. He gave it you, as you wanted it?—Yes.

3602. And the whole of the amount you got before the election was 15*l.*?—Somewhere about that. It might be 20*l.*

3603. What did you do with that 15*l.*?—Most of it was spent at public-houses at night, and part of it was given to voters.

3604. You spent it in drink?—Yes.

3605. (*Mr. Hill.*) We have only got two sums of 125*l.* and 15*l.* Did you get any other sum?—I got some after the election to pay some public-house bills. I daresay that was a month after the election.

3606. (*Mr. Newton.*) How much did you get?—There were four bills I paid. I think one was about 50*l.*, and I think the other was 40*l.*

3607. What for?—For refreshments, breakfasts, and drink supplied on the nomination and election days.

3608. The other bill was 40*l.*?—Yes; 40*l.* odd. 42*l.* I think it was.

3609 Was that also for refreshments?—Yes.

3610. How soon after the election?—I think it would be about a month after the election, as near as I could say.

3611. Did you receive anything more?—There were two small bills for about 2*l.* each, for public-houses that I paid. The larger bill was for the "Prince William Henry."

3612. We will come to that presently. You received no more money?—No.

3613. Be good enough to tell us what you did with the first 50*l.* you received on the morning of the election.—It was all paid to voters that I got on the day of the polling.

3614. Tell me who were the voters that you paid.—Yes, as far as I can, I will. The first was Robert Wilson, in Penny Street, and his son.

3615. What did you give to Robert Wilson?—10*l.*

3616. What did you give to his son?—11*l.*, and 1*l.* was for his expenses.

3617. What was his son's name?—I am sure I forget what it is. I think he was living at Carlisle at the time, and I gave him 1*l.* for his expenses.

3618. "Robert Wilson, Penny Street, tailor?"—Yes.

3619 What is the son?—I fancy he works in a mill, but I am not certain.

3620. (*Mr Barstow.*) Is the son "John Wilson, Penny Street, piecer?"—Yes, that is him.

3621. What did you give to him?—11*l.*

3622. On the morning of the election?—Yes.

3623. Who ordered you to give this money?—I do not know that any anyone did in particular. I knew what it was for.

3624. Did you get any instructions to pay anyone?—Yes.

3625. From whom?—From Mr. Welch and Mr. Blades. They were there, and it was generally understood what we had to do with it.

3626. Tell me another voter you paid.—Another man was Calvert.

3627. What did you pay him?—I think I paid him 12*l.*

3628. "Thomas Calvert, joiner, Plum Street?"—No; he is a porter on the railway.

3629. "R. Calvert, railway signalman?"—Yes; that is the man.

3630. Tell me another.—Another was Stirzaker, a painter.

3631. What is his Christian name?—I think it is Henry.

3632. "Henry Stirzaker, Penny Street, painter?"—Yes.

3633. What did you pay him?—10*l.* I think it would be.

3634. Whom else did you pay?—There was a man in Henry Street; Townley, I think, they call him.

3635. "John Townley, Henry Street, labourer?"—Yes.

3636. What did you pay him?—10*l.*

3637. What did you pay anybody else?—I forget, there were so many of them. There was William Jackson, Penny Street, twine spinner; he would have 10*l.*; and there were one or two men out of other districts I paid, but I do not remember the names. There was one John Thompson, of China Lane.

3638. There is no Thompson in China Lane.—Yes, there is; perhaps he is amongst the householders.

3639. Yes, you are right. How much did you give him?—I gave him 15*l.*

3640. What made you give him 15*l.* and the others 10*l.*?—It was later on in the day, and he had 15*l.* offered by the other side, and I did not want to lose him.

3641. Did the fact of his being a householder make any difference?—No; I do not think it did. One was as good as the other.

3642. What time of day was this?—I daresay it would happen about 1 o'clock, perhaps. He was, I think, the last man I paid. It might be before 1; I could not tell exactly.

3643. Did you pay anybody else?—Yes; there was another one or two, but I cannot call the names to mind. There was John Harrison, a butcher.

3644. Where does he live?—He lived in Church Street, I think.

3645. That is not in Penny Street district.—No; I have already said that I paid several out of the district.

3646. (*Mr. Hill.*) He is a householder?—No; it is not that one.

3647. (*Mr. Newton.*) "John Swainson Harrison, Church Street, labourer?"—Yes, that is him.

3648. What did you pay him?—I think 6*l.* I gave him.

3649. Is there anybody else that you can recollect?—I cannot call to mind any now. I think there would be one or two more. I did not make any memorandum of them, and I cannot call them to mind now.

3650. See if you can recollect any more.—I cannot call to mind any more just now. There were perhaps one or two out of other districts, but I could not call them to mind.

3651. You have paid two Wilsons, Robert Calvert, Stirkazer, Townley, Jackson, Thompson, and Harrison; that is eight.—I think, during that day, I would give Mr. Robert Hind something. He wanted 5*l.* for a man. I do not know who it was for, but I think I gave it him.

3652. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was that for a voter?—Yes; for a vote.

3653. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you know who the voter was?—No.

3654. Can you recollect anybody else?—There is John Hodgson. I do not know whether Jackson Gardner got something for him, or not; I am not quite sure about that. And then there is William Turner, a tobacconist.

3655. Wait a moment. Who was the man who came and asked for Hodgson?—I do not know whether it was at this election or the other; it was either this election or the election before that that I paid something for him.

3656. You mentioned some name just now to whom you gave some money for Hodgson.—It was Jackson Gardner, but I do not know whether it was this election or not; but I think it would be this election.

3657. If it was this election, what did you give him, do you think?—I am sure I could not tell. I not think it was so much.

3658. What sum shall I put down?—I do not think it was above 2*l.* or 3*l.*

3659. Shall I put down 2*l.*?—Yes.

3660. Then there was some other that you paid?—Yes; there was William Turner, tobacconist. I think he got 8*l.*

3661. Where does he live?—In Penny Street.

3662. Is he a householder?—I think he will be. That is all I can remember.

3663. Have you looked through the list?—Yes.

3664. You cannot call to mind any more?—No; I cannot.

3665. Where were you when you paid all this money?—I was at the "Prince William Henry," in Penny Street.

3666. In the committee room?—Yes; it was a room I had to myself.

3667. Did you hire a room?—No; I did not hire the room.

3668. Who did?—I fancy it would be Knowles Allinson, but I am not certain.

3669. What is the name of the landlord?—John Huntington.

3670. How did these men know that you were there? Why did they come to you?—They would know I was there; and that there were several men that were assisting us on that district. It was a large district, and some of them would most likely bring them to where I was.

3671. "Runners," and that sort of thing?—Yes.

3672. They would say, "Go to Mr. Bleasdale?"—Yes.

3673. Did they bargain with you?—Yes; I dare say they would; and some of them would bargain with the men that brought them.

3674. Did you pay them then and there, before they voted?—No; I did not pay one man till after he had voted.

3675. How did you know they voted right?—We got a list sent up to every committee room after every half-hour—the runners would bring it up—to see who everyone in that district voted for. We checked it.

3676. Were there any you promised to give money to who voted wrongly?—There were several that did. They said they could get more money on the other side, and I said I would not give any more. They had always voted our way before.

3677. Give me the names of some.—I promised I would give them money if they voted on our side, but I did not give them any. There was John Hind, shoemaker, Penny Street. He was one, and his father.

3678. What is his father's Christian name?—I cannot remember. I saw him several times. He lives just opposite to where I do.

3679. Had you promised him?—I promised that I would give 20*l.* for his father and him, but he said he could get much more on the other side, and he had been getting 30*s.* a week as a committee-man; but he had always been at work every day, so that I do not know that he had been doing much for that.

3680. Can you give me another one?—There was William Norman, labourer. I had seen him several times, and he voted against us.

3681. When did these men come to you when you made these promises?—I would see them almost every day.

3682. When was the last time you promised them?—I do not know that I mentioned any particular sum to them. It was the morning of the election.

3683. When was the last time you saw Norman?—Perhaps the day before the election.

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3684. And you then told him that you would give him 10*l.* if he voted ?—No; I did not tell him that. I told him I would give him the same as anyone else would get.

3685. I want to know what sort of terms you were on with the people. Did you tell him that they would have the same as the other side ?—Yes; that he would have the same as we gave anybody else.

3686. That arrangement was not only with Hind, but with Stirzaker, Townley, Jackson, and all these other people ?—Yes. Then there is John Swainson, butcher; I had partly arranged with him, but he was in hand with several other butchers. They were all in hand together.

3687. The butchers went wrong this time ?—Yes; I think three or four voted for us last time, but we could not manage them this time. I think it was Mr. Backhouse; but he will tell you. Then there is Richard Swainson, Penny Street. I do not know whether I told you that I paid him.

3688. What did you pay him, 10*l.* ?—Most likely it would be 10*l.*

3689. What is he ?—He is a ship carpenter.

3690. When did you pay him ?—It would be after he voted.

3691. That afternoon ?—I do not know whether it would be the forenoon or the afternoon. I believe it would be the forenoon. I believe he voted early.

3692. Had you got any bills to pay for refreshment ?—I paid as I went on till the election day.

3693. To the landlord of the public-house ?—There were several public-houses. The Conservatives had three or four at the top end of the town, and we had three or four; and we were sometimes some nights at one, and other nights at another.

3694. I should like to know what you paid for refreshment ?—I should pay nearly all the 15*l.* or 20*l.* before the election, and after the election I paid bills that came in.

3695. Can you tell me what bills they were ?—Yes, I have already told you. John Huntington's bill was 50*l.* at the "Prince William Henry."

3696. That was for refreshment ?—Yes.

3697. He is the landlord of this public-house ?—Yes.

3698. Who else did you pay for refreshments ?—William Jackson, at the "Malt Shovel."

3699. How much did you pay him ?—40*l.* or 42*l.*

3700. Then you told me something about two small bills ?—Yes; one was at the "Fox and Goose," in Queen Street, for 2*l.*

3701. Who is the landlord of that house ?—Foxcroft was at the time.

3702. What was the other ?—At the "Mason's Arms," in Mary Street.

3703. Do you know the name of the landlord ?—Benjamin Hartley it was at that time. I do not know whether it was 2*l.* or 3*l.* I am sure it was either 2*l.* odd or 3*l.* odd.

3704. Did you pay anybody else ?—No.

3705. Those are the only payments you made for refreshments ?—Yes.

3706. 50*l.*, 42*l.*, and two 2*l.* ?—Yes.

3707. And 15*l.* before the election ?—Yes.

3708. Did you account to anybody afterwards for the payment of these monies ?—I got receipts for them from the landlords and sent them down to Mr. Welch. I either sent them to him or gave them to him when he called at our shop.

3709. Mr. Welch authorized you as well as Blades to buy these votes ?—I do not know that there was anything particular mentioned about it. It was understood. Blades was there at the time I got the money, and their instructions were to make it go as far as I could. They made themselves more sure of winning than I was. They were not out to see what was going on on the other side the same as we did.

3710. If you had wanted more money should you have gone to them for it ?—Yes, but I did not; I had some left.

3711. How much had you left ?—About 11*l.*, either 7*l.* or 11*l.*, I cannot tell which, but I think it was 11*l.*

3712. When did you return that ?—I think it would be the day after the election.

3713. To whom ?—To Mr. Welch.

3714. Is that the time when you went through the accounts ?—No, I do not know that ever I did go through the accounts.

3715. You merely got the receipts ?—It was a month after the election that I paid these public-house bills for which I got the receipts.

3716. I need not ask you if you returned this 7*l.* or 11*l.* You kept nothing for yourself ?—No.

3717. Nor did you get any remuneration ?—Yes, Mr. Welch left me 10*l.* at our shop, perhaps a week after the election.

3718. Mr. Welch brought it to your shop ?—Yes.

3719. As a sort of fee ?—He says, "Here is this for you for your services." I did not expect anything, but he brought me that. There are some more who had promised, but who did not keep their promise. There was Robert Woodhouse, who keeps a beershop in Penny Street. I partly engaged his house. Then there is his brother-in-law and father-in-law, John Towers and Christopher Towers, and a painter that often goes there.

3720. What is his name ?—Edward Bond. I think they had all promised both Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider to vote for them.

3721. And they went the other way ?—Yes.

3722. How had they voted on previous elections ?—I think they have always voted on the Liberal side. I had seen them the day before, and they said to me they were getting what drink they could from the other side, but that they would be all right on the day, and that I need not bother them; but on the morning, going down Penny Street at about 4 o'clock, I saw Woodhouse coming out of a house with two bottles of champagne, one in each pocket. He was coming out of Booth's, the spirit merchant. He was the captain of the district. I thought that was more than we could afford, and I thought it looked a bad job with them then.

3723. What did he do with these bottles of champagne ?—He took them into his own house in Penny Street. He keeps a beershop, and there were other voters in the house. Mr. Booth was in the house at the time, for I had seen him go in. Then there was a beershop just opposite our house kept by a man of the name of Ellershaw. They had had a man locked up there all the night before the election.

3724. What is the name of the house ?—"The Traveller's Rest," I think, it is called; and I should think they had not less than 50 men from the shipbuilding company minding the house all night.

3725. How did you know somebody was locked up there ?—They had him upstairs. The house was shut up part during the night, and he had been kept there all day. He was in bed.

3726. What had he been kept there for ?—I suppose they were keeping him safe for the polling time.

3727. Do you know his name ?—Yes; Metcalfe. There were two of them, but one got out.

3728. What was the other man's name ?—Hodgson.

3729. Metcalfe, you say, was in bed ?—Yes, so I was told.

3730. Was the house-door locked ?—Yes; sometime it was. We tried to get in two or three times to get him out.

3731. What for ?—Because we thought we had as much right to him as them.

3732. If you had got him you might have locked him up ?—I do not think he would have wanted it. He would have voted as he did last time.

3733. Perhaps he would have voted for you this time ?—He was locked up and was drunk, I daresay.

3734. Do you say that he was drunk, and that they made him vote the wrong way ?—I do not know. I know that he voted for the other side.

3735. How many were there at your house, 50 ?—A good many.

3736. About the same number that there were at

Ellershaw's ?—I do not know; but we did not keep them locked up in the same way.

3737. Can you tell us anything more ?—No, I do not know that I can.

3738. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was this Metcalfe a man of known Liberal views ?—He voted for the Liberals the time before. That is all I know.

3739. Did you see him poll ?—No.

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3740. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a Quaker ?—Yes.

3741. And a Liberal ?—Yes.

3742. What are you by trade ?—A tobacconist.

3743. An active man in elections ?—Yes; I have enjoyed it sometimes.

3744. How do you take your enjoyment at elections; in what form ?—A sort of excitement.

3745. Were you one of the captains ?—I have been in all sorts of shops at different times. I was a captain, I suppose, this last time.

3746. Over what district ?—Overton.

3747. In company with anyone else ?—John Bagot, of Lancaster, had been captain previously. I only went down the night before the election. The fact is that is the only time I was there.

3748. You were appointed to the Overton district in company with John Bagot ?—Yes.

3749. What monies did you receive ?—I think it was about 80*l.*

3750. Shall we say it was 80*l.* ?—Yes.

3751. From Mr. Welch ?—Yes, from him and Mr. Wearing, at the committee room.

3752. At the committee room at the "Queen's ?"—Yes.

3753. When ?—On the nomination night, the day before the election.

3754. Was that all you received for the purposes of this election ?—Yes.

3755. Did you receive nothing for preliminary expenses ?—No, nothing whatever. That was the amount I received altogether.

3756. Did you pay any bills afterwards ?—No.

3757. You received nothing for that ?—No, nothing whatever.

3758. How did you lay out that 80*l.* ?—I gave a man named Thomas Woodhouse, of Heaton, 12*l.*

3759. What is he ?—A fisherman.

3760. When did you give it to him ?—I gave it him the next morning as we came back at Snatcham's.

3761. Is that a public-house ?—Yes, a public-house on the roadside as you go to Overton.

3762. Did you give it to him after you had polled him ?—No, after we came back from Overton; fetching the voters up, we called at Snatcham's to refresh them a little.

3763. You called at this public-house, and took him along with you ?—Yes.

3764. Did you give it to him before the polling ?—Yes, I gave it to him before he polled to put confidence in him.

3765. Having raised his confidence with the 12*l.* you polled him successfully ?—He went himself. I did not follow him afterwards.

3766. To whom else did you give anything ?—To a son of his, who is called Richard Woodhouse. He was drowned a few days afterwards accidentally.

3767. How much did you give him ?—12*l.*

3768. When ?—On the same day and in the same house.

3769. At the same time ?—Yes.

3770. He polled all right ?—Yes.

3771. Who else ?—Tobias Hadwen, of Overton, 10*l.*

3772. When did you pay him ?—In Lancaster on the day of the election.

3773. After he had polled ?—No, before. Then there is a son of his, and he had the same amount. I think he is called Joseph Hadwen.

3774. Did you pay him at the same time ?—Yes.

3775. And the same sum ?—Yes. Then there is another man, called Thomas Caton, of Overton. I gave him 10*l.* in Lancaster at the same time, on the day of the election. Then William Jackson, of Middleton; I gave him 4*l.*

3776. How came he only to receive 4*l.* ?—He was a young chap, and I wanted to make up the difference of what I had given to the others. I wanted to pull in a bit.

3777. The young ones were caught more easily than the old ones ?—Yes, a good deal.

3778. With your chaff at any rate ?—Yes. Then there was Ralph Jackson, a brother of his. I gave him 4*l.* in Lancaster the morning of the election day.

3779. After he had polled ?—No, before; they would not go without. I should have lost all the lot if I had not paid them. I was hard set to keep them together by showing them money. Then Thomas Nelson, of Overton, 4*l.*

3780. Was he a young man, too ?—Yes, he was; but he was older than the others. He had got something on the other side, and was going to give me a vote, and so make what he was going to get a bigger sum.

3781. He had been bought by the other side ?—Yes; he had been settled with before. I gave him 4*l.* for one vote, and I tried his brother, but he would not have anything to say to me, and seemed quite shocked.

3782. Who is the brother ?—He has an older brother, a shoemaker.

3783. Did you know that he was only going to give you one vote when you gave him this 4*l.* ?—Yes.

3784. Did he tell you how much he had from the other side ?—No; he did not do as I wanted him after.

3785. What was that ?—I told him to vote for Mr. Schneider. I was not asking for Fenwick at that time, but he voted for Fenwick. A deal of them said it was such a queer name that they could not think of it.

3786. So he voted for Fenwick, a name he knew better ?—Yes.

3787. There was no particular reason for preferring Fenwick to Schneider ?—No; but a deal of them, when you told them they had done wrong, shook their heads and said, "We could not think of his name; we never heard the name before."

3788. Did these other two Jacksons, who got 4*l.* each, vote right ?—Yes, for Fenwick and Schneider.

3789. You were looking out for both Fenwick and Schneider ?—Yes.

3790. Equally ?—Yes. When I got to Overton I found the voters so difficult to manage that I tried to get as many as I could for Schneider, thinking Fenwick did not want so much help.

3791. You thought half a loaf was better than no bread ?—Yes.

3792. Who is the next to whom you gave money ?—Thomas Woodman, a stonemason.

3793. What did he get ?—10*l.*

3794. Did he vote for Fenwick and Schneider ?—No, he divided, he gave one to Mr. Lawrence and the other to Mr. Fenwick; he could not think of the name of Schneider either, and I told him it about two minutes before he went to vote, but he forgot it.

3795. Had he had a refresher on the other side ?—I do not know. I talked with him some time, and he said—"I have one vote to dispose of." I said "Do you feel at liberty ?" and he said, "Yes; but I must have the same amount as the other side have given me, or else I will not stir."

3796. What had he had on the other side ?—I asked him what the sum was and he said 10*l.*

3797. Now, who is the next person ?—That is the last of my lot.

3798. What other moneys did you lay out for this election ?—76*l.* that comes to, and I had 80*l.* I cleared out the rest.

3799. It was spent in refreshment ?—Yes. I was

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out all night with these men at Overton, and they will not drink ale, they only drink brandy, and they also brought their friends, wives, and daughters, and you have to be very civil to them.

3800. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a temperance man?—No; I am neither drunk nor temperance; when I am on a job of that sort I always keep particularly sober.

3801. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is that all that you have to tell us on your own side?—Yes.

3802. Did you witness any act of bribery on the Conservative side?—No; I saw a strange gentleman coming from Overton with a conveyance, and he had a man inside who used to vote always for us.

3803. Who was that?—Joseph Woodman who comes from Sunderland.

3804. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is he a Liberal?—Yes, I think he is.

3805. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you find that the voters were asking higher prices this time than they had done at previous elections?—Yes, it was quite a different thing altogether. I have gone there for years, and used to get them for 40*l.* or 50*l.*, and then it was generally more spent in feasting than in giving money.

3806. This was quite a different election to any one previous?—Yes, quite; it was more like buying cattle.

3807. Except that the cattle fixed their own price?—Yes.

3808. 40*l.* or 50*l.* used to be the price?—Yes.

3809. Has it been getting worse—was the election before worse than the preceding one?—At Mr. Gregson's election there was a good deal of money spent, but that was more in giving suppers and feeds.

3810. That was in 1847?—Yes; but there was not that asking for money that there is now.

3811. You think from that time down to the present it has been getting worse and worse?—Decidedly so.

3812. Both in the number of persons taking bribes and in the price they ask?—Yes.

3813. Have you formed any estimate as to the number of persons that in one shape or another took bribes at this last election?—Do you speak of the whole concern?

3814. Yes.—I should fancy if you were to put them in a corner, it would not take a very large corner to put them in who did not take bribes.

3815. You think a great proportion took bribes?—Yes.

3816. How many should you say out of the 1400?—I cannot say; that would be all guess work.

3817. Does your answer apply both to householders and freemen?—The freemen were decidedly the worst.

3818. They generally occupy the lower ranks?—You would be surprised if you went down to Overton, they are like a little lord, quite a different class to what the householder is.

3819. Independent, are they?—Yes, and you have to be very cautious what you say to them, and how you tackle them.

3820. How do you mean "cautious?"—They will not be approached in a common way.

3821. What is the uncommon way in which you approach them?—First of all you must give them a lot of brandy before you tell them what you want.

3822. What is the next step?—You begin to hint a bit, and then they will say "What do'st want? What's the figure?" You tell them, and then it will require several days before they will give you an answer; they want to see what t'other party says.

3823. And so they go on waiting?—Yes; first one and then the other gives a lift.

3824. Bidding up?—Yes.

3825. Until it comes to election time?—Yes.

3826. And, even then, I suppose you cannot make sure of them?—No, it is a very doubtful thing.

3827. Have you anything else to state?—I went after that man from Sunderland, followed the conveyance up, and I said to him, "You are going by our house this time; what is the reason of your deserting our party?" and he said, "I have had little attention paid me by your side this time, they have neglected me." And I said, "Indeed! can we make it up now?" and he said "No; the job was done last night; I cannot hear anything you have to say."

3828. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did he say what he got?—No, he did not, he went away into the house.

3829. That was in Overton?—Yes.

3830. Was it 10*l.*?—He did not name any sum. I have omitted to mention that a man named Gorst was the agent on the other side; and he is a flour dealer.

3831. In which district?—Overton.

3832. What is the name of the opposition house?—The "Ship," I think it is called.

Adjourned for a short time.

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Mr. Henry Welch recalled.

3833. (*Mr. Barton.*) We understand that you wish to make a statement?—Yes.

3834. What is it?—After reading Mr. Sanderson's evidence last night it is necessary for me to explain. It would appear from his statement that I had received from him two sums of 500*l.* after the election in addition to what I told you yesterday. That is not so really. I thought it better to come and explain. I told you yesterday that in the course of the day of the election Mr. Barton brought a bag into the room with 1,000*l.* in it. I also told you that after the election was over I had a bag with 1,000*l.* in it untouched. You did not ask me what I did with that bag in which the 1,000*l.* remained; that is what I did with it at the time, I sent to Mr. Sanderson to come to the bank. I wanted to leave a parcel with him. I went to the bank and took that bag to the bank for them to take care of, and it was the same bag that Mr. Barton had brought to me in the course of the day.

3835. (*Mr. Newton.*) From Barton where did you take it to?—To the bank.

3836. (*Mr. Barton.*) You paid it in I suppose?—No; I took it to Mr. Sanderson and told him to take care of it.

3837. You did not pay it to any account?—No; it was after booking hours. I drew that 1,000*l.* back again at the dates named to you by Mr. Sanderson in five hundreds at a time. It does not make any difference in the amount, but it would appear from Mr. Sanderson's statement that it would have done so. I also drew 55*l.* in addition to those two five hundreds I told of yesterday. I was 55*l.* short in paying those bills I told you of, and I wrote to Mr. Schneider about that, and he gave me a written order on the bank for 55*l.*

3838. An order?—Yes.

3839. A cheque?—No, it was not a cheque. He told me to call on Mr. Sanderson and get it.

3840. Have you destroyed that order?—Yes; it was merely in a letter to say that if I would call on Mr. Sanderson and tell him to give me 55*l.* he would do so.

3841. I suppose you had forgotten that?—I had forgotten to make that statement as to the 55*l.*

3842. I am sure that your statement was so full that we cannot find any fault with you for so slight an omission?—There was another omission. I could not call to mind everything at the time. I was under an impression that I had only received two five hundreds from Mr. Sanderson, and that the other 500*l.* I named to you had been left at the shop. I knew that two parcels had been left there, and I was under the impression yesterday that one of those five hundreds had been left.

3843. You were under the impression that you had only received two sums of 500*l.* from Mr. Sanderson?—Yes; I told you of three which I really got, but I

thought one of them had been left, and I sent for Mr. Wearing last night, with whom I had always been in consultation during the election to rub up his memory and mine as to what took place at the time. I thought that I must have been wrong in some way, and on turning the matter over it came to my mind that I had received the sum of 300*l.* the first time I received, whereas I told you yesterday it was 700*l.*

3844. That I think you say was before you received the 710*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.; I believe I have made out exactly the date of that 300*l.* I believe it was on the 13th of June.

3845. Can you tell us the manner in which you received it?—That is one of the parcels that was left.

3846. What do you mean when you say it was "left?"—Somebody brought it into the shop, and left it on the counter.

3847. Was any one in the shop at the time?—Our people say not, which is correct, I believe.

3848. We have to add that amount of 300*l.*?—Yes, and 55*l.*; 355*l.* is to be added to the sums I gave you yesterday.

3849. (*Mr. Newton.*) The first sum you received?—Yes.

3850. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where did you find this sum?—On a shelf in the shop.

3851. Had you any account from any one as to who put it on the shelf?—My apprentice put it on the shelf from the counter.

3852. Hutchinson?—Yes.

3853. (*Mr. Newton.*) That is this other sum of 300*l.*?—Yes.

3854. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At what time did you take that parcel from the shelf?—As soon as it came into the shop the boy told me there was a parcel for me.

3855. You did not leave it all the day there?—No, I took it away.

3856. At what time was it left?—In the morning.

3857. And at what time did you remove it?—Some time before dinner.

3858. With regard to the parcel containing 710*l.*, did you remove that as soon as you saw it?—Yes.

3859. It was not kept there the whole day?—You mean in the shop?

3860. Yes?—I removed it when I came in.

3861. At what time was that?—I really cannot speak as to the time of the day.

3862. But could you say whether it was before dinner or after dinner?—I could not from my own knowledge now swear whether it was before dinner or after.

3863. Between dinner and tea?—My idea is that it was after dinner, but I could not swear to it.

3864. Do you dine in the middle of the day?—About 1 o'clock.

3865. About what hour was it do you think?—Well, it is more than twelve months, and I really could not swear to the time.

3866. It was before your place of business was shut up?—Yes, in the course of the day.

3867. What did you do with this parcel of 300*l.* that you have told us of?—I took it into the house upstairs and opened it, and put the money into my pocket.

3868. And how did you apply the proceeds?—In preliminary expenses previous to the election—distributing it to the captains.

3869. At what time did you distribute it—immediately after you received it?—Oh dear no. I distributed it as occasion required. We did not commence until about three weeks, I think, before the election. It would all go in treating at public-houses.

3870. You kept this 300*l.* by you for some time?—I should think it was some days, perhaps a week, before any of it was paid.

3871. And then you began to pay it away for the purpose of treating?—Yes; and it went very fast when it did begin.

3872. Then you began to pay away money for the purpose of treating about the 20th of June?—As near as I can remember about three weeks before the election.

3873. Is there anything else that you wish to state?—Yes. I believe you never asked me yesterday who got the money for the purpose of paying the Heysham voters. Edward Hutchinson paid the voters.

3874. Is that the father of your apprentice?—Yes.

3875. What sum did he pay?—He had 100*l.*, he had 150*l.* given to him. He paid the Heysham voters, and paid a man named Cunningham 10*l.* besides the pension money, and he gave me back out of the 150*l.* 39*l.* He would have 111*l.* altogether. There was 101*l.* went to the Heysham voters, and 10*l.* to Cunningham. I can speak more particularly to that, because Edward Hutchinson was a servant of mine, and I was rather particular in examining his account, and I know the amount exactly.

3876. The balance, I suppose, went to the general fund?—Yes, it went to the general fund.

3877. Do you know who Cunningham is?—He is a cork-cutter, or was.

3878. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is he a voter?—He must have been a voter, or else he would not have got the 10*l.*

3879. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is there anything else that you wish to state?—Yes. I gave to Mr. George Cleminson 50*l.*, which I did not tell you of yesterday, and I gave 50*l.* to Christopher Hartley, which I did not tell you of yesterday.

3880. What had Cleminson the money for?—For the purposes of distribution.

3881. What district was he assigned to?—He was not assigned to any district specially:

3882. And Christopher Hartley the same?—Christopher Hartley the same.

3883. (*Mr. Hill.*) His name was down for some district?—He was down for Morecambe, and went to Morecambe occasionally. He is on the list that Mr. Maxsted gave you, of Morecambe men. He is a man who knows a good deal about the voters, and he was generally useful.

3884. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is that all you wish to say about the money?—No. There is another 50*l.* that Alfred Tinker came to the room for, and whether he got more than that 50*l.* or not I cannot remember, but he will tell you.

3885. Can you give us Tinker's address?—He is with Wright, Crossley and Company, of North John Street, Liverpool.

3886. Have you anything more to say to us on the subject of money?—That is all I remember at present.

3887. Do you happen to remember now who was the captain at Bridge Lane. You said that you appointed a captain at Bridge Lane under the instruction of Mr. Waring and Mr. Blades?—Yes. I told you yesterday that I could not remember who took the money for the Quay district. I believe the man was a stranger that took it; I never saw him before.

3888. A stranger to the town?—A stranger to the town; and I have every reason to believe, from inquiries I have made, that it was a Mr. Slater from Barrow.

3889. (*Mr. Hill.*) You tell us this morning that this 300*l.* was brought to your shop on the 13th of June, and you say that it was spent very quickly, and that you had come to an end of it three weeks before the election?—No, I did not say that. I said it was about three weeks before the election when we commenced to spend money.

3890. How soon was it spent then?—I do not know. It was going on for a fortnight I daresay.

3891. Was it spent before the sum of 710*l.* 10*s.* reached you?—I am not quite sure whether it was or not. I scarcely think it was, because I had it some time before I commenced to distribute it.

3892. To whom had you intimated that it was going fast, and that you should shortly be in want of some further money?—To nobody.

3893. Had you not hinted it at all to any person

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connected with the election ?—If I did say anything to anybody about it, it would be to Mr. Wearing, but I do not remember saying anything about it.

3894. Did you expect an additional sum of money to be left for you about the time when the 710*l.* 10*s.* parcel reached you ?—Not about the time ; but if I were to say that I did not expect that some money would reach me, I should not be saying that which I think, because I did expect that some money would come in some way or other, but in what way I could not tell.

3895. And did Mr. Wearing know that you would be expecting it ?—Wearing would be expecting as well as I.

3896. Was Wearing receiving any money at all ?—No, none. Any money that Wearing paid he received from me. I should pay to Wearing.

3897. From whom did that 300*l.* parcel come to your shop ?—I have no more knowledge than my hat.

3898. Did you make any inquiries of your boy, Hutchinson ?—I should ask him who left it, but I do not remember. He told me that there was a parcel.

3899. He has told us, under a very strict cross-examination by myself, that he was quite certain that the 710*l.* parcel was the first parcel that ever was left at your shop ?—Hutchinson does not know what quantity of money there was in either parcel that was left.

3900. You are sure he knew that that parcel had been left at the shop ?—Which parcel ?

3901. The parcel containing the 300*l.* ; are you quite sure that Hutchinson knew of that parcel ?—That was the parcel that he speaks to.

3902. No ; he speaks to the 710*l.* parcel ?—He could not speak to 710*l.*, because he never knew what the parcel contained.

3903. He speaks to a parcel being left at about the time that the 710*l.* parcel was dated by you, and he speaks to a parcel being left at the time when your brother was out on a journey ?—Yes ; and on going back to the book I find that that was on the 13th of June. That was the day upon which my brother was off on a journey.

3904. How many days after that do you yourself fix as the date of the 710*l.* parcel ?—The 710*l.* parcel, as nearly as I can recollect, would come from ten days to a fortnight, or less than a fortnight, before the election.

3905. Have you ever spoken to Mr. Wearing about these two parcels ?—I spoke to him last night to refresh my memory.

3906. Did you enter into any conversation at all as to where you believed this 710*l.* parcel came from ?—That is the parcel that he says that he left in the shop. He said his errand man, of the name of Wright, left it ; but I never knew till last night that he had had anything to do with it.

3907. Then we may take it from you that a man named Wright left this 710*l.* parcel with Wearing, and that Wearing brought it to your shop ?—Mr. Wearing said that in his evidence last night.

3908. What Mr. Wearing said, according to the report which is before me, which, no doubt, will be borne out by our shorthand writers' notes, in his examination by Mr. Newton, was this—" You heard " Mr. Welch say certain parcels of gold were left at " his shop ?—Yes. Do you know who left them ?—" I left the second one, but I know nothing of the " others." That second one would be the 710*l.* parcel ?—Yes.

3909. Then it was with regard to that that he gave us the account of putting it under his coat tails, and said that Tinker did not see him leave it ?—That was the 710*l.* he told me last night.

3910. You now put it thus—that the 300*l.* was left while everybody was out of the shop ?—Yes.

3911. And that the 710*l.* parcel was left when Tinker was in the shop, but, according to Mr. Wearing's account, without Tinker seeing him ?—Yes ; but did not Mr. Wearing tell you where he got it ?

3912. Yes ; he said he got it from Mr. Wright, at Mr. Milner's ; we have been treating that as the first parcel ?—Yes ; that was my mistake yesterday.

3913. We now know where the 710*l.* came from ?—From Mr. Wearing.

3914. And it came to Mr. Wearing from Mr. Wright, at Mr. Milner's ?—So Mr. Wearing says.

3915. Now that all that has been brought before you, you know nothing as to how the 300*l.* parcel came to you ?—No ; I do not know anything at all about it.

3916. Then I understand you to say that, in addition to that, you received three parcels of 500*l.* from Mr. Sanderson ?—Yes, instead of two parcels, and one "left." I stated yesterday that I had received two parcels of 500*l.*, and that one parcel of 500*l.* had been "left."

3917. But you state now that you received three from Mr. Sanderson ?—I must have received three. I was under the impression that one of the five hundreds had been "left," and Mr. Sanderson says that he gave me the whole three. I knew that two parcels had been left, and I forgot about the 300*l.* which came first. There was only the 300*l.* and the 710*l.* left.

3918. I will go categorically through these parcels, and then you will see whether I have your evidence correctly. There was a parcel of 300*l.* on the 13th of June left at the shop ?—Yes.

3919. By an unknown person ?—Yes.

3920. Deposited by Wearing 710*l.* 10*s.* ; and from Sanderson three parcels of 500*l.* each ?—Yes.

3921. How do you say each of these parcels came to you ?—I called at his house for two of them, and one was fetched from his house.

3922. By his directions, I think, you say ?—Yes.

3923. That is all the money that was paid before the election day. Now, on the 12th of July, the election day, there was a parcel in the cupboard at the "Queen's ?"—Yes.

3924. Have you found out anything at all about that since we saw you last ?—Nothing.

3925. You know no more about it now than you did yesterday ?—No.

3926. We want you, if you can, to fix very accurately the hour at which it was found in the cupboard ?—It was in the evening.

3927. The evening of the nomination day ?—The evening of the nomination day.

3928–9. But you cannot tell us at what time ?—No, I cannot ; but it would be after 4 o'clock, I think. I do not know whether it would be after 4 o'clock or not. I could not speak to that.

3930. That was 1,000*l.* ?—I never counted it. I told you yesterday that I did not count it, but I presumed it to be 1,000*l.*, comparing that with other bags.

3931. Did you pay out from it ?—Yes, I did.

3932. Then there was the bag that was brought to the "Queen's" by Barton ?—Wearing's bag came before Barton's, if you take them in order.

3933. The bag that was brought by Mr. Wearing from Fenwick ?—So he said yesterday.

3934. At what time of the day did that come in ?—I should think about 10 o'clock.

3935. Earlier than that ?—It was in the morning after the polling.

3936. Then there was the bag brought in by Barton ?—That came in afterwards.

3937. How long afterwards ? Was it before 10 o'clock that it came in ?—No, it would be after 10 o'clock that it came in ; I fancy it would be about 11.

3938. Do you know at all where that money came from ?—Mr. Sanderson told me this morning that it was the same bag.

3939. What same bag ?—The same bag that I took back ; that the bag that I took back after the election was the same bag that Mr. Barton had brought.

3940. Had brought where ?—To our room.

3941. Do you know where that money came from to Mr. Barton ?—He brought it from the bank, I am told.

3942. Mr. Sanderson forgot to tell us of that ?—

Yes, because it went back again; that was the bag that I had left when we had done, and I took it to the bank, and he tells me to-day that it was the same bag that Barton had taken in the morning, and therefore it was never entered till it was paid to me afterwards in two five hundreds.

3943. You understood from Mr. Sanderson that Barton brought 1,000*l.* from the bank?—Yes.

3944. But it was never debited against Mr. Coulston at the time as the others had been, and was first debited to him when it was paid out in two five hundreds?—Yes, that is it.

3945. That you say was returned to the bank?—Yes.

3946. You say you understood from Mr. Sanderson that he gave the bag with 1,000*l.* in it on the morning of the nomination day to Mr. Barton?—No, I do not say that. I was at the bank on business this morning and saw Mr. Sanderson, and we were talking about it, and I understood him to say that the bag I brought back at night was the same bag that Mr. Barton had taken from the bank in the morning.

3947. With what in it?—With 1,000*l.* in it.

3948. That is what I say?—Yes, but Mr. Sanderson did not say that he gave it to Mr. Barton.

3949. But that he had taken it from the bank?—From the bank.

3950. As you understood Mr. Barton was the person who had taken the 1,000*l.* from the bank?—Yes.

3951. Then the 1,000*l.* that was taken back by you was afterwards split into two five hundreds, and when it was split in that way it was debited against Mr. Coulston's account?—Just so.

3952. You took it back after bank hours?—After 4 o'clock.

3953. Now we will see if we are quite right about the two dates of the five hundreds; you had 500*l.* in August, 500*l.* in October, and 55*l.* in December?—Certainly.

3954. Did you draw out those two five hundreds upon a letter, or did Mr. Sanderson know that this was part of the 1,000*l.*?—I told Mr. Sanderson when I gave it to him that it would be wanted back again before all the bills were paid.

3955. In fact, you deposited it with him for safe custody?—Yes; I told him I should want it before I had done paying, and I asked for it at twice.

3956. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know Mr. Sanderson's private residence?—Yes.

3957. Where is it?—In John Street.

3958. (*Mr. Hill.*) Let me read this over to you, and tell me whether my note is correct? "June 13. left at shop by unknown person 500*l.*"—Yes.

3959. "Deposit by Wearing at shop, 710*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*; from Sanderson, three parcels of 500*l.* each?"—Yes.

3960. "I called at his house for two, and one was "fetched from his house, 1,500*l.*; nomination day, "evening, after 4 p.m., parcel in cupboard at 'Queen's,' "1,000*l.*; 9.10 a.m., on the election day, bag brought "by Wearing from Fenwick, 1,000*l.*; after 10 o'clock, "bag brought in by Barton, 1,000*l.*; returned to bank "by me untouched?"—Yes.

3961. "August, I drew out of bank on account of that 1,000*l.* 500*l.*?"—Yes.

3962. "August 12 to 14th, another 500*l.* December, on an order, 55*l.*?"—Yes.

3963. That is a full, true, and particular account of all the money received?—Yes, that is all the money that I had.

3964. 5,565*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, that is the amount.

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3965. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a maltster in Bolton?—Yes, I have been these last two years.

3966. When was the first time that you busied yourself with the Lancaster election?—I cannot tell you exactly the date; it was this last election.

3967. None but the last election?—No.

3968. I believe you were what is called a captain for the Bolton district?—Yes, something of that name.

3969. What money did you receive altogether from Henry Welch?—To pay voters with?

3970. We will take the gross sum you received first, both to pay voters and for preliminary expenses?—About four or five-and-thirty pounds, I daresay. Well, sir, I got 10*l.* as I took him back; that would make 45*l.*

3971. You had 45*l.* altogether?—I took him 10*l.* back again.

3972. Did you receive it all at once?—No.

3973. What was the first sum you received?—3*l.*

3974. How did you spend that?—I daresay I spent it in drink, the chief part of it.

3975. What other sum did you receive for expenses?—I think next time he gave me 2*l.*

3976. Can you tell us shortly the whole sum you received for expenses, separate from that which you received to pay voters with?—Yes, I got 3*l.*, 2*l.*, and 5*l.*

3977. What did you do with the balance of the sum of 35*l.*, I will call it?—I paid Thomas Bennison 10*l.*

3978. Where did you pay this money to Bennison?—I paid him at the Old Sir Simon's.

3979. That would be on the election day?—Yes.

3980. After he had voted?—Yes.

3981. And you paid a man named Baxter, did you not?—I did.

3982. What did you pay him?—15*l.*

3983. Was that after he had voted?—Yes.

3984. I believe that he returned you a small sum?—He did.

3985. How much was that?—A sovereign.

3986. That was for yourself?—Yes.

3987. Was that all the money you paid to voters?—Yes.

3988. Did you retain or receive any money for yourself?—No, only what I told you—3*l.*, 2*l.*, and 5*l.* I got.

3989. For expenses?—Yes.

3990. Had you any remuneration for your services?—I had nothing only what I have told you.

3991. What do you mean by what you have told us?—3*l.*, 2*l.*, and 5*l.* I got, barring what I paid to voters.

3992. How did you dispose of those 2*l.*, 3*l.*, and 5*l.*?—I paid some for breakfastings on the election morning, and the other went in what we call allowance in Bolton.

3993. What is "allowance?"—Drink, I suppose.

3994. What did you spend in drink, or where did you spend it?—I spent money at the "Black Bull," the "Blue Anchor," the "Packet Boat Inn," the "Royal Oak," and the "Fat Scot."

3995. How did you spend it?—Any person as wanted anything to drink we gave them it.

3996. To whom did you give drink?—Oh, I do not know; a good deal of people.

3997. I suppose you drank with them?—A little now and then.

3998. Do you mean to tell us that you spent all that 10*l.* in treating during the election?—No.

3999. What became of the balance of it?—I paid some for breakfasting—16*s.* 6*d.* for 11 breakfasts.

4000. What other sum did you spend out of this, 10*l.*?—I do not know; chiefly in drink, I suppose, and I gave a sovereign to a man named William Parkinson.

4001. Who is he?—He is a joiner. I do not know where he is at present. I think he is at Barrow.

4002. Where was he then?—He was at Lancaster then.

4003. Was he a voter?—No.

4004. What made you give him a sovereign?—Stephen Shaw said he would not vote unless I would pay him for his vote because he could get plenty from the Blues; and I gave this Parkinson a sovereign to get him out of the way. He would not vote without I would pay him beforehand.

4005. Who was it who would not vote?—Stephen Shaw.

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4006. Who is Stephen Shaw?—I think he works at Carnforth now.

4007. Where did he live at the time of the election?—He was in Lancaster when I saw him. He is a Bolton man I believe, but he works now at Carnforth.

4008. And do you tell us that you gave Parkinson 1*l.* to get him out of the way?—Yes, he took him away with him, I think.

4009. Did you spend all this 10*l.*?—Yes, and some besides that I have never got yet.

4010. You spent that money and some out of your own pocket as well?—Yes.

4011. How much did you spend out of your own pocket?—I could not say.

4012. You can say about how much?—Not so very much.

4013. How much?—Well, I would not say to a shilling or two—perhaps 10*s.*

4014. Perhaps you spent 10*s.* of your own?—Yes.

4015. Have you mentioned that sum to anybody?—No.

4016. Have you never made any application to have it returned?—Yes, I sent in my bill, but I never got anything; they thought I had got enough.

4017. To whom did you send in your bill?—I sent it to Mr. Welch.

4018. And did Mr. Welch say he thought you had had enough?—Aye, he thought I had.

A. K. Allinson.

ANTHONY KNOWLES ALLINSON sworn and examined.

4019. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—I am an innkeeper.

4020. An innkeeper where?—In Moor Lane.

4021. In Lancaster?—Yes.

4022.—I believe you are a Liberal in politics?—Yes, I am; I have always been so.

4023. How long have you been in Lancaster?—About 40 years.

4024.—How long have you kept an inn?—Eleven years.

4025. We hear that you took an active part in the last election?—Yes.

4026. We wish to know what part you took; did you act as a captain?—No, I assisted Mr. Stewartson with the canvass.

4027. What else did you do?—I do not know that I did anything particular, except what I was told; any orders that were given to me I carried out.

4028. Did you engage the public-houses?—I did.

4029. In Lancaster and in the country?—Not in the country; in Lancaster I did.

4030. By whose orders did you do that?—Mr. Welch gave me orders to engage them.

4031. When were those orders given?—I am not quite sure; I think, perhaps, a week or a fortnight before the election.

4032. On receiving those orders did you go about to the different public-houses that you knew were Liberal?—I went to all the houses, whether they were Liberals or Conservatives.

4033. And how many did you engage?—I think I engaged about 40.

4034. Do you know at all how many public-houses there are in Lancaster?—I believe there are near 100 public-houses and beer-houses. I speak of beer-houses as well as public-houses when I say 40. I engaged some who afterwards broke their engagement. I engaged up to 40 I think at first altogether.

4035. You say there are about 100 altogether in Lancaster?—Yes, I believe so.

4036. What was the price you were to pay for them?—They varied from 3*l.* to 10*l.*, and I believe in one instance 15*l.* was offered for one; that was the "Golden Ball," in Market Street, where 15*l.* was offered.

4037. Was that the only one at which 15*l.* was offered?—Yes, that was the only one.

4038. The others were 10*l.*?—From 3*l.* to 10*l.*

4039. What was the name of that house?—The "Golden Ball," in Market Street; Richard Barton.

4040. I suppose that was a better sort of house?—I think not; perhaps it was the man more than the house that we were looking after on that occasion; he was rather a dangerous character.

4041. He was likely to go against you?—Yes.

4042. You say "we?"—Perhaps I should have spoken in the singular number.

4043. You thought he would be rather a shifter?—He has always been so.

4044. When you engaged these 40 as you say, did you give in a list of them to Mr. Welch?—I did.

4045. And did you tell him what you were to pay?—Yes, I could go up to 10*l.* I believe except in this instance, and he did not object to it; or perhaps I did not tell him that I had offered 15*l.* for this house. I am not quite sure, but I could go up to 10*l.* in some instances.

4046. What was the whole amount of those 40 that you engaged?—Do you mean the whole amount of the money that was paid?

4047. Yes?—I did not pay them.

4048. But you engaged them?—Do you mean the whole amount that was paid for them?

4049. I should like to know, as you engaged all these houses, what you engaged this house, that house and another house for; have you any list?—No, I have no list; I wrote the names on a piece of paper yesterday, but I do not think I can tell you correctly what I gave for each house. (*The witness refers to a paper.*) There is Mrs. Ralph's, of St. Leonard Gate, I think that was 7*l.*

4050. What is the sign?—The "Swan." I am not quite sure whether it was 5*l.* or 7*l.*, but I think it was 7*l.* Mrs. Dickenson's 5*l.*, that is in St. Leonard Gate, the "Shakespeare."

4051. How much?—I think that was 5*l.*; George Lund, in St. Leonard Gate; I am not quite sure whether I engaged that house or not.

4052. What is the sign?—That is the "Cabinet-makers' Arms."

4053. How much?—I am not certain whether I engaged that house or not.

4054. Was it on the other side?—No, he voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

4055. Why are you doubtful about it?—Because I am not certain whether I engaged the house or not.

4056. Was he paid?—Yes, but I do not know whether I engaged him.

4057. What money was he paid?—I do not know. Mr. Edward Johnson, the captain of that district, will very likely tell you.

4058. Now the next?—Mr. James Townley, of the "Black Cat."

4059. What did you pay him?—10*l.*

4060. What street?—St. Leonard Gate.

4061. Then?—Mr. Richard Batty.

4062. What is the name of the house?—I do not know the sign.

4063. Where is it situated?—In Leonard Gate, it is the "Crown."

4064. How much?—I think that would be 10*l.* The next is William Butterworth, of the "White Lion," in Leonard Gate.

4065. What was the amount?—10*l.* Then Mrs. Wright, Wood Street; I think it is the "Plasterers' Arms."

4066. The amount?—5*l.*

4067. Now the next. Thomas Jackson, Yorkshire House, Green Area—how much?—10*l.* Samuel Dobson, Damside Street, the "Craven Heifer;" I do not know the amount of that house; I did not pay for it; I think it would be 10*l.*

4068. Was he paid?—Yes, he was paid; John Bradley, "Dalton's Arms," Bulk, 10*l.*; Richard Nixon, the "Sawyers' Arms," in Plum Street.

4069. The amount?—I do not know; I did not

pay for that. Mr. Cleminson was captain of that district, and Thomas Harrison also had to do with it. A. K. Allinson, of the "Golden Lion," Moor Lane, 10*l.*

4069. Well?—John Wearden, of the Plough Inn, Moor Lane; Edward Gardener, Mile Street.

4070. The name of the house?—The "Station Inn."

4071. The amount?—I did not pay that bill; I think Mr. Hutchinson would pay that, Edward Hutchinson.

4072. Was he captain?—Yes; I think he had to do with Overton or Heysham; he was with Mr. Welch.

4073. Mr. Welch's men?—Yes, James Ellershaw, of the "Carpenters Arms," Bridge Lane.

4074. How much?—I did not pay for that; very likely the captain of that district will tell you.

4075. Who was the captain?—Slater.

4076. Who was the next?—Richard Baines, in Bridge Lane; I do not know the name of the house.

4077. How much?—I do not know; I think Mr. Welch would pay him; he would take his bill to him.

4078. How much?—I do not know, I think it was 4*l.* or 5*l.*

4079. Robert Curwen, "St. George's Tavern?"—St. George's Quay; that Mr. Slater very likely would pay, I did not pay it. Thomas Sanderson, Chapel Street, the "King's Head," 10*l.*; William Lawson, of the "Three Tuns," China Lane, 10*l.*; E. C. Riley, Church Street—I think it is Edward Cleminson Riley, the "Mitre;" I did not pay that, but I believe it was paid. There was a little difficulty about it before the election; the other side got hold of the house, and then they turned over again. I think it was paid after all; but the captain of the district will be able to tell you.

4080. Who is the captain?—I think Thomas Bradley, but I am not sure.

4081. Yes, that is right; now who is the next?—Mrs. Dixon, of St. George's Quay, the "Blue Bell."

4082. How much?—Mr. Slater will have to do with that; I do not know the price. Then John Hodgson, the "Blue Anchor;" I think it is St. George's Quay.

4083. How much?—Mr. Slater will pay for that. Henry Richmond, "Commercial Inn," Market Street, 10*l.*; John Parkinson, "New Inn," Market Street; Peter Moore, Penny Street; I did not pay for that. I fancy Mr. Welch paid for it.

4084. What is the name of the inn?—The "White Lion;" John Atkinson Bibby, the "Bear and Staff," Penny Street; I think that was 10*l.*, but I did not pay for it; I think he would take his bill to Mr. Welch—very likely. Henry Pilkington, "Warpers' Arms," James Street; I did not pay for it, I think Mr. William Welch paid for that house. Robert Smith, "Prince William Inn," Thurnham Street, 10*l.*

4085. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who paid that?—I believe I paid it, but I am not quite sure whether it was 10*l.* or not. John Huntington, the "Prince William Henry," Penny Street, 10*l.*; that was the arrangement I made with him, but I did not pay him.

4086. (*Mr. Bleasdale.*) That was included in the bill that I told you was paid for refreshments?—(*The witness.*) I arranged for these houses, but the captains paid for some of them.

4087. (*Mr. Newton.*) Now, what is the next?—William Jackson, at the "Malt Shovel," Penny Street, 10*l.*; James Crook, Brook Street, the "Horse and Farrier," I did not pay for that; Mr. Thomas Cleminson was captain of that district. James Patterson, "Wheat Sheaf," Penny Street, I did pay that.

4088. How much was paid?—10*l.*

4089. Who was that paid by?—Either by Mr. Henry Welch, or by the captains of the district.

4090. Who was the captain?—John Bleasdale.

4091. Then the next?—John Long, in the Freehold, I am not sure whether he was there engaged or not; I merely wrote these lists out from memory.

4092. What is the name of the house?—It is a new house, the "Rose Tavern."

4093. Whereabouts?—In the Freehold, Ulswater Road.

4094. You are uncertain about that?—Yes, I am not sure about it; then John Farraday, the "Spink Bull," in China Lane—I think it was 3*l.*, I am not quite sure. Mrs. Charnock, the "Nag's Head," Church Street; I am not sure of the amount, but Mr. Stewartson would pay, I think. Benjamin Hartley, the "Rose and Crown," in Mary Street; I do not know the amount, I did not pay for it.

4095. Who would pay for it?—I fancy Mr. Thomas Cleminson would be the captain of that district. John Forrest, Mary Street; I am not sure whether his house was engaged or not.

4096. What was the name of the house?—The "Fat Scot."

4097. (*Mr. Hills.*) They were drinking down there, so we may take it for granted that it was engaged?—I called to engage the house, but did not see Mr. Forrest.

4098. They were drinking pretty freely?—Very freely.

4099. Who would be the captains of Mary Street district?—Thomas Cleminson, and Thomas Harrison.

4100. Now the next?—Edward Robinson, in Common Garden Street, the "Bull's Head;" I engaged the house, but I did not pay for it.

4101. Who did?—I think John Gardner would be the captain of that district.

4102. Now the next?—Lofthouse, the "Old Sir Simon," Market Street; the house was engaged for 10*l.*, but I believe Mr. Lofthouse received something for his services besides.

4103. You engaged it for 10*l.*?—Yes.

4104. Who would pay that?—I am not sure.

4105. Mr. Welch?—Very likely he might; I did not.

4106. You are tolerably certain, are you not?—No, I am not; I think he had something given to him for his services.

4107. Now the next—Michael Murphy?—Michael Murphy, "Queen's Head," Church Street, 5*l.*; I am not quite sure about that, but I think that was the amount. John Foxcroft, the "Fox and Goose," Queen Street, 3*l.* I engaged two more houses, but afterwards they turned over to the other side; one was Richard Townley, in Queen Street; I had his house for a week, but he found out that a lot of money was being spent on the other side and very little on our side, for we had no orders to do so, and so he let his house to the other side; also Richard Burton, of Market Street; I think he turned over about the night before the election.

4108. What were you to give to them?—One of the houses, the "Golden Ball," I offered 15*l.*, and 10*l.* to the other house.

4109. The highest priced one went over?—That was the highest priced, I believe; I did not engage any house above 10*l.* except Burton's.

4110. Have you any more?—I believe there was another house engaged in the Freehold.

4111. By you?—No, I believe it was engaged by George Shaw, the captain of that district; the "Freeholders' Arms" I think it is called.

4112. Any more?—No.

4113. When you say you engaged these houses, what do you mean by that?—I engaged them as committee rooms.

4114. Did you engage one room in the house?—No, the whole house.

4115. For the use of the captain?—For the use of the captain, and to have meetings; in fact the house was engaged up to the election, and if a committee was held they could have any room in the house that they thought proper.

4116. Did you take any part in the election except engaging public-houses?—Yes.

4117. What other part did you take?—I assisted to vote as many as I could on the day of the election.

4118. How much did you pay yourself for these different public-houses that you engaged?—I cannot tell, they were paid for at various times.

4119. First all, let me ask you what money did you receive?—For the election?

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4120. Yes?—I got 200*l.* from Mr. Welch.

4121. When?—On the morning of the election, but this had nothing to do with paying public-houses, this was on the morning of the polling day.

4122. Who paid these public houses?—They were paid at different times.

4123. By you?—Most of them; Mr. Welch, if he got six or seven bills in would send for me.

4124. You got 200*l.* from Mr. Welch on the morning of the polling day?—Yes.

4125. At what time?—About 6 in the morning.

4126. Is that the first time you got any money from him?—Yes.

4127. You are sure of that?—Yes, certain, I beg your pardon,—I got 150*l.* from him on the election morning, but I got 50*l.* from him before; I had spent during the fortnight before the election something like 30*l.*; he paid me that and also a bill that was owing me.

4128. When did you get the 50*l.*?—Two or three days before the election; this was for money I had spent.

4129. In what way did you spend it?—In the fortnight before the election, in going round with a lot of different captains to different places to see the voters; it was spent in the regular way, treating, and leaving a pound here, and a pound there, to be spent.

4130. Did you go round with the captains?—Yes, some of the captains, and various other people.

4131. Were you the gentleman called the "general" by one of the witnesses?—Where was that?

4132. Here?—No, I should think it must be some one else.

4133. You went round with the captains and stood drink?—Yes, In fact I had to go round every day, there was such a move made in engaging public-houses; if I engaged them one day I had to go round and engage them afresh the following day; they grumbled that no money was spent. The opposite side commenced their business long before we did in the way of opening the houses.

4134. You spent in the fortnight before the election 50*l.*?—No, 30*l.* I spent in the fortnight, and 20*l.* was for refreshments provided for voters on the nomination and election days, voters having their breakfasts and dinners and so on at my own house.

4135. That made up the 50*l.*?—Yes.

4136. What is the next sum you got from Mr. Welch?—I did not get any more.

4137. You got 150*l.* on the morning of the election?—Yes, I have mentioned that; that is all the money I got from Mr. Welch.

4138. Where did he give it to you?—At the "Queen's," in one of the rooms upstairs, or the lobby upstairs. I got some more money than that; I got some from Thomas Harrison, but that was later on in the day.

4139. What did you do with the 150*l.* you got from Mr. Welch?—I gave it to the voters as I voted them.

4140. You had better state all the money you received that day?—I got over 100*l.* from Thomas Harrison, I had no money and I wanted to pay several voters.

4141. What time in the day was that?—I think it would be between 10 and 11.

4142. Who was he?—He was captain along with Mr. Thomas Cleminson; I also got 36*l.* from Mr. Thomas Cleminson, to pay four voters that he wished to vote.

4143. What other sums did you receive?—That is all the money I got.

4144. 336*l.* altogether?—I am not sure whether it was 125*l.* from Mr. Harrison or not, but I think it was.

4145. That would make 361*l.* altogether?—Yes, I do not remember receiving any further sums of money.

4146. Now tell us how you spent this money?—Yes, I will, to the best of my recollection. William Atkinson, Penny Street, shoemaker, I gave 10*l.*; Matthew Barrow, Lodge Street, 9*l.*

4147. Is he a shoemaker?—Yes. Thomas Calvert, Plum Street, joiner, 10*l.*; Henry Croft, Elmore Road, 3*l.*

4148. What is he?—He is a draper, but I think he is with Mr. Storey, a warehouseman, or something of that sort. Thomas Edmondson, Moor Lane.

4149. What is he?—He is put down gentleman, and I gave him 7*l.* James Edmondson, Nicholas Street, engine fitter, I think I gave him 9*l.* Edward Gaffney, Edward Street, 10*l.*

4150. What is he?—He is a shoemaker, but I may say that he had assisted me for a good deal a fortnight before the election, and this was in payment also for that. William Gibson, Quernmore, a husbandman, 8*l.*, but he was living at that time somewhere near to Burton Lonsdale; this was for the expenses of conveyance, and also the money that was given to him for his fare back again.

4151. I must ask you upon that, was the money given to the other men you have mentioned given for votes or for expenses?—Mostly votes, and some few for assisting.

4152. Could you distinguish the two, voting and expenses?—I have done so, Gaffney is the only case, this man Gibson did not assist at all; I gave him 8*l.* for his vote, and for the expenses of his coming and going back again; altogether I suppose out of the 8*l.* he would get 7*l.*

4153. (*Mr. Hill.*) Including 1*l.* for fare?—Yes. William Gunson, Leonardgate, 3*l.*

4154. What is he?—A cabinetmaker. Henry Harrison, stonemason, Moor Lane, 5*l.* Then John Huntington, I gave him 23*s.*; he took up his freedom himself, and I promised him if he would take it up I would give it him back again, and I gave it him back at the election. William Jackson, Chapel Court, labourer, 8*l.*—I did not give him the money, but I gave the money to somebody to vote him; I gave it to Thomas Sanderson to give him.

4155. Do you know that he got it?—Yes, he got it, I have no doubt of it. John Varley Jackson, shoemaker, Castle Hill, 10*l.*; John Jackson, Adelaide Street, iron turner, 7*l.*; George Kitchen, stonemason, from 10*l.* to 13*l.*, but I am almost certain it was 13*l.*

4156. What shall we say?—I think if you put down 13*l.* you will be right. Charles Lupton, Rose Court, labourer, 9*l.*, but he assisted me for about a fortnight before the election. Robert Mashiter, wheelwright, Golgotha, 10*l.*; William Noble, Upper Robert Street, farmer, 3*l.* or 4*l.*—I think it was 3*l.*; he was living at Preston, and I gave him 3*l.* or 4*l.* for his expenses and for his trouble.

4157. Was it 3*l.* or 4*l.*?—I think it was 3*l.* Robert Parker, Elmore Road, tin-plate worker, 13*l.*; John Richard Raby, 5*l.*

4158. Where does he live?—In Market Street, and he is a whitesmith. James Simpson, St. Mary's Place, painter, 13*l.*; Solomon Sykes, senior, cooper, Church Street, 5*l.*; John Edmondson, Stone Well, shoemaker, 9*l.*,—this was for his services as well, he assisted me for a fortnight before the election. Richard Tomlinson, joiner, 10*l.*—I did not pay the money myself, but I gave it to Mr. Riley to pay to him.

4159. Have you any doubt about his receiving it?—None at all.

4160. Where does he live?—He has died since then; he did live in Henry Street. Thomas Tomlinson, Penny Street, shoemaker. 10*l.*,—I paid that to Riley also, but I have no doubt that each of them got it. James Thornton Whalley; this is one of the four that Mr. Cleminson wished me to vote.

4161. Where does he live?—He lives in Martin Street, and is a weaver.

4162. Mr. Cleminson gave you 36*l.*?—Yes.

4163. How much did you give to him?—9*l.* I gave to the four 36*l.*:—Thomas Whalley, Morton Street, mechanic, 9*l.*; Thomas Whalley, Morton Street, labourer, 9*l.*; John Whalley, Morton Street, weaver, 9*l.*; Isaac Wilkinson, Skerton, railway porter, 10*l.*,—this was also for assistance for a fortnight as well. Edward Winder, Mary Street, painter, 13*l.*

William Winder, Elmore Road, labourer, 13*l.*; that is one of the men Mr. Clark was so anxious that I should give information about.

4164. Had he always voted for you before?—Yes, he voted with me before. John Winder, Castle Street, joiner, 13*l.*; that is another Mr. Clark named.

4165. Have you any more?—I now come to the householders:—Daniel Dawson, Church Street, 13*l.*; John Morland, 7*l.*

4166. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is he by trade?—An innkeeper.

4167. What sort of an innkeeper, a licensed victualler, or is it a beer-house?—It is a licensed house; he keeps the "White Horse" now; at that time he was a farmer; I think he was not in business as an innkeeper.

4168. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is the next?—John Kerr, Nicholas Street.

4169. What is he?—He has been an invalid for many years.

4170. Has he any trade?—He is a joiner by trade.

4171. How much did you give him?—7*l.*; Richard Walch, I gave him 1*l.* but I fancied some one had paid him before; he had voted at the wrong booth; he had voted at Saint Thomas' booth, which was wrong, and his vote was not taken, and I voted him again at the Town Hall, and gave him 1*l.* for it.

4172. You fancied he had received something before?—Yes, I think so, but I do not know that he had.

4173. Where does he live?—He did live in the Freehold, Ulswater Road?

4174. Is there anybody else?—I think that is the last; I have taxed my memory a good deal to give you those. There is another I have forgotten, Thomas Barrett, Moor Lane.

4175. Is he a householder?—Yes; he is a shopkeeper.

4176. What sort of a shop does he keep?—A grocer's shop.

4177. Whereabouts?—In Moor Lane, No. 13 or 14.

4178. How much did you give him?—3*l.* 10*s.*

4179. Do you know if you have omitted anyone?—I do not think so.

4180. If you should by to-morrow morning find out that you have omitted any perhaps you will come and tell us? You have given us the names of 38.—Yes.

4181. Where were you when you gave this money?—After I had voted the men I took them into some of the committee rooms and paid them. I paid some at my own house, and at various other places. We had various houses up and down the town and I would call in at any place.

4182. I suppose you went up to the poll with them?—Yes, I took them up to the poll.

4183. And saw them voted?—Yes; I saw them voted, and then paid them.

4184. I suppose you voted yourself early in the morning?—I think I was about the second that voted in the morning. I always voted early.

4185. You voted early so that you might devote your services to the good of the cause for the rest of the day?—Yes, certainly.

4186. Did they come to you, or did you go to them?—In many cases they came to me; and when I saw any of them I would ask them if they had voted, and if they had not voted I would do my best to vote them.

4187. What did they say?—It was always a question of money. They knew that money was being spent, and they would say "What is the amount you can give me?" and I would say "5*l.*," to begin with, very likely, or less; and then they would say, "Oh, we have had 10*l.* or 15*l.* offered on the other side."

4188. And then you would strike a bargain with them?—Yes, if I could.

4189. Were some of them very hungry?—Yes; some of them were very bad to deal with, and wanted a good deal of money.

4190. Which were the worst, the householders or the freemen?—I think there are only two or three householders in the list.

4191. You have given me five?—I am sure I cannot say now which were the worst.

4192. We have heard that the country freemen are very audacious in their demands?—I think there is no difference as far as that goes.

4193. What time in the day did you begin paying away?—I was up all night. I did not get the money from Mr. Welch till about 6 in the morning.

4194. The poll opens at 8?—Yes.

4195. And you went and polled directly?—It is always a rule of mine to poll as many as I can early in the morning?

4196. What time did you begin to pay away?—As soon as the poll was opened. I paid none before I had voted them.

4197. Did you tell anyone what you were doing? Did you tell Mr. Welch?—No; I do not think I did. I had not time. I never saw Mr. Welch after I saw him in the morning. Perhaps I saw him in the afternoon; I am not quite sure about that, I rather think I did in the afternoon.

4198. Did you see Mr. Blades?—Yes; I saw Mr. Blades after that.

4199. All this money was given to you expressly to buy the men on that day?—Yes; and for expenses.

4200. When you went to Mr. Welch in the morning about 150*l.* you knew you were to buy voters?—He did not tell me it was to buy voters only. He left it to me.

4201. To your discretion?—Yes; if it was necessary to spend any money I should do so.

4202. It was left to your discretion?—Yes.

4203. (*Mr. Barstow.*) This list of houses you have given us is exclusive of Skerton?—Yes; I had nothing to do with Skerton.

4204. (*Mr. Newton.*) Or any other place?—No; I think not.

4205. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was the reason that some of the men received so much less than the others?—It is so in most elections; some men want a little money at a time like that, and they imagine they are not being bribed if they take 2*l.* or 3*l.* I fancy it was a pretty good price, 3*l.* or 4*l.*

4206. The men taking 3*l.* or 4*l.* thought that really represented their wage?—Yes, to a certain extent. They always calculate to lose a week or so, and they take it for the loss of time and the money they spend.

4207. I will take the very first name that occurs to me—Henry Croft, Alma Road; in what position is he?—He is with Mr. Story, but he had been employed in the committee room for some time, filling up the voters' papers and so on, and would get his pay as a clerk, I fancy, and this was in addition to that.

4208. How long had he been employed?—I should say for a fortnight, over a week certainly.

4209. Was he employed solely in the committee or was it only out of business hours?—He was solely employed. He got leave from his master to write in the committee room.

4210. Would he be getting his wages in the meantime?—No, I think not. I think, perhaps, he would get about 7*l.* for his work in the committee room, and this 3*l.* was to make it up to 10*l.*

4211. So with Mr. William Gunson?—No; that is all the money he got.

4212. In what position is he?—He is dead now.

4213. In what position was he at that time?—I fancy he had just a comfortable living, but he was quite an invalid, and I thought to make him a present of it. He would not have asked me for it, and very likely would not have taken it, but I thought I would make him a present. He did not ask me for any money at all, and I believe he never took anything for his vote at any election.

4214. So also with Henry Harrison?—He was a young man, and he just asked me for that 5*l.* and he said he should want to be spending some money.

4215. John Huntington, 23*s.* That was for taking up his freedom?—Yes.

4216. William Noble Farmer, 3*l.*; was for his ex-

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penses from Preston ?—Yes ; and some little money he would spend in the day.

4217. The only other one is Thomas Barrett, of Moor Lane, 4*l.* ?—That is a similar case.

4218. What was that ?—He would very likely spend a little more money at this time. That was all the money he asked me for.

4219. In what position is he ?—He is a very old man, his father keeps a shop. I think the shop is not his. He lives with his father.

(*Mr. Newton.*) If you should find out that you have omitted to furnish us with any names or any further information we shall be very glad to receive it to-morrow.

Adjourned to to-morrow 10 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Friday, 31st August 1866.

PRESENT :

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON.

MR. HILL.

FIFTH DAY.

J. Bleasdale, jun.

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JAMES BLEASDALE, jun., recalled.

4220. (*Mr. Newton.*) We understand you wish to make some statement with regard to what you said yesterday ?—Yes, there is a thing or two that I have got to mention. The sums that I told you yesterday I had paid to voters did not quite come up to what I had received from Mr. Welch, and you asked me to tell you if I could think of any more. I have thought of it since, and I remember I paid James Bland 2*l.* on the day of the election ; and I think there were six men that were engaged working in the same district that I gave 1*l.* a piece to on the morning of the election for expenses and for what they would want during the day.

4221. In what district would that be ?—In the Penny Street district ?—I think that would just make about the sum I received ; I think it will balance with it.

4222. Do you remember what the six men were ?—I can remember their names. There was Thomas Anderson, Christopher Robinson, and Thomas Jackson.

4223. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which Thomas Jackson ?—Tinman, in Penny Street. James Cornthwaite, and Wm. Beasdale, a hairdresser, and I think there would be James Tomlinson.

4224. (*Mr. Newton.*) You say for expenses ?—Yes ; they were going about during the day looking after the voters, first in one house and then in another.

4225. Runners ?—Yes ; and then about a week after the election there were three men. I do not know whether they sent any account or not, but they told me that they had been so much out of pocket, and I paid them 10*l.* each ; I got the money from Mr. Welch. They were three tradesmen of Lancaster who had been about during the election.

4226. Who were those three men ?—There was Thomas Jackson.

4227. The same Jackson ?—Yes, and Christopher Robinson, a coal dealer.

4228. (*Mr. Hill.*) The same ?— Yes, and James Cornthwaite, a hairdresser.

4229. The same ?—The same. That is all, I think.

4230. (*Mr Newton.*) That was 10*l.* each ?—Yes.

4231. What was that 10*l.* given for ?—For their services, and what they had been out of pocket.

4232. Was it for their votes ?—No, I should think not. They had been engaged during the election, and had been very active men.

4233. It was not for votes ?—No.

4234. Then how could Jackson have gone to the expense of 11*l.* ?—I do not know. They had been out and that was for their services as well ; they had spent some money of their own they said, and that was for their services as well.

4235. Anything else ?—No, that is all.

4236. At what time did you receive this money from Mr. Welch ?—On the same day that I paid it.

4237. (*Mr. Hill.*) You had not told us about that money before ?—No, I forgot it.

4238. That applies only to the 30*l.* and not to the other 8*l.* ?—No, it applies to the 30*l.* that is all. The 8*l.* was paid on the day of the election.

4239. (*Mr. Newton.*) You had about 205*l.* ?—No, I had 125*l.* on the day of the election.

4240. But you accounted yesterday for 205*l.* ?—No, I could not account for that much.

4241. You first had 50*l.* on the morning of the election ?—Yes.

4242. You had 50*l.* afterwards ?—Yes.

4243. And 25*l.* the same day ?—Yes.

4244. That is 125*l* ?—Yes.

4245. Then you had 15*l.* for election expenses ?—That was before the election.

4246. Then you got 50*l.* for refreshments ?—Yes.

4247. And about a month afterwards you got about 42*l.* ?—Yes.

4248. Then there were two small sums of 2*l.* each ? Yes. I did not get anything more than just what the bills were. The bills came to me and I took them to Mr. Welch, and he gave me the money to pay them with.

4249. The 8*l.* was included in the 125*l.* ?—Yes, all the 8*l.* was.

4250. But the 30*l.* was not ?—No, I got that after the election.

4251. Have you talked this matter over with Mr. Welch since last night ?—No, I have not seen him.

4252. Then what you have stated now is merely from your own recollection ?—Yes.

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4253. (*Mr Barstow.*) I understand you wish to make a statement ?—Yes. I forgot in the evidence I gave yesterday to name Richard Casson, a householder. I paid him 13*l.*

4254. Was that for a vote ?—Yes.

4255. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is he ?—A joiner.

4256. A householder ?—Yes, in Damside Street.

4257. What class of house does he live in ?—He keeps a pawnbroker's shop as well.

4258. Where is his joiner's shop ?—I think he is employed on the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway.

4259. What is about the rent of his house ?—I should think 20*l.* a year, from 15*l.* to 20*l.* ; I stated that I paid all the voters on the day they voted. I was mistaken in saying so, for some of them I had to pay afterwards, and I got 30*l.* from Mr. Welch to pay them with.

4260. (*Mr. Newton.*) How soon after ?—I think it would be a fortnight after.

4261. Does that include the sum that you told us of yesterday ?—No, that would be an extra sum.

4262. You have nothing else to mention ?—The 10*l.* I gave to Robert Mashiter I received back again from Edward Riley.

4263. When ?—I think he gave it me back the same day.

4264. The day of the election?—The day of the election. Mashiter was in his district.

4265. In Riley's district?—Yes, and he returned me the money so that he might keep his account correct. I told Riley that I had voted Mashiter, and had given him 10*l.*, and he said "He is in my district, I will give you the money back again."

4266. He would have paid him if you had not done so?—He would have paid him.

4267. It was merely a settlement of account between you and Riley?—That is so.

4268. Have you anything more to say about Mashiter's vote, and Riley?—No.

4269. Now give us the next?—I paid William Slinger 3*l.* for money that he had spent, and for his expenses in going to Bolton-le-Sands, and other places in the country.

4270. Anything else?—I stated yesterday that I had paid Henry Harrison 5*l.*, I believe it was only 4*l.* 10*s.*. I should mention also that I engaged John Ball's house, the "Red Lion," in Church Street.

4271. What was the amount?—7*l.* I paid William Abbot 30*s.* for assisting on the day of the election.

4272. What is he?—He is a plumber on the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway. He is not a voter.

4273. What did you pay him the 30*s.* for?—For assisting me on the nomination and election day.

4274. Is he a young man?—A young man about 22 or 23.

4275. Has he any relation a voter?—I think not. I paid William Jackson 30*s.*

4276. What is he?—A carder at the mill; and his son James Jackson 30*s.* for assisting at the election, at least not for assisting, it was in the morning; but later in the day he voted the other way I believe.

4277. Did they both vote?—I believe they both voted, and I think Jackson voted for Lawrence. I think the son voted, one for Fenwick and one for Lawrence.

4278. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The other voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Then that is right.

4279. (*Mr. Newton.*) How much did you give James Jackson?—30*s.*

4280. And how much did you give to the son?—30*s.* There was a man called William Hartley, I gave him 30*s.* for taking out circulars and assisting in the country.

4281. Is he a voter?—Yes he is.

4282. Anybody else?—That is all. I made an arrangement with Burton, as I told you yesterday, at the "Golden Ball," in Market Street. He voted against us. I had to see him about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and he said he would go with me to vote if I would give him 16*l.*; that he must have the money before he voted.

4283. What did you say?—I said, "If you will go along with me I will make it all right on the day." Just about that time a lot of the opposite side came in and handled me rather roughly.

4284. Was this at your own house?—At Burton's house.

4285. At the "Golden Ball"?—Yes. He was taken away and they voted him. I think Mr. Hatch voted him.

4286. Who is he?—He is a joiner and builder in Lancaster.

4287. He is one of the Conservative captains?—Yes. I am sure he will tell you the amount if you ask him that he gave.

4288. Is there anybody else?—Yes; I agreed with John Bainbridge of King Street.

4289. What is he?—He is a retired cab proprietor.

4290. Is he on the householders' list?—Yes. He came to me and wanted to arrange about his vote. He said he would take 10*l.* for it, and I said, "Very well, it is a bargain." He was afterwards voted by Mr. Lawrence.

4291. Who took him?—Mr. James Wilson was the Captain of that district, I think.

4292. (*Mr. Hill.*) He said he would take 10*l.* for it?—Yes.

4293. He made that offer himself?—Yes.

4234. (*Mr. Newton.*) And you agreed with him?—Yes.

4295. And then he polled for Lawrence?—Yes.

4296. And Mr. James Wilson took him?—I do not know that he took him; he was the captain of the district.

4297. Where did you come across John Bainbridge?—He came down to my house.

4298. You did not call on him, he came to you?—He came to me; he came with Matthew Garth.

4299. On what day did he come?—I do not know whether it was the election day or not. It was a day or two before the election, I think. I do not remember the day correctly.

4300. Was it before the nomination?—Yes; it was either the nomination day or the day before, I think.

4301. Did Garth make any arrangement with you?—He came with Garth, and Garth said, "Mr. Bainbridge wishes to speak with you."

4302. Was Garth a voter?—No. I said, "What does he want?" He said, "He is inclined to vote for Fenwick and Schneider, but he wishes to see you first;" so I went and saw him, and he told me what he wanted.

4303. Garth said he was going to vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—That he wished to do so.

4304. What did you say?—He said, "Will you go and see him?" I said, "Yes;" and I did go to see him, and he told me he would do so if I would give him 10*l.* He was in another room. I was in the kitchen and he was in one of the front rooms.

4305. And then this conversation took place?—This conversation took place with Garth and myself in the kitchen. The conversation with Bainbridge was in one of the front rooms of my house.

4306. Who first proposed the 10*l.*?—He proposed it himself.

4307. Is there anybody else you can mention?—There is Francis Jackson. He was the landlord of the "White Horse" at the time of the election, and I think he will be able to give you some information. I believe he is now living in Liverpool. He was not a voter, but he was very active at the time of the election.

4308. On which side?—On Mr. Lawrence's side.

4309. Was he a captain?—I think he was. He was a general, and I suppose he had to do all he could.

4310. He was a general?—A general.

4311. I asked you yesterday if you were the general?—Mr. Towers was our general; I was about serjeant-major.

4312. I omitted to ask you a question yesterday which I will put now. Was there anybody on the opposite side corresponding to you, employed in engaging public-houses, and who took the same active part that you appear to have taken?—I believe Mr. Danson engaged the other houses for the other side.

4313. The auctioneer?—Yes, the auctioneer. I frequently met him.

4314. Because you must have run up against him sometimes?—Yes, frequently. In fact I had to go about every day to see some of them.

4315. And you found that he was buying up houses as well as yourself?—They had a spree at some of our houses some nights, and I had to go next morning to see what had been done, and to make it as right as I could and to spend a shilling or two with them.

4316. Was he the gentleman who took away some of the houses that you had hired?—No doubt. They were taken from us.

4317. He would be the gentleman who took them?—Yes, he would make the arrangement for taking them.

4318. Did you take away any houses from the Conservative side, from the enemy?—No. I could not manage that.

4319. They kept them so fast and strong?—Yes. I think the figure was a little higher.

4320. What sort of figure did they give?—I do

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not know; but I fancy they gave more than we did.

4321. When you tried them what sort of sum did they stand out for?—They said the house was engaged, that they were good spenders, and that we were doing very little on our side. They begun to spend money before we did.

4322. You began to spend money the day before the nomination?—I should think two or three days before that.

4323. What was the market price of votes before the nomination?—I think there were very few agreements made until late on the nomination day, and during the night.

4324. You told us that you agreed to give Bainbridge 10*l.*?—I believe that that was the only instance.

4325. How came you to agree with him?—Because he came to me.

4326. Did anybody else come to you?—No; I saw most of them myself. I took a list and went to them.

4327. How did you come by that list?—I just picked out the names of men who I generally voted. I voted them at the last election, for Fenwick.

4328. Were these all paid in the previous election?—I am not sure they were.

4329. Were these all paid in the election of Fenwick and Schneider?—I do not know. I have no doubt that some of them were paid. They were on the committee, and they were paid as staff men and committee men.

4330. When did the market price get from 3*l.* to 10*l.*?—They commenced with 10*l.* and said there are two candidates in the field and we must have 5*l.* a piece for them.

4331. Then in truth and in fact if there had been two candidates at the election in 1864 the sum would probably have been double what it was?—I have no doubt it would.

4332. I understood you to say that most of the men you paid money to on this occasion were paid money in 1864?—They would receive something in 1864 as committee men and for taking out placards and voting papers and so on.

4333. Would those men have voted either way without being paid?—If there had been no money on either side I have no doubt they would have voted.

4334. Then the notion of their being money about and brown-paper parcels and so forth, made the people ask for money?—There were many reports about before the election, it was reported that there was a tremendous sum of money coming from Liverpool; in fact it was said, that a small steamer was coming with money and the voters were quite upset.

4335. Was there any report of money coming over from Barrow also?—We said, if there is money coming from Liverpool we shall have something coming from Barrow no doubt.

4336. The captains said so?—They might say so, it was more in joke than anything else.

4337. But that gave a tone to the market?—It did no doubt, it made the men expect a good deal more money.

4338. Was there less talk about money in 1864?—No, I do not think there was, there was not much talk about money in 1864, it was done more on the night before the election and election day I think.

4339. There was no money talked about beforehand?—No.

4340. Were these houses engaged at that time?—Yes.

4341. And the same staff of captains and runners and staff men and so on?—Pretty nearly the same, but I think not so many houses.

4342. I do not think you were asked yesterday, and I will ask you now, did you receive any remuneration or any pay for your trouble?—Yes, I did along with Mr. Stewartson and Mr. Moser 25 guineas.

4343. A piece?—Yes.

4344. When did you receive that?—I received mine from Mr. Tilly, I am not aware where Mr. Moser received his from.

4345. When did you receive it?—It would be some little time after the election, perhaps a fortnight.

4346. What was that for?—I was engaged to assist in the canvass, to assist at the election, to attend to the voters and to the voting list.

4347. Like serjeant-major?—Yes.

4348. Was any arrangement come to between you and Mr. Tilly before the day of election?—Yes, it was long before the election, I am not quite sure whether Mr. Tilly made the arrangement, I think he did, and it was arranged that Mr. Moser and I should receive the same.

4349. How long was that before the election?—It would be some time, three weeks perhaps, but I am not quite sure, I always assisted Mr. Fenwick's party.

4350. Did you go to Mr. Tilly or did Mr. Tilly come to you?—He sent for me.

4351. And then you made this arrangement?—Yes, Mr. Tilly made the arrangement, I did not ask him for any money.

4352. He told you what you were to get?—Yes.

4353. What did you get in 1864?—I think I got 15 guineas or 15*l.*, I am not quite sure, Mr. Clark first engaged me, I knew nothing about election matters, and he first engaged me in the first election to perform the same duties as I have done in this. I am not sure what Mr. Tilly gave me the last time.

4354. About what was it?—15*l.* I think.

4355. How long before this election do you think it was when Mr. Tilly sent for you?—Two or three weeks just when the election commenced he gave me orders to commence as usual, I do not know whether there was any sum named before the election or not, we were all paid alike; I scarcely knew what I was to have until Mr. Tilly sent for me.

4356. Until he sent for you to pay you or sent for you to begin?—Until he sent for me to pay me.

4357. Did you see Mr. Tilly at his office?—Yes, I believe it was in his office.

4358. Was anybody else there?—No, there was no one in Mr. Tilly's room, Mr. Johnson has an office upstairs, but I am not sure whether he was in his office or not.

4359. The only person you saw on that occasion was Mr. Tilly?—Yes, except the clerk who opened the door.

4360. What was the sort of arrangement made on that day? What conversation passed between you?—I do not know that there was anything in particular except that the election was coming on and he expected that I would take the same post as I had done before, and I said, "Yes."

4361. Was "expected" the word made use of?—I think so, but it has almost slipped my memory, and I scarcely remember the conversation, but that is pretty nearly the substance of it.

4362. Mr. Tilly was agent in 1864?—Yes.

4363. And you did in 1864 I suppose, what you did at this last election?—Yes.

4364. You paid voters then?—Yes.

4365. When Mr. Tilly said that you would undertake the same post now as you had done previously, Mr. Tilly would require that you should pay voters?—I do not think Mr. Tilly knew that I ever did pay any.

4366. What makes you think that?—It was always kept from the agents, anything that was to be done in that way was mostly done amongst the captains. It was only known to them.

4367. Surely it was known to everybody that there was bribery in 1864?—He would have to find it out the same as other people, but he did not know it from me.

4368. He would not know it from you unless you told him?—I did not tell him.

4369. He must have known that you were one of those that bought voters in 1864?—Perhaps he might think so, but I did not tell him.

4370. Nothing was said as to paying voters on this

occasion when you went to him three weeks before the election ?—No.

4371. (*Mr. Hill.*) With regard to John Bainbridge a retired cab proprietor, does he live on his own property ?—He is a man pretty well to do, he has no trade, and he has a very nice living.

4372. A good income ?—Yes, a nice income; he is a man that lives in a very respectable way.

4373. Has he an income of 200*l.* a year ?—Not as much as that I should think, I have no doubt that he could if he liked live at 100*l.* a year.

4374. What sort of a house does he live in ? What would it let for ?—I should think 12*l.* or 14*l.*

JOHN WINDER HEWERTSON sworn and examined.

4375. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

4376. What was your business at the last election ?—I suppose you would term it captain.

4377. Yes, we had better keep to terms we know; what was your district ?—Lower Kellet.

4378. In company with whom ?—There was Mr. Gardner's solicitor.

4379. Anybody else ?—He was the only one appointed with me to Lower Kellet.

4380. Who else looked after that district with you ?—No one else, only him.

4381. Joseph Wilson ?—I think he had a general survey round there, but I was never with him.

4382. He was appointed to the district of Kellet and Nether Kellet, was he not ?—I think he was more at Carnforth and Warton.

4383. He was appointed to Kellet with him, was he not ?—I was never in company with him there.

4384. You were never in company with him on canvass ?—No; I went with Mr. Towers, a grocer of Lancaster, one afternoon.

4385. Were you present at any meeting of the Liberal party before your appointment ?—I was at several meetings before my appointment, like any other voter, to hear the addresses of the candidates.

4386. Those are not the meetings to which I refer; were you present at any meeting as to the appointment of captains, and generally as to arrangements that were to be carried out at the forthcoming election ?—I remember being at one.

4387. Where was that ?—It was in a room in Nicholas Street.

4388. At a public-house ?—No.

4389. Who else was there ?—There were several parties there; there was Mr. Welch, and several of the committee.

4390. Mr. Towers ?—Yes, and many others that I do not know.

4391. Were the ex-members there ?—No, I did not see them at all.

4392. How long before the election was that ?—I should say about a fortnight; of course I cannot speak accurately to a few days.

4393. What was the subject of discussion at that meeting ?—It was principally to appoint captains to the various districts. Of course there was no discussion respecting politics; it was only to make arrangements.

4394. I take it for granted you were all on the same political side there ?—Yes, of course.

4395. Besides appointing captains, what else did you do ?—Nothing more that I am aware of.

4396. Was anything said at that meeting about what sort of election it was likly to be ?—No.

4397. Was anything said about its being necessary to have good men for captains ?—Of course the committee would know that.

4398. What should you know by "good men ?"—I should mean honest and honourable men.

4399. Honest in what particular point ?—In taking care of what money they had, and returning all the surplus; and of course men who knew the voters, and who would do the best for the candidates.

4400. Were the men who were selected for captains men of known qualification in that character ?—I was quite a novice. It was the first time I was on.

4401. They trusted to your countenance and your repute. With regard to the older birds, were they men of known qualification in that respect ?—Yes, I expect so.

4402. Men who had discharged their duties in the same way before similarly well ?—Yes.

4403. Was it said to what extent those qualities were likely to be tested ?—No; no particulars were entered into respecting the various candidates at all.

4404. Was there some talk about that it was likely this would be a very expensive election ?—I do not remember, only rumours that were circulated about the Tory candidate having so much money that it would be something rather extraordinary for Lancaster. Of course such rumours as those do circulate.

4405. After that meeting, when you received your appointment, what was the first step you took in the election ?—I took very little steps. I certainly went with a few other captains up and down the town trying to use our influence with the various voters.

4406. When did you go and pay a visit to your own more especial district, Nether Kellet ?—I was only there once, with the exception of the polling day.

4407. You only paid one canvassing visit to Nether Kellett ?—That was all.

4408. Who went with you ?—Mr. Towers.

4409. Did you address a meeting of voters, or was it a house-to-house visitation ?—The men were in the fields and we called them, and of course they were glad enough to come when they saw us and knew our errand. There was only one inn or public-house in the village.

4410. Did you gather them into the public-house in the village ?—We got them to come down; they were mowing.

4411. You got them together ?—Yes.

4412. Did you get pretty well all the voters there ? There were not many altogether; we got perhaps three or four.

4413. Having got them together, you sat down and smoked your pipes, and had your little drop of drink together ?—Some of them had.

4414. What was the subject of conversation ?—We spoke respecting our candidates that we wanted in, and extolled all their excellencies we possibly could.

4415. You enlarged upon their excellencies ?—Of course.

4416. Were those excellencies principally of a political or pecuniary character ?—I found that speaking in a political way it was the wrong side, and that they liked to talk more about money matters.

4417. You began on politics ?—Yes.

4418. And you found that that did not command your audience's attention ?—Yes, just so.

4419. And so you went into money ?—Yes; there was nothing definitively fixed.

4420. What were the general topics you urged as to the peculiar excellencies of Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider ?—They fought very shy, and seemed very indifferent about voting for our party. They said that Mr. Lawrence was a very wealthy man; that he had plenty of money, and went on in that strain.

4421. What did you reply to that, or what was the nature of your reply ?—We thought we would not be far behind hand with them.

4422. You said that to them ?—Yes; I cannot give you it word for word.

4423. You said, "You will not find us far behind him in that respect ?"—Yes, to be sure.

4424. Did they say then what was the price they hoped to command ?—No, it was not mentioned at all. Perhaps it was a week or ten days before the election when I was there.

4425. Nothing was said beyond vague generalities as to the price that was likely to be given ?—There

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were no prices named at that time. It was more about the position or wealth of the different candidates that was talked over.

4426. What they would be likely to spend?—Yes.

4427. They said Mr. Lawrence was a wealthy Liverpool merchant, and you said Mr. Schneider is an enormous iron manufacturer?—Yes, something in that style.

4428. After a short visit there you returned to Lancaster?—Yes. During the time we were there the opposite party drove up. It was a Mr. Coulston, of Lancaster, and of course he began to extol the excellencies of Mr. Lawrence.

4429. Did he come into the same room?—He was in the kitchen, and we were in the parlour. We had most of the freemen; and of course when they knew he was there they crowded round the place. He spoke about different matters.

4430. What did he speak about?—He was rather speaking against Mr. Towers than anything else.

4431. He tried to lower Towers?—Yes.

4432. And tried to raise Lawrence?—Yes; of course he would. I believe he had been a Liberal before himself, and he turned this time.

4433. Did he give a reason for his having turned?—Not that I remember at all. He was making a speech on something of the kind in the kitchen, but I was not there at the time.

4434. Did he enter into Mr. Lawrence's wealth?—He might do so, but I could not say for certain.

4435. In fact, the political questions of the day were not much discussed?—No, not very much; in fact, it was useless there.

4436. You left Mr. Coulston there and came away, or did all come away together?—No; I think they went another route about the same time. I think they went to High Kellet.

4437. When you left Nether Kellet were the greater number of voters in your favour or in favour of Coulston?—I would not be a judge of that. It was more a money question, and it depended upon the price offered on the day of the election. That is my opinion.

4438. When you came back to Lancaster, the time that elapsed between that visit to Kellet and the election, were you engaged in canvassing in the borough?—I was not much, only just with a few friends walking about the streets.

4439. What moneys did you receive on behalf of this election?—I received the night before the election 30*l.*

4440. From whom?—From Mr. Welch.

4441. What other moneys did you receive?—That was the only money I ever received.

4442. Did you not receive any money for expenses?—I had been giving out of my own pocket, but that is accounted for.

4443. What were you repaid by Mr. Welch; what money passed to you?—30*l.*

4444. Was something paid to you for expenses?—No, nothing. I made a balance-sheet out, a debtor and creditor account.

4445. For Mr. Welch?—Yes; I sent it to him.

4446. What was the balance due to you upon that account?—I had a surplus; I returned something, in fact, and I have a copy here of the account if you would like to see it.

4447. Did you not receive 50*l.* from Mr. Welch?—No, only 30*l.* He made a great mistake when he said I received 50*l.*, and if he has got my account he will see it.

4448.—How did you lay out that 30*l.*?—There were only two men that I got to vote for us from there, and the price averaged 12*l.* They said they could get 12*l.* each.

4449. Who were the two men?—One was Matthew Garth.

4450. Is he a freeman?—Yes.

4451. What is he?—I suppose a labourer; but I do not know I am sure.

4452. What did he get?—11*l.* He said he had been offered 12*l.* by the other party, but that he would sacrifice 1*l.* for the sake of his principles, because he had always voted for the Liberal side. Then there was another freeman, Moses Mawson; he is rather an elderly man. He said he would have what the others had, and I told him he should have what the others had, and gave him 11*l.*

4453. Had he been offered 12*l.* by the Conservatives?—He did not pass any remark. He is a very inoffensive, quiet old man, and did not say anything about it.

4454. When did you pay these two persons?—On the morning of the election.

4455. After they had voted or before?—They were very dubious about voting, and I paid them before. Of course I had to trust to their honour, if they had any.

4456. When did you make the arrangement as to the price of the votes?—On the morning of the election.

4457. Down at Kellet?—Yes.

4458. You went down to Kellet on purpose?—Yes. I went down to Kellet early in the morning.

4459. And met them by appointment?—They would expect us to come down, of course; but Mr. Gardner went there the night before.

4460. He had looked them up the night before?—Yes.

4461. Had he made any arrangement as to the price?—He told me about the prices that were offered on the other side, and that unless we could come out pretty freely it was of no use.

4462. Besides this 22*l.*, what did you credit yourself with payment of?—I gave 5*l.* to Mr. Gardner the night before. He said that he had only a few shillings in his pocket to go up to Kellet with.

4463. Did Mr. Gardner use the whole of that 5*l.*?—I did not ask him.

4464. Did he return to you any of it?—No.

4465. You gave that to Mr. Gardner to pay expenses?—He said he wanted some money to go up to Kellet with; that it was no use his going without money; and I thought he had as much to do with it as I had, and I gave him 5*l.*

4466. What other moneys did you credit yourself with the outlay of?—There were various expenses during the canvass, for a fortnight or three weeks before the election, which I ran up to 1*l.* 6*s.*, and that I credited myself with.

4467. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is the Christian name of this Mr. Gardner?—James.

4468. Is he a solicitor?—Yes. I returned a balance to Mr. Welch of 1*l.* 14*s.*

4469. Did you ever ask Mr. Gardner to account for that 5*l.*?—No; I trusted to his honour to account for it to Mr. Welch himself. I did not ask him.

4470. What money did you receive as remuneration for your own services after the election?—I never received a farthing, of course not.

4471. Have not ever had anything?—No, never. Of course not.

4472. I do not see why "of course not." You had a great deal of trouble, and the last witness, Mr. Allinson, had some money?—They were more busily engaged than I was, and it was more in their line. I did not devote so much of my time to it as they did, and besides I should hope I had better principle than to take money in a case of that sort.

4473. Whether for better or for worse, you had no money?—No, I had no money.

4474. Nor any promise of any?—No, never a promise of anything.

4475. What are you by trade?—I am a wood hoop maker and timber dealer.

4476. How many men have you in your employment?—It varies according to the time of year. Sometimes I have a great many men out in the country—between 30 and 40, I may say, altogether.

4477. How many voters do you employ?—I had only one at that time.

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4478. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is youro ccupation ?—I am an agent at Glasson Dock for the Lancaster Canal Company.

4479. How long have you lived in Lancaster ?—I have never lived in Lancaster.

4480. How long have you lived in the neighbourhood of Lancaster ?—I have been in that situation something like 26 or 27 years.

4481. Where do you live ?—I live at Glasson Docks, 5 miles from Lancaster, in the township of Thurnham.

4482. You have been there 26 years ?—Yes, within a short time either one side or other.

4483. Have you taken a pretty active part in politics ?—Yes.

4484. On the Liberal side I suppose ?—Yes.

4485. Have you been engaged for them in many elections ?—Yes, ever since the year 1847. That, I think, was my first commencement.

4486. We hear that you were a captain at the last election ?—I cannot term myself a captain. Of course I looked after the district for them.

4487. What district do you consider you looked after ?—I began at Glasson Dock; went through Cockerham, Thurnham, Forton, Cleveley, Over Wyresdale, and Nether Wyresdale, and some part of Ellel.

4488. When were you appointed to superintend those districts ?—I do not really know that any person appointed me.

4489. When did you undertake to do it ?—Perhaps a month previous to the election—when I knew there was an election going to take place.

4490. What did you then do in furtherance of your design ?—I went and visited the freemen as usual in that locality.

4491. When you say "as usual" do you mean as usual at election times ?—Yes.

4492. I suppose you did not confine your attentions merely to visiting them ?—Yes, that was all my business—simply visiting them.

4493. Did you not say anything to them about the forthcoming election?—Yes ; I generally passed a free joke with them and told them we should want them again.

4494. I should be very glad if you would pass us a joke here. What did you say ?—I cannot exactly tell you that. I said so very much. At all events I asked them to support Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider.

4495. You joked with them about the election and asked them to support Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes; —something to that effect.

4496. Did they promise you pretty freely ?—Well, some odd ones did, and the others would not say anything. They would "see about it," and this, that, and the other, and so on.

4497. Did you treat them at all the first time ?—No, I was never in the habit of treating them much ; very little. Of course if I met them near a hotel I had a glass with them of something.

4498. You did not call them together to treat them? —No.

4499. Not at any time between this first time and the election?—You mean this last election, do you not?

4500. Yes ?—I do not remember ever calling them together to any inn.

4501. Or anywhere ?—Or anywhere, to the best of my recollection. I might meet with them at an inn and so on, but not to call a body of them together.

4502. It was only when you met anyone casually ? —Yes.

4503. Did you receive any money for this election ? —Yes.

4504. From whom ?—From Mr. Henry Welch.

4505. When did you receive the first sum?—I do not know. I cannot refresh my memory. I think I met him in the street in Lancaster, and he asked me how matters were going on. He simply said this : "You will want some money," and I said, "Oh, no, "not at present. I have enough money of my own, "sufficient to carry me on. I will see you again."

4506. Did you receive any money from him at that time ?—Yes; I received a few pounds, but I cannot exactly say what it was. It might be 10*l.* or something like that at that time.

4507. How many weeks before the election was that ?—I should say it was not more than a day or two previous to the election ; that is, to the best of my recollection.

4508. What money you had spent before that was out of your own pocket ?—Yes.

4509. About how much had you spent before that ? —I cannot say.

4510. Give it to me quite roughly.—I will tell you how it was : when I went out of a morning I counted my money, and when I got back at night I took an account of what I had spent—that is, in refreshments.

4511. You must see that that conveys no information to us; I only want to know about how much money you spent before this ?—Perhaps 3*l.* or 4*l.*, but I cannot say exactly; I should not say it was more, and scarcely that.

4512. What was the next sum you received from Mr. Welch ?—50*l.*

4513. When was that ?—On the day of the election, something like 11 o'clock in the morning.

4514. Did you ever at any time receive any other sum from Welch except these two sums of 10*l.* and 50*l.*?—I do not recollect as ever I did.

4515. What did you do with the money received ; to whom did you pay it ?—First there was a person of the name of Davis—he lives in Ellel, I think ; he came and said, Would I give such a person 10*l.* ? "What is it for ?" said I ; and he said, "For his vote."

4516. (*Mr. Hill.*) Davis is not a voter?—No; I said, "I shall not give anything like such extravagant "sums ; but if you want 10*l.* I will give you 10*l.*, "and you can do what you think proper with it."

4517. That is what you said to Davis ?—Yes.

4518. I suppose that you would rather that Davis should be guilty of the sin of extravagance than you ? —I had not anything at all to do with it, not any more than giving him the money.

4519. Did you give it to him ?—I did.

4520. What did he do with it ?—I do not know, and did not ask him ; I have not seen the man since, and he was something like a stranger to myself.

4521. Do you remember the name of the man for whom he asked for the money?—It struck me it was a Parker, of Dolphinholme; but I did not see Parker.

4522. Mathew Parker, of Dolphinholme, joiner ?—No ; Mathew did not vote, I think. There was John Parker, a farmer, and there was Mathew Parker, and another ; I do not know his name.

4523. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was it Thomas Parker, of Dolphinholme, joiner ?—Yes, that is the man.

4524. That was 10*l.* What did you do with the rest of the money ?—I gave 6*l.* to John Richmond.

4525. Was that for himself or for a voter ?—For his vote; he never asked me for anything for his vote. He voted, and afterwards I gave him the money. Then there was William Richmond, a gamekeeper, 6*l.*

4526. Was that for his vote ?—Of course if he had not voted I should not have given it to him.

4527. Whose gamekeeper is he ?—He goes by the name of Gamekeeper. I think he formerly was agent for the Duke of Hamilton, but since then he is dead.

4528. A dog breaker ; is that the man ?—Yes ; he was something of that sort.

4529. Now give us the next ?—Richard Richmond —I gave 6*l.* to him.

4530. Does he live at Forton ?—Yes, I think he lives in Forton, but I am not sure.

4531. Anyone else ?—Yes ; 6*l.* to a man whose name I think is Thomas Richmond of Dolphinholme.

4532. A roller coverer ?—Yes; that is the man.

4533. Did you pay him after the election in the

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same way?—Yes; all those four Richmonds never asked me anything, but they came to the poll, and I met them afterwards, and I gave them this money.

4534. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Any other voters?—Yes. I cannot exactly say to a pound; it was not more than 6*l.*, at all events, it might be less, I cannot say, I have forgotten, to a person of the name of Henry Ball; I cannot say exactly how much, but it was not more than 6*l.*

4535. Anyone else?—Yes; to a man who is the last on the list as a freeman.

4536. J. D. Yeates?—Yes; I gave it to his wife. I cannot exactly say what it was, whether it was 5*l.*, 5*l.* 10*s.*, or 6*l.* It was just in the hurry of the moment on the day of the election. I gave it to his wife; I did not see him.

4537. I think 6*l.* seems to have been about your price. We may take it that it was 6*l.*?—Yes; 6*l.* was about my price. I would not go any more.

4538. Was that the last?—No; I gave 3*l.* to a man of the name of James Birkett.

4539. James Birkett, junior, of Over Wyresdale?—Yes, that is the man—3*l.* to him.

4540. How does it happen that he only got 3*l.*?—I do not know. I met him in the street, and he said he thought he should have some trifle for his trouble, and I gave him 3*l.*, and he appeared perfectly satisfied with it.

4541. That was after he had voted?—Yes. I did not pay any before they had voted.

4542. Anyone else?—Joseph Threlfall; it strikes me it was 4*l.*; but I am not quite positive.

4543. Is that Joseph Threlfall of Conder Street?—Yes, I told you I did not pay any before voting; I beg pardon, I gave it him before voting, but he did not ask me for anything. I gave it to him voluntarily.

4544. How much?—I think 4*l.*, but I am not sure.

4545. He voted for Schneider and Lawrence?—Yes.

4546. Was that all?—What does that make?

4547. Never mind what it makes?—The remainder was for sundry expenses.

4548. That is about it. Now, with respect to this Threlfall; where did you see him first?—You mean Joseph Threlfall, of Conder Green.

4549. Yes. When did you first see him about his vote?—I met him the day before the election, on what they call Conder Green, as I was coming to Lancaster.

4550. Did you canvass him?—I simply stopped him and said, "Can I get a vote of you this time?" and he said, "You know how I am situated, I live "under Mr. Starkey, and I do not wish to offend him, "and I am afraid I cannot give you one."

4551. What did you say upon that?—"Well," I said, says I, "consider the matter, and I will see you to-morrow in Lancaster." He asked me at what time, and I arranged a day for him, and met him; and that was something like 12 o'clock.

4552. Did you meet him?—I did.

4553. At that time had he polled?—No.

4554. What did you say to him?—I asked him if he had considered the thing over, and he said "Yes;" and he said, says he, "I will give you one, but I must give the other to Mr. Lawrence."

4555. Did you make any agreement with him then as to what you would pay him?—No, I put my hand into my pocket, and I think I gave him four sovereigns. He did not ask me for anything, and I said, "Now," says I, "go and vote for Mr. Schneider, and never mind Mr. Fenwick."

4556. Why did you ask him to vote for Mr. Schneider?—Because I thought we were safe of carrying Mr. Fenwick, and I had doubts about Mr. Schneider, and so I selected him as my man.

4557. (*Mr. Newton.*) When you met Mr. Welch in the street, what did you talk about with him as to the election?—He was simply asking me how I thought we stood in our locality.

4558. And then he gave you the 50*l.*?—No; I went on the day of the election at about 11 o'clock to him and I asked him, I think, to the best of my recollection, for 30*l.*; and he said, Well," will that do for you?" and I said, "Will you give me 50*l.*"

4559. When you went to him what did you say to him when you first saw him?—You mean when he gave me the 50*l.*?

4560. You say you went and saw him, and he gave you 50*l.*?—Yes.

4561. What did you say to him then?—I told him I wanted a little money.

4562. Did you say what for?—No, he never asked me.

4563. I suppose he knew well enough what you wanted it for?—He was well aware of that, and he said, "What will do for you?" and I said, "Give me 30*l.*"

4564. He knew perfectly well that you were going to buy votes?—I do not know whether he did or not I am sure. He was well aware, you know, that money was wanted.

4565. Were you employed in the election in 1864 as a captain, or in any way?—Yes. I did not exactly spend that, I took him something back again.

4566. You do not understand my question. Were you employed as a captain or in looking after voters in the election which took place between Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Saunders in 1864?—No, I do not know that any person did employ me; I went voluntarily.

4567. Did you volunteer this time?—Yes.

4568. Then you were employed in the same way in 1864 as you were at this time?—Yes.

4569. Did you pay voters in 1864?—Yes, to a small amount, but very trifling.

4570. What was the average price in 1864?—You mean at Fenwick and Saunders's election?

4571. Yes?—Perhaps 20*s.* or 25*s.*; I should say I never gave more than 30*s.*; I should think not.

4572. You gave no such extravagant price as we have heard of here?—No, I never gave anything of that sort: I never gave more than 6*l.* to any person in my life to my recollection.

4573. You seem to have got them cheap?—I always went among good sample, you know.

4574. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say the average price was from 20*s.* to 30*s.* in 1864?—It did not exceed that, but I was never paid for anything; in fact I never looked for it.

4575. (*Mr. Newton.*) We have been told that 13*l.* was paid for a vote?—Well, I cannot speak to that, but what I state is the truth.

4576. I only want to know how you got your voters cheaper than the others did?—I do not know indeed. I did not bargain with them. I gave them what I thought proper, and they appeared to be perfectly satisfied. Some of them I gave 6*l.* to. That is William Richmond; he said, says he, "A person "named Nelson came last night and offered me a "10*l.* note to vote for Lawrence;" a person of the name of Nelson, from Craig, he is—Ellel.

4577. He offered him 10*l.* you said?—Yes, he offered him 10*l.* I said, says I, "What did you say "to him, William?" He said, says he, "Do you "suppose for a moment that I am going to sell my "principles at these years?"

4578. That is at his time of life?—Yes.

4579. What is his age?—As I have previously told you, he was a kind of a keeper or dog-breaker, but since then he is dead. He was in a very poor state of health at that time.

4580. What answer did you make to him?—I did not make him any answer. I was perfectly satisfied with what he said.

4581. And then you gave him 6*l.*?—No, I did not.

4582. You promised it to him?—No, I did not promise him anything, and he did not ask me for anything.

4583. Then what made you do it? Did you put your hand in your breeches pocket and chink the money?—No, I did not chink the money in my pocket.

4584. Did either of the other captains say anything

to you?—No, there was four of them, and they never named money to me in any way. They all told me that they had had the other parties offering money very freely.

4585. Then the house of Richmond was not to be bought?—They are a better sample than that.

4586. Did Ball say anything about the other side?—Yes, he told me he had 20*l.* offered for his vote.

4587. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did he say who by?—Yes, he told me, but I really forget who it was.

4588. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did the other man, "Yeates," say?—I had not any conversation with him. I met his wife, you see, and gave it to her.

4589. You merely gave it to him because he had voted right?—Of course.

4590. Did he always vote right; did he vote right in 1864?—No, he said he had made a mistake in 1864, and voted for Saunders.

4591. When did he tell you that?—I cannot exactly say. It may have been a few days before the election or something.

4592. Did he express his intention of voting right this time?—No, not exactly; he said that his father was very much opposed to that sort of politics.

4593. Schneider and Fenwick?—Yes, and he did not wish to offend his father; he said he was got an old man and he wished to give him his wish.

4594. Did he offend his father by his vote?—I do not know, I have not seen him since or spoke to him.

4595. You merely dropped the 6*l.* into his wife's hand?—Yes, something like 6*l.*; I cannot exactly say; it might be less; but it was not over 6*l.*; I do not recollect the amount or else I would tell you.

4596. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who was looking after these voters and seeing them besides yourself?—I in general went alone; but on one occasion I had a person of the name of Rawes with me.

4597. Was Rawes making reports to you, or did he come and tell you how matters were going on?—No, I met with him and he asked me what part I was taking, and I told him, and he said I will accompany you,

4598. Davis also saw some voters did he not?—He told me he was looking after the voters, as Mr. Welch had wished him to do it.

4599. Who is Davis?—He is a farmer in Ellel.

4600. Is he there now?—For anything I know he is. I should not know the man if I was to meet him now, he was a complete stranger to me, but I was along with him with Mr. Welch previously, and I thought he was all right.

4601. You had seen him with Mr. Welch?—Yes.

4602. And that was the reason why you trusted him with the 10*l.*?—Yes.

4603. Who else saw these Richmonds besides yourself?—I do not know, I cannot speak positively to that; I never was with them when any other person was there besides myself.

4604. But you would hear?—They told me that they had had Mr. Lamb.

4605. On your side?—No, against us.

4606. But who else saw them on your side?—I do not think anyone went near them, I think not.

4607. Who else had seen Yeates besides yourself?—I never saw any other person.

4608. Who was looking them up as well as yourself?—In that district?

4609. Yes?—Well, I might meet Henry Simpson.

4610. These others were seeing the voters as well as yourself in that district?—Yes, of course.

4611. And were arranging with them about their votes?—I cannot say what they did, I can only speak for myself.

4612. You have no doubt, however, that they were arranging about their votes?—I cannot speak to that.

4613. You do not mean to say you have really any doubt about it?—I think if they had not been they would not have been there.

4614. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you tell us who you consider to have been the Conservative captain of that district?—You mean for Forton?

4615. The same district that you had?—Who was on the other side?—A person of the name of Rothwell of Foxholes; he is not a freeman. I saw him and was in company with him at different times, and a person of the name of Robert Lawson, a land surveyor here in Lancaster.

4616. Did you see anyone else on the other side?—Not to the best of my recollection.

4617. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is the Christian name of Mr. Nelson, of Craig?—I do not know; it is Nelson of Cragg Ellel. There is only him in Ellel of that name.

4618. Is he a voter?—Yes.

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4619. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Margaret Street, Lancaster.

4620. What are you?—A draper.

4621. Have you been in court while Mr. Lawson has been examined?—Yes, the whole of the time.

4622. We have heard that you went to him?—On one occasion, on the nomination night.

4623. What were you?—I do not know what I was I am sure, I can scarcely tell you that; I suppose they put me down as a captain, if you like to call me so, but I do not know that I was one.

4624. In what district?—The district I went through was called Dolphinholme Lower Wyresdale.

4625. When did you first go there?—I believe, as nearly as I can remember, I went on the 13th of June with two gentlemen from Lancaster.

4626. Who were those two gentlemen?—Mr. William Welch and Mr. William Towers.

4627. Where did you go to?—To Dolphinholme and to the "Fleece Inn" there, that was the first place we went to; from there we went across the fields to a man named Davis.

4628. When you got to the "Fleece Inn" did you find any voter there?—No, we went across the fields to farmer named Davis; I do not know the name of the place, but the farmer's name is Davis.

4629. Who did you find at Mr. Davis's farm?—As near as I can remember we saw nobody but his wife. Some of us asked for Mr. Davis, and I think his wife said he was somewhere in the fields, if I remember right, and that she would fetch him. However, we saw him.

4630. When you saw him what conversation took place between you?—I think there was a little said about furthering the cause of Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider, as far as I can remember; I think that was the principal subject, and we presumed that he had an influence in the district and that he would exercise that influence for the benefit of the members; I think that is all.

4631. Did anything pass between you as to the payment of money?—Not a word.

4632. Not a word was mentioned about money?—No; I kept aloof from all that.

4633. Did you see anybody else at that place that day?—Yes, we saw the landlord of the "Fleece."

4634. Was he a voter?—No.

4635. Did you see any voters?—Not one, to my knowledge; not there. In fact I am sure of it.

4636. Did you arrange to take the "Fleece" Inn that day?—I believe we did arrange to take it; at least we arranged with the landlord not to let it without seeing Mr. Welch.

4637. What is the landlord's name?—I forget it. I ought to know it very well, but I do not remember it at this moment.

4638. You did not hire the "Fleece?"—No, we did not, I believe.

4639. Did you hire any inn at all there?—No; there are only two in the village.

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4640. And they were both taken by the other side?—I do not think the "Fiddle" was taken at all. It is a very scanty place, and there are but two public-houses in it.

4641. When was the next time you went over?—I believe the next time was when I went during the time the members were canvassing. I think I went with them also.

4642. Did you see any electors then?—Yes, we saw two.

4643. Was anything said about money on that occasion?—Not a word was mentioned at all. The subject was never broached at all.

4644. Did you go again?—On the night of the nomination, but I did not go up as far as there; I only went to Dolphinholme the night of the nomination. I think that was the furthest place we went to. The day I went with the members along with other gentlemen we went a little further. We went another way altogether.

4645. Where did you go to on the day of the nomination?—I went to the "Fleece," and from there to Dolphinholme.

4646. Who did you see at the "Fleece?"—It was of no use. The house was taken by the Tories. We had not a shadow of chance; we could not get in. They would not even let us put our horses up.

4647. Where did you go from there?—To Dolphinholme, and Mr. Birchall called to see one or two voters there.

4648. Was anything said about money to those two voters you have mentioned?—I did not hear anything. Mr. Birchall, I think, had known them very well before. I kept aloof; I did not want to hear anything about money.

4649. Did you see Mr. Henry Welch that evening?—Yes.

4650. Where did you see him?—I saw him in the committee room at the "Queen's Hotel."

4651. Was that before you went over?—Yes; about half-past 4 I saw him, Mr. Blades, and Mr. Wearing all in one room.

4652. Did they give you any directions?—No, they did not give me any direction at all. I suppose it was left to my own discretion what I was to do.

4653. You were to do what?—I suppose to look after voters and to go about the district; at least I take it for granted it was so.

4654. Did they give you any money?—Yes.

4655. Was that the first money you had ever received?—It was the first money I ever touched in my life belonging to an election.

4656. What did they give you?—20*l.*

4657. Who was it that gave it to you; was it Mr. Welch?—I think it was; I could not swear it, but I think so.

4658. Was it in gold?—In gold.

4659. Then you went off to Dolphinholme?—Yes; I met Mr. Birchall on the road.

4660. What was the next time that you received any money?—About half-past 11 on the day of the election.

4661. How much did you receive then?—20*l.* in gold.

4662. From whom?—Mr. Welch, I think.

4663. When was the next time you received any money?—I got no more. I did not want any more.

4664. You had only 40*l.*?—No, that was all.

4665. How did you spend that 40*l.*?—I returned 24*l.* 6*s.* of it.

4666. What was the first payment you made?—In what respect?

4667. What was the first payment you made out of the 40*l.*?—I do not understand you exactly.

4668. You received 20*l.* the night before the election?—Yes.

4669. You received 20*l.* the following morning, and now I ask how you disposed of that?—On the night of the nomination Mr. Birchall and I went round to a place called Kirkhams and Forton.

4670. What did you do there?—I did nothing. I left Mr. Birchall there to stay all night. I went home and went to bed. Next morning I went by the first train to the "Bay Horse" station, and there I met Mr. Davis and a man called Parker and a man called Towers, and I think there were two or three women.

4671. I am asking you first when you paid any of this money?—I shall come to it presently. I gave 15*l.* to a woman who came with us to get the two voters, Towers and Parker. I gave it to her in three 5*l.* notes.

4672. Who was the woman?—I cannot tell you who the woman was.

4673. Do you know the woman or not?—No, I do not.

4674. You gave it to a woman?—Yes.

4675. What did she ask you for?—Nothing. I put it into her hand and said, "Give that to Parker and Towers."

4676. Had the woman been with Parker and Towers before?—I think she had.

4677. Did she seem to be a friend of theirs?—Yes, I think she was.

4678. What made you give that money to Parker and Towers?—Because they were voters. I brought them and had them to pay.

4679. Why had you them to pay?—Because, like the rest of the voters, I supposed they would want money to vote.

4680. Did you talk to them about paying them?—I think that when I saw Parker he gave me to understand that he would want money, and I said we would pay as well as the others. He said he had not got paid by the Conservatives before.

4681. No sum was mentioned?—No.

4682. (*Mr. Hill.*) Had he voted for the Conservatives before?—I think he had, as near as I can remember.

4683. He said he had not been paid by the other side before, and therefore he would not vote for them again?—I think it was something to that effect.

4684. Did he say that if he voted for you he must have something?—Not directly. He gave me to understand so.

4685. What did he say?—"You will pay as well as the other side," or something like that, and I said, "Yes," words to that effect. I cannot remember the exact words.

4686. Did you then make any arrangement as to the price?—No.

4687. Then it was entirely voluntary on your part that you gave him the 7*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, exactly so.

4688. Did you tell him that he should have 7*l.* 10*s.*?—No, I did not.

4689. What was your conversation with Towers?—I had no conversation at all with Towers.

4690. Why did you give the woman money to give to Towers, unless Towers knew that he was to have it?—Because I understood I was to pay them, having taken them from the "Bay Horse."

4691. Were you to pay every voter that came from the "Bay Horse?"—We had only two from there.

4692. You were to pay both of those 7*l.* 10*s.* each?—Yes.

4693. Who told you that?—I did it according to my own discretion from the money I had. Nobody told me to do it.

4694. Who told you that you were to pay these two voters?—No one told me.

4695. How did you know that they would vote for you?—They had voted.

4696. But they might have voted without your paying them?—I do not think they would do that exactly.

4697. At what time did you give the money?—About quarter-past 9.

4698. They had been there and voted when you gave them the money?—I took them to vote.

4699. Do you know Towers's Christian name?—I do not know his Christian name. I think he lives at Dolphinholme.

4700. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was William Welch with you this morning ?—No.

4701. Did you ever tell him that you had paid Towers any money ?—No, I never said anything to him about it.

4702. It was proved to us yesterday that William Welch had paid John Towers money. Is that the same man that you paid ?—I do not know. I presume he would be.

4703. Then he got paid twice ?—I presume he would.

4704. You do not know his Christian name ?—No, I do not.

4705. You believe it was John Towers ?—I do not know. I never saw the man before or since.

4706. And there was no conversation between you and him before this payment to the woman ?—No, not the slightest.

4707. And you do not know the woman's name ?—No, I do not.

4708. Do you know Parker's Christian name ?—No, I do not. He is a joiner.

4709. You have now accounted for 15*l.* What became of the remainder of the money ; what was the next payment that you made ?—I made no other payments, only 14*s.* expenses.

4710. Is that all the money ?—Yes.

4711. And have you paid the balance back to Mr. Welch ?—Yes.

4712. When did you do that ?—On the 22nd of July.

4713. In the course of your canvass, and when you were going about, did you come across the captain on the enemy's side ?—No ; I do not think that I did. I do not remember having done so. I think I did not.

4714. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have not spoken to William Welch on the subject of the two persons you paid ?—No, I have not.

4715. You do not know whether the Towers you paid was the same person that William Welch paid ?—I think he would be.

4716. He has had 17*l.* 10*s.*, then, altogether ?—I do not know what he has had, but I know I gave the money in the "Bear and Staff" to pay the two voters that came with us.

Josiah Ball sworn and examined.

4717. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A coal dealer.

4718. Living in Lancaster ?—Yes.

4719. Are you a Liberal ?—Yes.

4720. Were you a captain at the last election ?—Along with William Jackson.

4721. Over what district ?—Scotforth.

4722. Which Jackson was it that you were captain with ?—William Jackson, of the "Boot and Shoe," Scotforth.

4723. Was John Welch also looking after that district with you ?—I saw John Welch there.

4724. When did you first visit your district ?—I think it would be perhaps 10 days or a fortnight before the election took place.

4725. Did you meet voters there ?—I suppose there would be part voters there and part non-voters.

4726. Did you have a meeting there ?—We met there.

4727. Where ?—At the "Boot and Shoe," in Scotforth.

4728. Were the candidates with you on that occasion ?—No.

4729. Only your brother captains ?—Only those.

4730. Was there a large meeting of the electors ?—Yes ; pretty fair, I think.

4731. You addressed the meeting, I suppose ?—No, we did not address the meeting at all.

4732. You addressed them separately ?—Yes.

4733. You put forth the claims of your candidates ?—Yes.

4734. In a political and pecuniary point of view ?—Yes.

4735. Afterwards had you any separate conversation with any of them as to the price of votes upon that occasion ?—I had, with three only.

4736. Who were those three ?—The first was James Row, his brother William, and Isaac Winder.

4737. What was said to James Row about the price of his vote ?—Nothing was said until the nomination day.

4738. There was nothing said at these times about a specific price ?—No, nothing at all. Nothing was mentioned about it.

4739. What monies did you receive for the purposes of that election ?—I received, I think, about 70*l.*

4740. Was that from Mr. Henry Welch ?—Yes.

4741. When was the first sum ?—The first sum was on the 11th of July, I think.

4742. How much was that ?—That would be the nomination day.

4743. How much ?—I think it was 50*l.*

4744. What was the next sum you received ?—The next was on the election day ; 20*l.* I think it was—it was thereabouts—18*l.* or 20*l.*, I forget which.

4745. Did you receive anything for expenses ?—Yes ; I received about a fortnight before the election a small sum of 10*s.* or 1*l.*

4746. How much did you receive altogether ?—Altogether about 3*l.*

4747. Before the election ?—Yes.

4748. For election expenses how much shall I put down ?—About 3*l.*

4749. That was all you received, was it ?—Yes.

4750. Of any sort or kind ?—Yes.

4751. 3*l.*, 50*l.*, and 20*l.* ?—Yes.

4752. Making altogether 73*l.* or thereabouts ?—Yes.

4753. You say you laid out for expenses before the election about 3*l.* ?—About 3*l.*

4754. What was the next money that you paid ?—I paid 12*l.* to Isaac Winder.

4755. Was that for his vote ?—Yes.

4756. What is Mr. Winder ?—A joiner.

4757. Where at ?—At the "Pointer," in the township of Scotforth.

4758. In what position of life is he ?—He is a working man.

4759. You gave him 12*l.* ?—Yes.

4760. Who is the next ?—William Smith Row, a printer.

4761. How much did you give him ?—12*l.*

4762. Then the next ?—James Row.

4763. What is he ?—He is a brushmaker.

4764. 12*l.* ?—Yes.

4765. Who is the next ?—I gave 3*l.* to George Jackson, of Scotforth.

4766. What is he ?—I think he is a blacksmith.

4767. How came he only to have 3*l.* ?—I cannot say.

4768. How did he vote ?—He voted all right.

4769. Did he fix the sum of 3*l.* or did you ?—I think he fixed it himself.

4770. Was it early in the day, or what ?—It was early in the morning.

4771. You can give me no particular reason why it was 3*l.* instead of 12*l.* ?—No, I cannot.

4772. Who was the next ?—The next was William Sharples, shoe maker, in Galgate. I gave 10*l.* to John Robinson for that voter.

4773. (*Mr. Newton.*) Robinson is not a voter ?—Yes, I think he is a voter.

4774. He is a householder ?—Yes, he will be a householder.

4775. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who is the next ?—The next is William Lawson, China Lane, 10*l.*

4776. What is he ?—I think he keeps a public-house in China Lane.

4777. He will be a householder ?—Yes.

4778. That was not for his house at all ?—No.

4779. Who was the next ?—The next was, I think,

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a man of the name of Richmond, to whom I gave 8*l.* 10*s.*, at least I gave it to Mr. Helme, junior, for his vote.

4780. What is Richmond's Christian name ?—N. G., I think.

4781. (*Mr. Newton.*) He voted Lawrence ?—No, he did not manage it well; he ran away after he had got the money I paid; he is a turncoat.

4782. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is Mr. Helme a voter ?—No.

4783. Are those the voters you paid ?—Yes; and then my expenses for refreshments would be about 6*l.* or 7*l.* altogether.

4784. For refreshment of voters ?—Yes, for voters.

4785. And personal refreshments ?—Yes, for their wives and so on, I gave them a good breakfast. The expenses for refreshment would be about 7*l.*, not more.

4786. That makes 77*l.* 10*s.* You say you received 73*l.*, where did you get the 4*l.* 10*s.* from ?—I said I thought I received about 70*l.*

4787. Where did you get the difference between 73*l.* and 73*l.* 10*s.* ?—I did not spend 77*l.* 10*s.*

4788. I make it so ?—It might not be as much as 7*l.* for refreshments. I cannot speak to a pound or two.

4789. You think it would about balance ?—Yes.

4790. If we make that 7*l.* which you put for refreshments 3*l.*, that would be right ?—Somewhere about 3*l.*—3*l.* or 4*l.*

4791. You did not pay any money out of your own pocket ?—I did at the early part.

4792. You were repaid ?—Yes.

4793. I may make this note—"The sums ought to balance, as I received all that I paid ?"—Yes.

4794. Besides that, did you receive anything for yourself, for your own trouble ?—No.

4795. Did you receive no remuneration at all ?—No; I should be very sorry to take anything of the sort.

4796. Who was the Conservative captain that you found opposed to you in your district ?—I heard of Mr. Quarne, the editor of the "Gazette," addressing the electors, and Mr. Halsted, a gardener.

4797. They were addressing the electors on the other side ?—Yes.

4798. Do you know any other names on the Conservative side who were active in that district ?—No, I do not remember any others.

W. Jackson.

WILLIAM JACKSON sworn and examined.

4799. (*Mr. Barstow*) What are you ?—I am a blacksmith by trade.

4800. Where ?—At Scotforth.

4801. Did you take an active part for the Liberal party at the late election ?—Yes, I did a little for them.

4802. What money did you receive from anybody for the purposes of the election ?—I received 30*l.* from Mr. Welch.

4803. When did you receive that ?—On the nomination day, in the morning.

4804. Is that all you received ?—No.

4805. What did you receive besides ?—I do not know exactly the amount; it was somewhere between 8*l.* and 9*l.*

4806. When did you receive that ?—About a month or five weeks after the election.

4807. That sum of 38*l.* or 39*l.* is the whole you received ?—Yes.

4808. How did you spend it ?—I gave it to voters.

4809. To whom ?—There was 10*l.* to James Birkett.

4810. What is he ?—A labourer.

4811. "Scotforth, wool comber ?"—Yes, that's the man.

4812. How much did you give to him ?—I did not give it to him, but I gave it to a person who gave it to his wife.

4813. To whom did you give it ?—Anthony Downham.

4814. Is there anyone else ?—Yes, George Marshall.

4815. Who is he ? Is it "George Marshall, Scotforth, farmer ?"—He would be down as a farmer. He is a poor man, and keeps a small piece of garden, and gets his living that way.

4816. How much did you give him ?—8*l.*

4817. Who is the next ?—George Jackson.

4818. What is he ?—He used to be a blacksmith at Scotforth.

4819. How much did you give him ?—3*l.*

4820. Who next ?—Joseph Kellsall.

4821. What is he ?—A farmer.

4822. How much did you give him ?—I cannot remember whether it was 1*l.* or 2*l.*, but it was either the one or the other.

4823. We must take a figure. What shall we say ?—You may take it as 1*l.*, but I will not be confident about it.

4824. Who next ?—I think that was all.

4825. Did you spend any money in expenses ?—Yes; I gave 10*s.* to Anthony Downham.

4826. What was the whole amount you spent in refreshments and the like ?—This 10*s.* was not for refreshments exactly. I gave it to Anthony Downham to fetch a voter from Boland.

4827. What was the voter's name ?—James Birkett.

4828. Did you pay anything else ?—Yes; there was another sum of 10*s.* I gave to a man of the name of Richard Hardman.

4829. What was that for ?—For refreshments and assisting the night before the election and during the election day.

4830. Is he a voter ?—No, he is not.

4831. Anyone else ?—No, I think that is the whole of the persons to whom I gave money.

4832. Did you spend any loose money in refreshments ?—Yes; I perhaps might spend 25*s.* or 30*s.*, but I cannot speak to a few shillings.

4833. What shall I write down ?—You may say 30*s.*

4834. Do you think that is all ?—Yes, I think it is.

4835. What became of the balance ?—I think that sum that I got from Welch, about five weeks after the election was for a committee room at my house.

4836. That is the 8*l.* ?—No, it was not all for that. He wanted to know what I should want for my trouble during the election, and I said I did not know. I did not like to name a figure; and he said "Will 5*l.* suit you ?" and I said "Yes, I shall be perfectly satisfied." That was about five weeks after the election.

4837. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much of the 8*l.* was for this, and how much for the committee room ?—I think I was told I was to have 4*l.* for the committee room.

4838. 4*l.* for the committee room and the balance for yourself ?—Yes.

4839. That is the account of all the money you received ?—Yes.

4840. Do you know anything about George Jackson having any other money besides this 8*l.* ?—No, I do not.

J. Welch.

JOHN WELCH sworn and examined.

4841. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live ?—At Scotforth.

4842. What are you ?—A farmer.

4843. We hear that you were captain of this district ?—I assisted in it.

4844. How much money did you receive from Mr. Henry Welch previous to the election ?—I received nothing before the election.

4845. How much did you receive after the election ?—2*l.*

4846. When ?—About three months after the election.

4347. What for ?—It was for money that I had expended for different parties.

4848. To repay you for what you had spent?—Yes; he asked me what I had expended.

4849. You had spent it in refreshments ?—Yes, at the different committee meetings we had.

4850. Are you a voter ?—Yes.

4851. (*Mr. Hill.*) This was in refreshments of voters ?—It was for refreshment at the different meetings we had.

4852. Of voters ?—Yes, of course of voters.

JAMES LAMB sworn and examined.

J. Lamb.

4853. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A shoemaker.

4854. Where ?—In Mary Street, Lancaster.

4855. Are you a labourer ?—Yes.

5856. Were you engaged at the last election ?—I assisted at the last election. I was not particularly engaged.

4857. Have you generally assisted at the elections previously ?—Yes.

4858. On the Liberal side ?—Yes.

4859. Since when ?—I really cannot tell you the year. Since the first time Mr. Gregson put up.

4860. That would be 1847 ?—Yes, it would be about that year.

4861. What moneys did you receive for the purposes of the last election ?—2*l.* 10*s.*

4862. From whom ?—Henry Welch.

4863. When, before or after the election ?—Before —and 10*s.* from Robert Blades.

4864. When was that ?—Before the election.

4865. Did you receive any other moneys ?—No.

4866. Not at all ?—No.

4867. 3*l.* was all the money you received for the purposes of the election?—Yes, that was all I received from any one.

4868. How did you spend it ?—I spent it in refreshments.

4869. In refreshments of voters?—Yes, of voters and myself.

4870. Where at?—At Caton, and other places in Lancaster as well.

4871. Anything more ?—I spent some of my own money.

4872. How much did you spend of your own money ?—Well, I could not exactly tell.

4873. Did you not receive it from the candidates, or anybody on their behalf ?—I have never received it yet.

4874. How much money did you so spend, about, should you think ?—I could not get nearer than somewhere about 10*l.*

4875. How did you spend that ?—Principally in refreshments and looking up votes.

4876. You mean by refreshments, payments of public-houses ?—Yes, payments of public-houses.

4877. And in the carriage of voters?—Yes.

4878. You spent about 10*l.* ?—Yes, that is the nearest I can get.

4879. Have you sent in your bill for that ? —Yes.

4880. To whom ?—I took it to Mr. Tilly, and he handed it over to Wright Wearing.

4881. Have you heard anything of it since ?—No.

4882. Have you applied for it ?—Yes.

4883. Have you not been paid for it ?—No.

4884. Did you make out a regular bill of it ?—Yes.

4885. Have you got a copy of it here ?—No.

4886. Can you bring us another copy of it ?—No, I cannot; I have not booked it.

4887. You cannot make a copy of it ?—No, not to make it correct.

4888. Did you put down item by item ?—No.

4889. Merely the sum of 10*l.* ?—Yes.

4890. Then you can make a copy of the total ?—Yes, I can make a copy of it.

4891. Did you not give to them the items ?—No.

4892. Did you ever make it out with the items ?—No.

4893. How do you know it comes to 10*l.* ?—I can only tell from my books at home what I had received and what I spent.

4894. You knew what money you ought to have in your pocket at the time ?—Yes.

4895. You put down all the money you receive and spent, except this ?—Yes.

4896. That is the only way you can arrive at it ?—Yes; 10*l.* is as near as I can possibly come to it.

4897. Have you talked to Wearing about it ?—Yes,

4898. Has he promised to pay it ?—No.

4899. Has he given you any hopes that it will be paid ?—No, he wanted to know who put my name down to work, and I said I could not give it.

4900. You were not one of those who partook of the cannibal feast of lamb and green peas, you were not one of those that were kept so long on lamb and green peas ?—No.

4901. At what houses did you spend this money ?—There was the "White Lion," the "King's Arms" in Chapel Street, and a number of different public-houses, but I cannot mention the names of them all.

4902. You must have had some good payments to make up the 10*l.* ?—I was canvassing from the first commencement.

4903. By canvassing you mean giving drink ?—Yes, giving drink, and being amongst the voters.

4904. Drink got further than the arguments ?—Yes, a good deal.

4905. When did you first send in your bill ?—I should think it would be about a few weeks after the election.

Adjourned for a short time.

JOSIAH BALL recalled.

J. Ball.

4906. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I believe there is some statement that you wish to correct ?—Yes, as to Mr. Richardson—Mr. Helme simply took him down to vote, I paid him the money myself.

4907. How was it that Richmond escaped your clutches, and ran away after receiving the money ?—Mr. Helme ought to have looked better after him.

4908. You paid him the money ?—Yes.

4909. And he slipped through Mr. Helme's fingers and voted for Lawrence ?—Yes, I also forgot to name that I had two runners that I paid 10*s.* a piece to.

4910. Who were those two ?—I cannot give you their names.

4911. They were not voters ?—No, they were not. Then, as to my expenses, I think you put them down twice over.

4912. (*Mr. Hill.*) I put down expenses before the election 3*l.*, and expenses for refreshment of voters 7*l.* ?—Not besides the 3*l.*, it ought to be only 4*l.*

4913. That will make your account still too much for the money you received—that was your account 75*l.* 10*s.*, so there is 2*l.* in excess of the sum you received ?—Then I am out of pocket that much.

4914. Or else you have had it?—No, I have not had it.

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Mr. ROBERT WILLIAMSON BLADES sworn and examined.

Mr. R. W. Blades.

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4915. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Dalton Square, Lancaster?—Yes.

4916. What is your occupation?—A joiner and builder.

4917. Are you brother to the gentleman of the same name who proposed Mr. Schneider?—I am.

4918. Have you been an active partizan at elections here?—I have.

4919. On the Liberal side?—On the Liberal side.

4920. At the last election we have been told you were captain?—I was, for Caton and Brookhouse.

4921. When did you receive your commission?—Perhaps 10 days before the election.

4922. From whom?—I believe Mr. Tilly, but I will not be certain.

4923. When did you visit your district first?—I resided there at the time.

4924. What money did you receive altogether; give us the gross sum?—65*l.* 18*s.*

4925. What was the first sum you received?—25*l.*

4926. Who was that from?—Mr. Welch.

4927. At what time was that?—The evening of the nomination.

4928. When was the next time you received?—Two or three days after the election.

4929. How much did you receive?—The balance.

4930. That is 40*l.* 18*s.*?—40*l.* 18*s.*

4931. What was the first money you spent?—32*s.*

4932. First of all, I will ask you what money you spent in bribery?—60*l.*

4933. Then the rest you spent in refreshments?—With the exception of a runner, 24*s.*, and Mr. James Lamb, 10*s.*

4934. What did you give James Lamb 10*s.* for?—I believe by Mr. Welch's orders for him to go over to Caton for some purpose or other.

4935. To whom did you pay money for their votes?—John Sherson.

4936. How much?—10*l.*

4937. Well?—Edward Hartley, of Brookhouse, a silk spinner, 10*l.*

4938. Now the next?—William Hartley, a silk spinner.

4939. The next?—Christopher Hartley, a wheelwright.

4940. The next?—James Hartley of Caton, wheelwright; all the others had 10*l.*

4941. Anyone else?—Richard Gudgeon, 10*l.*; Edward Masheder, of Caton Miller, 5*l.*

4942. (*Mr. Hill.*) How did he vote?—He voted for Lawrence and Schneider.

4943. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Anybody else?—No.

4944. How did James Hartley vote?—He voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

4945. Had you any conversation with Masheder about his vote?—Yes.

4946. When was that?—On two or three occasions.

4947. Take the last before he voted?—I do not know anything in particular, he spoke about a cow being dead.

4948. Tell us anything that he said to you about payment for his vote?—I do not know that he said anything, but that he was a poor man, that he had had a cow that was dead, and that he would require money.

4949. Did he say anything to you about having promised the other side?—One vote only.

4950. What did you say upon that?—I asked him if he could give me his other vote.

4951. Upon that what did he say?—He said he would.

4952. Did he say he would, or did you make him an offer for it?—I did not.

4953. Did he ask you for which Liberal candidate you wished him to vote?—Yes, I told him who I wished him to vote for.

4954. Did you make it a condition of his receiving 5*l.* that he should vote for Schneider?—No, I said I would pay him.

4955. You did not say more than that you would pay him if he voted for Schneider?—Yes, if he voted for Schneider.

4956. I suppose you would not have paid him if he had voted for Fenwick?—No, I would not.

4957. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is that so?—Yes.

4958. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Whom do you consider to have been the conservative captain of this district?—I really do not know.

4959. Did you never hear?—No, I never heard.

4960. Did you never see any Conservatives going about there canvassing?—No.

4961. Have you received anything by way of remuneration for your trouble?—No, not anything.

4962. You received 68*l.* 18*s.* and you have accounted for 61*l.* 14*s.*, what became of the balance?—The refreshments were 4*l.* 4*s.*

4963. That is 4*l.* 4*s.* plus the sum you have already mentioned?—Yes.

4964. (*Mr. Hill.*) Refreshments to voters?—Yes, that includes breakfasts, and also hay and corn for the horses, lodgings for the drivers, and the toll bar.

4965. For voters and carriage?—Yes.

4966. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When did you pay these men, before or after they had voted?—Some before and some after, and some half before and the rest after they had voted.

4967. Did any of those that you paid vote the other way?—No, they did not, I polled all that promised me.

T. Bradley.

THOMAS BRADLEY sworn and examined.

4968. (*Mr Newton.*) What are you?—A tin-plate worker.

4969. Are you a freeman or a householder?—A householder.

4970. Were you captain of the district?—Yes.

4971. Of which district?—Of Church Street district.

4972. When were you first made captain of that district?—Well, I cannot tell the date, perhaps it may be ten or twelve days before the election.

4973. By whom were you appointed?—There was a committee meeting but I did not attend it, I did not wish to have anything to do with it, but I had been on the same district several elections previously.

4974. You must know who made you captain?—No, I do not, they brought me a paper.

4975. You were made captain at a meeting?—Yes, but I was not at the meeting.

4976. How much money did you receive altogether?—68*l.*

4977. From whom did you receive it; was it all from one person or from different people?—From Henry Welch.

4978. When first did you receive any money?—On the 1st of July I received 2*l.*, on the 10th of July 3*l.*, on the night of the nomination I received 25*l.*, and on the morning of the election 38*l.*, that is all.

4979. What did you receive that money for?—Well, for general purposes to carry on the election I suppose.

4980. To buy voters?—They did not say what I was to do with it.

4981. They knew what you were to do with it?—They thought I understood the business.

4982. How did you spend it?—On the 1st of July, not exactly on that morning, but I spent, previously to the election, the 5*l.* I had received.

4983. When was the first payment that you made?—I do not know whether it was the same evening or not that I called the voters together and gave them some refreshment.

4984. Where at?—At the "Golden Ball," in Saint Nicholas Street.

4985. How much was spent there?—Well, I could not tell to a few shillings. I should say better than a pound. I could not tell exactly.

4986. May we call it 1*l.* 5*s* ?—I could not tell to a few shillings; indeed there was not a great deal spent there.

4987. Perhaps it will be better if you will tell us the whole amount that you paid for refreshments? —5*l.*

4988. Altogether?—Yes, previous to the election.

4989. What did you do with the remaining 62*l.* ?—I paid the voters.

4990. Who did you pay?—I paid Bryan Cumpsty, of Anchor Street, tailor.

4991. How much did you pay him?—10*l.* He said he would not vote for less, as his master (that was Mr. George Pease, a master tailor) had promised him that amount.

4992. On the other side?—Yes; or he had promised to vote for 8*l.*

4993. Who was the next man you paid?—William Cumpsty, his son, 10*l.* He said he could get it on the opposite side if I would not give it.

4994. Who else?—Thomas Cumpsty, another son.

4995. How much?—10*l.* William Bleasdale, a joiner, Market Street, 8*l.* Allen Kirk; a cabinetmaker, 5*l.* for his vote and two weeks services in delivering out circulars and voting papers.

4996. (*Mr. Hill.*) Only 5*l.* altogether?—That is all.

4997. That included his services?—Yes.

4998. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who else?—Enoch Monks, Cheapside.

4999. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is he a householder?—Yes.

5000. How much did you pay him?—10*l.* He had agreed to vote for 8*l.*, but the other party had been at him, and offered him 10*l.*, and so he changed his mind.

5001. You raised your price?—I was obliged to or else lose my man.

5002. Can you mention anybody else?—Yes, Samuel Taylor, a tin-plate worker, in Church Street.

5003. How much?—5*l.*

5004. Anybody else?—Henry Berry, a householder.

5005. Where does he live?—In Church Street.

5006. How much did you pay him?—5*l.*

5007. That is all?—That is all.

5008. Had all these men promised you before?—They did, and all did vote.

5009. Did any men promise you their votes who did not vote, but had been got at by the enemy?—No.

5010. Do you know a man named Kirby?—Yes.

5011. Did you ever pay him anything?—If I did it was out of this money that I received for refreshment.

5012. You have accounted for all the money you received. You received 68*l.* and you have given us an account of the payment of 68*l.* ?—But it was amongst this money that I had received for refreshments. I gave him money to give the voters something to refresh themselves.

5013. Did you spend any money yourself out of your own pocket?—I think I did, but I could not tell what; I think it would not be much, if it was any.

5014. How much would you say?—I do not know. I had money in my pocket at the time. I should think it would be under 1*l.*

5015. Then if Kirby had been paid he would have been paid out of the 5*l.* for expenses?—Yes.

5016. Might Welch have paid it?—I do not know, I cannot tell that. I can only give an account of the money I received myself.

5017. Who was the Conservative captain on your beat?—I do not know.

5018. Did you never come across him or see him?—No, I do not remember it.

5019. I do not know whether you have told me whether you paid these men before or after they had voted?—After they had voted; I never paid a man before he had voted.

5020. (*Mr. Hill.*) In what position was this Enoch Monks?—He keeps a clogger's shop in Cheapside.

5021. What sort of a house does he live in?—I think they live at the back of the shop; it is only a very small place rented at about 20*l.* I should think as near as I can guess.

5022. How came Allen Kirk to receive only 5*l.* for all his services and everything?—Well, I do not know; we bought them as low as we possibly could.

5023. How came he to take so little when others were getting so mue hmore?—I do not know I am sure. I asked him if it would satisfy him and he said yes.

5024. How came Henry Barrow, a householder, to take 5*l.* only instead of asking for 10*l.* ?—I offered him 5*l.* I asked him if it would satisfy him and he said yes.

5025. What sort of a house does he keep?—He keeps a shop; he is a stonemason by trade; his wife looks after the business. I do not suppose he has anything to spare.

5026. He is not very well off?—No.

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5027. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A cabinetmaker.

5028. Where do you live?—In Damside Street.

5029. Are you a Liberal?—Yes.

5030. And were you engaged as a captain at the last election?—Yes.

5031. Over what district?—The Green Area district.

5032. And you were appointed at this meeting of the Liberal committee?—Yes.

5033. In company with Mansergh Bell, Mr. Fothergill, and William Shaw?—Mansergh Bell, and Mr. Fothergill, but not William Shaw.

5034. What money did you receive at the last election; tell me first of all the sum you received, from whom, and at what date?—For preliminary expenses probably it would be a sovereign, from Mr. Welch.

5035. At what date?—That might be a fortnight or three weeks before the election.

5036. What was the next sum you received?—It would be perhaps 2*l.* or 3*l.*; I cannot recollect exactly the sum, but it was close previous to the election; I should think I should get the short side of 10*l*; it would be under 10*l.*

5037. Then other sums, previous to the election, 9*l.* ?—Yes.

5038. Making altogether, before the election, 10*l.* ?—Yes.

5039. Now, then we come, to what other sums you received?—On the nomination day, at night, I received some money.

5040. The evening of July the 11th?—Yes.

5041. What did you receive then?—100*l.*

5042. From Henry Welch?—Yes.

5043. What was the next sum you received?—I did not receive any other.

5044. Then was 110*l.* the total sum you received for that election?—Yes.

5045. You did not receive anything after the election?—No.

5046. Now we will come to the sums which you spent if you please. What sums did you spend before the election?—They were chiefly for refreshments at public-houses.

5047. To what amount?—To the amount of 10*l.*

5048. For voters and yourself, is that so?—Yes.

5049. What other sums did you spend?—None previous to the election. I think the first sum I paid would be to William Kitchen, he is down for Leonard Gate, a labourer. I think he is on the register.

5050. How much did you give him?—I think I gave

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him 9*l.* ; his vote was 10*l.*, but he made an arrangement with another man that got the other sovereign.

5051. But you gave him for his vote 10*l.* ?—No, 9*l.*, and the other man I gave a sovereign to.

5052. For himself 9*l.*, and for the other man how much ?—The other 1*l.*, making the 10*l.*

5053. To whom did you give the 1*l.* ?—Edward Gardner.

5054. Was that for bringing him up ?—For some outlay or some arrangement they had made. I do not know what it was.

5055. What is the next sum you will give me as having paid ?—The next sum would be paid to Richard Garth.

5056. What is Richard Garth ?—A shoemaker.

5057. Where does he live ?—I think he is on for Germany Street.

5058. How much did you give Richard Garth ?—5*l.*

5059. How came he only to have 5*l.* ?—Well, I fancy he had received a little more from another source. I think so.

5060. He had received something from whom ?—I do not know that he had done so, but I think he would.

5061. From whom ?—I do not know, I think he would be put on as a "time" man or something.

5062. How much did you give him altogether ?—I gave him 5*l.*

5063. Who was the next man ?—Thomas Greenall.

5064. What is he ?—A whitesmith I think.

5065. How much did you give him ?—5*l.*

5066. How came he only to receive 5*l.* ?—Well, that was all I arranged with him for, and I fancy that he would be on for time previous to the election independent of that.

5067. Who was the next ?—Willam Fober.

5068. What is he ?—A shoemaker.

5069. Where ?—He would be on for Damside Street.

5070. How much did he get ?—5*l.*

5071. Had he anything besides as a runner ?—I think he would.

5072. Who was the next ?—Richard Wolfendale.

5073. What is he ?—A butcher.

5274. Where ?—He is on for Damside Street.

5675. How much did he get ?—He did not receive it personally, it was his mistress ; 5*l.*

5076. He is a householder, is he not ?—Yes, he is.

5077. Is he in a good way of business ?—Yes, I should think he does a very good business.

5078. Who was the next ?—I think that is all, directly for their votes.

5079. Now then for the indirectly ?—The first is one of my assistants, Mansergh Bell.

5080. For vote and assistance ?—No, for assistance. For his services during the time.

5081. How much ?—5*l.* ; but I am not sure whether it was 5*l.* or 6*l.*, I am not positive about it, but 5*l.* I may safely say.

5082. Who else ?—Mr. Christopher Fothergill.

5083. Is that Mr. Fothergill of China Lane ?—No.

5084. Where does this Christopher Fothergill live ?—In Damside Street.

5085. Is Mansergh Bell a voter ?—Yes.

5086. Is he a householder ?—Yes.

5087. Fothergill, of Damside Street, how much ?—5*l.*

5088. What was that for ?—Assisting me.

5089. What is the next ?—I paid Robert Whiteside.

5090. Is he a freeman ?—Yes, but it was to give to another party.

5091. Who was it for ?—Mr. Fawcett.

5092. What is his christian name ?—I do not know ; he is since dead, I believe.

5093. How much did you give him ?—5*l.*

5094. What was that for ?—To give to Fawcett for his vote.

5095. That was for a vote ?—Yes, I missed that item before.

5096. What is the next ?—Then I paid where I had my committee room a bill of 10*l.* for refreshments.

5097. What house was that ?—Yorkshire House.

5098. How much was that ?—10*l.*

5099. Then the next ?—That is all that I can think of at present.

5100. You have not accounted for all your money by a good deal ?—Perhaps I shall. I sent a return in. I handed a balance in of 40*l.* ; I returned that.

5101. What did you do with the rest of the money ?—I returned a balance of 40*l.* to Mr. Welch.

5102. 40*l.* exactly ?—Yes.

5103. Then there is 5*l.* left ?—There were runners and messengers, and other small items that I could not specify exactly what I paid.

5104. Were those runners, messengers, and so on, voters ?—No ; there is a man named William Barrow, a cabinetmaker ; I gave him a sovereign, but that was not for his vote.

5105. Is he a voter ?—Yes, he is a voter.

5106. Was that for assistance ?—Yes.

5107. Now give me some other item, if any ?—The other was in small items, for refreshments. I had three or four public-houses under me.

5108. Were those refreshments after and during the election ?—Yes.

5109. Did you lay out any other money during the election out of your own pocket ?—No.

5110. What remuneration did you receive for this? None.

5111. You received nothing at all ?—No.

5112. Have you made a claim for anything ?—No.

5113. Do you intend to make a claim ?—No.

5114. Have not these persons to whom you paid only 5*l.* made a further claim upon you for something ?—No.

5115. Were they quite satisfied with the 5*l.* when they heard that so many of the others had had 10*l.* ?—Yes ; they have made no application to me for any more.

5116. Who were the Conservative captains who were working in this Green Area district ?—There was a man of the name of Thomas Capstick who was very busy.

5117. Anybody else ?—And another man of the name of Francis Miller.

5118. Anybody else ?—I do not know of anyone else who was very busy.

5119. Those were the principal Conservative captains that you met with in your rounds ?—Yes ; I might mention, perhaps, a name or two that might give you some information ; there are one or two that I missed that had voted for us before.

5120. Had they promised ?—Yes.

5121. Who were they ?—One was a man of the name of John Leighton.

5122. What is he ?—He is on the register, I believe, as a policeman ; I think so. We lost him, and I could almost say I had ocular proof of his being bribed. Then there was John Dobson, Richard Harrison, and John Nichol.

5123. Anyone else ?—No, I think not.

5124. They, you believe, were bribed by the other side ?—Yes, and William Kew, I might mention.

5125. Is Leighton a policeman still ?—No.

5126. What is your reason for thinking that the ex-policeman was bribed ?—I had voted him the election previously.

5127. Had you had any conversation with him about this election ?—Yes, I had.

5128. Had he promised ?—Yes.

5129. For how much ?—There was no specific sum.

5130. What was to be the figure ?—There was no figure mentioned, not about that time.

5131. At any time ?—Close up to the election I offered him 10*l.*

5132. Had he agreed to accept 10*l.* ?—No, he kept holding me on by saying that he would always vote for us, and I began to be very suspicious, and I found

out that it was only going to be one vote: that he was going to split and give one for Mr. Fenwick, which I did not want.

5133. Now as to Dobson, what reason have you to believe that he had been bribed by the other side?—He voted for us at the previous election, and I tried him this last election and could not manage him.

5134. He did not promise you?—No, not exactly.

5135. Was anything said about the price?—I told him I would satisfy him and look to his being paid, but he was in rather a different position to what he was at the last election.

5136. You had not tested his power of requirement?—Not exactly; I tried his missus.

5137. What did the "missus" agree to take?—She did not agree to take anything, but she promised to do her best.

5138. She had not got sufficient hold upon him?—No.

5139. Why did you promise the policeman 10*l.* if he always voted right?—He wanted paying when he voted right previously.

5140. Had he been a man pretty resolved about his price previously?—He would always be up to the mark; he was one of the top-priced ones.

5141. Dobson you promised to satisfy, and his wife promised also to do her best?—Yes.

5142. Now with regard to Harrison?—Harrison had not voted for us before, but just previous to the last election he appeared to be very much dissatisfied with different things that had taken place, and came to me to join our party, and wished to be engaged and so forth.

5143. Had he promised?—Yes.

5144. Did you name a price to him?—No.

5145. Did he name a price to you?—No.

5146. Then Nicholl?—He voted for us before.

5147. Did he name a price to you?—No, not this time; I understood I had not altogether satisfied him the time before.

5148. What did you give him the time before?—Something like 4*l.*, and he said he would not be Turnered the next time.

5149. Being Turnered meant being bought at a small price?—Yes.

5150. You had bought them pretty cheap?—I think it was 4*l.* I gave him.

5151. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you give Leighton on the former occasion?—4*l.* or 5*l.* I think his son had a good deal to do with him this last election.

5152. (*Mr. Hill.*) Then William Kew, how came you to think he had been bribed by the other side?—I have reason to think he would not vote without being paid.

5153. Was he a top-priced man?—Yes, I think he would want making right before he would vote; he wanted to sell us one of his votes.

5154. How did you make him right in 1864?—He did not vote for us.

5155. He voted for Saunders?—Yes.

5156. Did you make him any offer this time?—I did not; I do not know whether any of our party did or did not.

5157. Did he make you no charge?—No, I think he offered us one vote.

5158. For how much?—It was not to me; the other vote he would have given to Mr. Fenwick; we had that information from the other side.

5159. He offered to sell one vote?—Yes.

5160. You knew Kew might be bought?—I have a strong impression he was bought.

5161. You know he was a man likely to be bought?—Yes.

5162. He was in the market?—Yes.

5163. (*Mr. Newton.*) He would not vote without being paid?—No.

5164. Leighton the same?—Yes.

5165. And Nicholl the same?—Yes.

5166. They would not vote without being bought?—No, I think not; not if there was money stood in at all.

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5167. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your business?—A grocer and warehouseman; I carry on both trades.

5168. Have you been in the habit of taking part in elections?—Very little.

5169. Were you ever engaged before this election? No.

5170. What money did you receive?—I received about 9*l.* altogether.

5171. I do not allude now to what you received from Turner?—That is included; altogether I received 4*l.* from Mr. Welch, as near as I can give it, and 5*l.* from Turner.

5172. When did you receive the 4*l.* from Welch?—I received 1*l.*, I should think, about a fortnight before the election, another 1*l.* a week after, and 2*l.* a day or two before the election.

5173. What did you do with the money?—I spent it at the public-houses; we had four public-houses in the district, and as I was appointed second captain to Mr. Turner I went along with him and treated the voters and anyone at these places with this money.

5174. And you went by yourself also, I suppose?—Yes, occasionally; I went to the "Station Inn" occasionally by myself, and treated anyone that was there.

5175. You drank up the money in treating voters?—Yes, that is the way it went; a few shillings to one party and a few shillings to another. It all went that way.

5176. You laid out the money in treating voters?—Yes; the 5*l.* I got I did not retain for my own vote, I gave it to another party.

5177. What party is that?—Nathan White.

5178. Who is he?—He keeps the "Temperance Hotel."

5179. There was no treating there, I suppose?—Oh, yes! I had a bottle of wine out on't.

5180. How came you to give this money to Nathan White?—He had been kept a great part of the night before at the "Sawyers' Arms," and the Liberal lot took him away from them to his own house. The "Sawyers' Arms" was a Conservative house. I went in the morning to see him. He was left in my care.

5181. What was he doing that night?—He got him to bed about 12 o'clock the night before.

5182. What was he doing at the "Sawyers' Arms"?—They had him there trying to get him over to the other side,—the Conservative side,—and the other party took him away, and I went to his house early in the morning.

5183. What did you do then?—I asked him if he was not going to vote for the Liberals, and he said, "Yes, I shall vote for them if I be paid my expenses." He had come out of the country, where he had been working as a mason. He said at the same time he had had 10*l.* offered him by the other party, "But," he says, "if you will give me 5*l.* I will vote for you."

5184. Who keeps this house of his when he is away?—His wife.

5185. She is the temperance part of the establishment?—Of course.

5186. He goes to the "Sawyers' Arms," or any other arms?—Yes, I daresay, occasionally.

5187. (*Mr. Hill.*) The other 4*l.* was for refreshment?—Yes.

5188. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was the 9*l.* all the money you received?—Yes, everything; I did not receive anything else.

5189. You kept nothing for yourself?—Not a halfpenny. I daresay I shall be the other way.

5190. How came you to take this money for your vote?—I did not take the money for my vote.

5191. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was that 5*l.* which Turner gave you all the money you had from him?—Yes.

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5192. What was given to you for assistance was really given to you for White's vote ?—*5l.* was all I had from Turner.

5193. (*To Mr. Turner.*) That *5l.* you gave to this witness was for Nathan White's vote, sent by Mansergh Bell ?—I did not give it to him for that.

5194. You recognize it as the same ?—Yes.

5195. (*Mr. Newton.*) You thought you were buying his vote for *5l* ?—No.

5196. What did you give it to him for ?—For general purposes; we could not be always giving, and he would require money.

5197. You gave it to him for the assistance he rendered ?—Yes. I may state the names of a few captains on the other side. There was Thomas Hill, a whitesmith; a man called Parkinson; another man called Gardner, he is a freeman. and has something to do with the registration; there is another man called Henry High, of Castle Hill; and there was Richard Harrison, who was very busy representing the Conservatives on the morning of the election; and Dobson, who kept the "Sawyer's Arms," he was very busy, he is not a voter.

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ISAAC VICKERS sworn and examined.

5198. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live ?—In Market Street.

5199. Are you a watchmaker ?—Yes.

5200. Were you captain of a district at the election ?—Yes.

5201. What district was that ?—China Lane.

5202. Was anybody with you ?—Yes.

5203. Who was that ?—Robert Powell and Thomas Fothergill.

5204. When did you get your appointment ?—Two or three weeks before the election.

5205. Did you spend any money in refreshments before the election ?—Yes.

5206. How much ?—I had before the election *2l.*

5207. I suppose, at that time, you had not received anything ?—Yes; I spent it as soon as I received it. That *2l.* did for about 10 days.

5208. Whom did you get the *2l.* from ?—Robert Powell gave me *1l.* and I had the other *1l.* from Henry Welch.

5209. Did you get any more money before the election ?—Yes.

5210. Did you get any money at all ?—Yes; on the election day.

5211. How much was that ?—On the nomination day I got *20l.*

5212. Who from ?—Henry Welch.

5213. Did you get any more ?—After the election I received *18l.*; that would be about three days afterwards.

5214. From whom did you get that ?—Mr. Henry Welch. I had altogether *40l.*

5215. You had spent the *2l.* ?—Yes; but I had received it.

5216. What did you do with the *38l.* ?—I gave Robert Powell *6l. 10s.* for election expenses, you know.

5217. What do you call that ?—To go and buy votes with.

5218. Did you give it to him for him to buy votes with, or did you give it to him for his votes ?—Oh, dear, no! not for his vote. I gave Thomas Fothergill *6l. 10s.*

5219. For him to go and buy with ?—Yes.

5220. Do you know how many they bought ?—They did not buy any; the price was too high, they could not touch them; they could not do anything whatever with that money.

5221. What became of the *6l. 10s.* ?—I do not know, they will have to account for it themselves; they could not buy anyone with it, unless they got a lot more money.

5222. You have not got it back again ?—No.

5223. They were much too high a price for that? —The lowest price was *10l.* in our district; they were all about *12l.*, that was the average price they got ?

5224. How did you get rid of the rest of the money ? —There is a man of the name of Briscow.

5225. He is not a voter, is he ?—Yes; and I gave him *8l.*

5226. Is that Richard Briscow, cotton spinner ?—Yes; that is the man.

5227. That was a capital buy ?—Yes.

5228. Did he vote ?—Yes; he voted.

5229. That was very cheap ?—Yes; he did not get his pay till after the election. I had a great many men I used to set down as having offered so much, and they used to get it after they had voted; they would trust me after this time; there were a great many on the other side that crept in and took them away from me.

5230. Who else ?—The next gentleman that I got hold of was a lawyer.

5231. What is his name ?—Edward Rawlinson, attorney.

5232. On what list is he ?—The Castle Hill list.

5233. Is he a freeman ?—Oh, yes! he is a freeman. We never asked householders; at least I did not.

5234. What did he want for his vote ?—After I had finished with all the men in China Lane as I could get hold of, I thought I would go up into the churchyard and meditate amongst the tombstones. So I spies this gentleman, and I goes up up to him. There was two of us did it. It took two of us, mind you, to do it.

5235. Who was with you ?—A man of the name of Chandler.

5236. He was with you ?—Yes; he was acquainted with him. I did not know much of the old gentleman; he was blind. So I goes up to him, and says, "How are "you going to vote ?" "Well," he says, "I am going to "vote for Mr. Fenwick. I know him very well; and "Mr. Schneider I know nothing about him. Mr. Law- "rence is the man; for I went to give him a guinea "the other day, for a subpœna; but I did not want "him, and I went and asked him for the guinea back "again, and he says, 'No! there is no refunding.' "So I thought he was a clever fellow, and I thought "I would give him a vote." I says to him, "You had "better not. If you will vote for Fenwick and "Schneider, I will give you *10l.*" He says, "It is a "deal of money." "Ah, but," I says, "I mean it; "and I will give it to you." And I says to Chandler, "You bring him down to vote, and I will give him "the money." A little while afterwards, Chandler comes down to me, and says, "The old gentleman "will not come without he gets the money;" and I says, "Well, I will not lose him; I will go and get it." So, I goes and says to Henry Welch, "I want *10l.* "I have got a man I want to vote." And says Henry Welch, "That is too much; you must not "give such prices as them." I says, "All the others "are off, and this is the only one I have left." He says, "You must do nothing at all of the sort; let him "stop a bit." So I gave Chandler a gold watch to give him as security, and then he came and voted all right, and in two or three days after I got the *10l.* from Henry Welch, and took it to him, and got back the watch.

5237. I hope the watch was none the worse ?—Oh, no; none the worse. He was to give Chandler *10s.*, but he would not give him anything.

5238. What else did you do with the remainder ?—All the remainder was spent. That was all I got.

5239. You have only accounted for *30l.*—All that was left was *25s.*

5240 You got two sums—*20l.* and *18l.*—from Henry Welch; that makes *38l.*; and *2l.* for refreshments—making in all *40l.*, and you have only accounted for *30l.*—All the rest was spent in drink but *25s.*

5241. With whom did you drink ?—Oh, there was lots of people to drink with.

5242. Voters?—Yes; there is a great many that knows me. 10*s.* I gave to a man named Bleasdale; and there might be others, but I cannot recollect them.

5243. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is that William Bleasdale?—Yes.

5244. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you think there is anybody else?—Perhaps I might give Powell something if he was anyways short.

5245. (*Mr. Hill.*) The balance was 25*s.*?—Yes; I kept that. I thought I might have that for myself.

5246. As a sort of remuneration?—Yes.

5247. (*Mr. Newton.*) Welch told you to keep it?—No, I told him I would keep it.

5248. And you did?—Yes.

5249. Did you know one of the Stirkazers?—Yes.

5250. A married man with a family?—Yes.

5251. Has he got a daughter?—I do not know that he has a daughter.

5252. Stirzaker's wife has got a daughter, has she not?—Yes; I believe so.

5253. I daresay she is good-looking?—I daresay.

5254. You gave her a watch, did you?—No; no such thing. That is a bit of Tory scheme.

5255. Did you give her a watch?—I never spoke to her.

5256. That is no answer to my question. Did you give her a watch?—No.

5257. Did you ever give any voter's daughter a watch?—No; nobody.

5258. Did you ever give any voter's daughter a watch?—No; I never gave no voter's daughter a watch. Never; not one.

5259. Did Wilson ever give you a watch to give to her?—No.

5260. Do you know Joseph Wilson?—Yes.

5261. Did he ever give you a watch to give to her?—No.

5262. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

5263. We shall have Wilson here some day.—Well, it's all right.

5264. Did he ever give you a watch to give to Stirzaker's daughter?—No; he did not.

5265. Now, you have told us all about your side. Can you tell us a little about the other?—Yes.

5266. Who were the captains on the other side?—I put them all down as I went round, and this is the list of paper. First of all I will take China Lane. There was Thomas Foster, a very active man. He did a very heavy stroke of business in that lane.

5267. Where does he live?—I think he is not in the town now, but he is in court. Then there was Isaac Jackson, from Liverpool; he was at the "Lord Nelson." I do not know anybody else in that lane.

5268. Have you got anything more to say about China Lane?—Here are all the men in the lane, and I can tell you the prices offered, if you like.

5269. Do you know all about China Lane?—Yes.

5270. How do you know the prices?—We offered 10*l.*, and that was not high enough.

5271. You did not find the attorney in China Lane?—No.

5272. He is the only one you gave 10*l.* to?—There was one man in China Lane that got 24*l.*

5273. What is his name?—His name is Robert Harrison. He was paid twice. It was a mistake.

5274. From whom did he receive it?—From Christopher Foster, I believe.

5275. How do you know?—It was one of their own party that told me.

2576. One of the Conservative party?—Yes; and the other 12*l.* he got from Robert Hodgson.

5277. You do not know anything of your own knowledge?—No; only what I have been told. We offered them good prices.

5278. They were offered better prices in China Lane than you were giving?—Yes.

5279. Who were the captains in the other places? You say you have got a list of them?—There was a man of the name of William Cumpsty, a tailor. He was left in the hands of a man of the name of Briggs.

5280. Where does Cumpsty live?—In Castle Hill.

5281. He was a captain?—No; he was not a captain. He told Briggs on Sunday night before the election that he had had 13*l.* offered, and if he gave the same sum he could have him.

5282. Who is Briggs?—An omnibus driver.

5283. One of your side?—Yes.

5284. That is all hearsay?—Yes.

5285. Have you got anything more direct?—No; I have not anything direct: not as I saw them do it.

5286. I daresay William Cumpsty will come and tell us the same thing that you have told us?—Have you got anything direct?—No.

5287. Have you got anything more to say?—No.

5288. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is that piece of paper you are looking at?—There are a lot of names on it: captains, I suppose, they were. Isaac Jackson, at the "Lord Nelson;" he was a very active man. Christopher Foster, John Hargreaves, Mr. Dickenson.

5289. What is his christian name?—I do not know: William I think. He is an attorney's clerk, or something of that sort. James Wilson and John M'Cann. I do not know anybody else.

5290. These were all active men?—Yes.

5291. (*Mr Newton.*) In and about China Lane?—Yes. There was also John Marshall; a very active man he was.

ROGER WRIGHT sworn and examined.

R. Wright.

5292. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A joiner.

5293. Where do you live?—In King Street.

5294. Are you a Liberal?—Yes.

5295. The captain of Fenton Street district?—I think not the captain.

5296. A captain?—I was not aware that I was a captain; I was assisting there.

5297. You were looking after the Fenton Street district?—Yes.

5298. Have you been engaged in elections since 1847?—I never took an active part before as I have done in this.

5299. Did you receive monies for the purposes of this election?—Yes.

5300. What was the first money you received?—28*l.*

5301. Is that the first you received at all of any sort?—Yes.

5302. From whom did you receive that?—From Henry Welch.

5303. And when did you receive that?—On the election day, in the morning.

5304. What was the amount?—28*l.*

5305. What was the next sum of money you received?—10*l.*

5306. When did you receive it?—The same morning.

5307. From the same person?—Yes.

5308. What was the next?—I received no more.

5309. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

5310. You are sure that that is all?—Yes.

5311. Mr. Welch said he gave you 50*l.*—Yes; he was wrong,

5312. Have you kept an account so as to know that you are correct?—Yes; I kept an account and took it in, showing a balance.

5313. We will come to that by-and-bye. What was the first money you expended during that election?—5*l.*

5314. When?—On the election day, in the morning.

5315. What for?—Paying James Jackson.

5316. What is he?—A groom I think he was.

5317. A freeman?—Yes.

5318. Of Sun Street; is that the man?—Yes; I paid him 5*l.* through Henry Pilkington.

5319. Had you agreed with Jackson yourself to take that money?—No.

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5320. Had you seen Jackson upon the subject of his vote ?—No.

5321. Who was the next person?—John Dickinson, shoemaker, Spring Garden Street.

5322. Did you pay him yourself ?—Yes.

5323. How much did you pay him ?—*5l.* for his vote and assisting in working.

5324. Was there anything besides the *5l.* paid to him ?—I paid him *5l.* for assisting and working and going about.

5325. *5l.* was all the money paid to him ?—Yes.

5326. It included assistance ?—Yes.

5327. How long did he assist you ?—He had been assisting me for a week and better.

5328. Who was the next ?—Edward Bradshaw, block maker, Queen Street.

5329. Did you pay him yourself ?—Yes.

5330. How much did you pay him ?—*8l.*

5331. Was that for anything more than his vote ?—No.

5332. Had you agreed with him beforehand ?—No; I did not agree with anyone.

5332*a*. Who was the next person ?—George Scales, shoemaker, Penny's Hospital.

5333. Did you pay him yourself ?—No; I paid it to John Robinson, joiner.

5334. How much did you give him ?—*5l.*

5335. Had you agreed with him as to the price of his vote?—No.

5336. Who was the next ?—I paid no more for votes.

5337. What else did you pay for refreshments ?—I spent about *4l.*

5338. Refreshments for voters and for yourself ?—For treating the voters and these men that were assisting.

5339. What did you do with the other *6l.*?—I took it to Henry Welch with a list of what I had laid out.

5340. Making altogether *38l.* you received from him?—Yes.

5341. Did you come across any busy Conservative captains agitating your district ?—No; I looked after my own, to get as many votes as I could.

5242. Were you asked any higher prices than these sums which you paid ?—None, except that which you have had before.

5343. In what position in life was James Jackson, the groom ?—He was in very poor circumstances; in fact he is dead since.

5344. Then Dickenson, shoemaker; is he in humble life ?—He is a young man just out of his time, working as journeyman.

5345. Then Bradshaw, the block maker ?—I do not know anything about him. He is a young man; and I think he would be working at the paint works.

5346. George Scales ?—He is an old man in the hospital.

5347. Richard Tomlinson ?—He is an old man in the hospital.

5348. Is this the freemen's hospital ?—No; I think not. It is Penny's Hospital. They were all freemen I think that I paid money to.

Adjourned to to-morrow 10 o'clock.

SIXTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Saturday, 1st September 1866.

PRESENT :

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. HILL. | MR. NEWTON.

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JOHN BELL sworn and examined.

5349. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live ?—North Road, Lancaster.

5350. What is your occupation ?—A corn dealer.

5351. Have you been taking an active part in election ?—Yes, for the last three elections.

5352. I need not ask if that was on the Liberal side ?—It was.

5353. I believe on the last election you were commanding the New Street district ?—I was.

5354. Tell us first if you please the gross sum of money you received ?—*129l.*

5355. From Mr. Welch perhaps ?—Yes.

5356. When did you receive the first sum ?—About three weeks before the election, or 17 days, somewhere about that time.

5357. What sum of money was that ?—*2l.*

5358. When was the next sum after that ?—About a week after or 10 days.

5359. How much was that ?—*3l.*

5360. Did you receive any more before the election ?—Not any more before the nomination day.

5361. Did you receive any more for preliminary expenses ?—No more.

5362. At what time on the nomination day did you receive any further sum ?—In the evening.

5363. How much was that ?—*100l.*

5364. Was that from Mr. Welch ?—Yes, it was.

5365. At the "Queen's Hotel ?"—Yes.

5366. When did you receive any more after that ?—The day of election.

5367. How much ?—*24l.*

5398. From Mr. Welsh at the "Queens ?"—Yes.

5369. At what time of day ?—About 9 o'clock.

5370. In the morning ?—Yes, in the morning.

5371. How did you dispose of that money ?—On the evening of the nomination day I gave to Mr. Watson, who was in connexion with me, *30l.* out of the *100l.*

5372. That would probably not be for his vote ?—No, for working, to work on.

5373. In fact to give other voters ?—To give to other voters I suppose.

5374. What did you do with the rest ?—I had spent part of my own money, and I took that out, about *3l.* or *4l.*

5375. That would be for preliminary expenses ?—Yes.

5376. What is the next sum that you paid away ?—I paid *8l.* to John Gibson.

5377. Who is he ?—I think he is a mill hand and a freeman.

5378. Of Moor Street, cotton spinner ?—Yes, that is the man. Lawrence Gibson his brother *8l.*, John Clark, fireman, *8l.*: he would be down for Lodge Street.

5379. John Clark, silk piecer ?—He may be down in the list in that capacity, but he is a fireman now and has been for some years; Edward Dawson Fisher *8l.*

5380. Is he a tailor ?—Yes, since dead, I gave it to his wife; Thomas Crane, senior, 5l.

5381. Is he a hairdresser ?—Yes, I gave it to his wife, I never saw him; Robert Fell, Lodge Street *5l.*

5382. What is he ?—Warehouseman; and *2l.* I gave to Isaac Nevatt for another voter.

5383. Is Nevatt a voter ?—Yes, he is, but it was not for himself, he had arranged with a party.

5384. He is a householder ?—Yes.

5385. Isaac Nevatt, Church Street ?—Yes.

5386. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was the name of the voter ?—Harrison of Church Street.

5387. What is his Christian name ?—I do not know, I never looked at the register.

5388. Which Harrison is it ?—The dentist.

5389. John Harrison, Church Street ?—I think it is Edmund Harrison, he is a householder.

5390. Who next ?—That is all the money I paid to voters.

5391. There was a balance left ?—I paid 3*l.* to six men that I had on the nomination day and election day.

5392. Runners and the like ?—Yes, 10*s.* each : James Bell, Newton, Townson, Henry Huntington, two Parkers.

5393. Where they voters ?—No, and a man at the "Queen's Head," Murphy, he had no vote and I engaged him.

5394. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is not Henry Huntington a voter ?—No, and I returned to Henry Welsh 42*l.*

5395. (*Mr. Hill.*) 5*l.* you spent in preliminary expenses ?—Yes, money I got independent of the nomination day and election day.

5396. There is 1*l.* not accounted for ?—It may have gone in the spending, I cannot say exactly to a pound or two, I did not think anything about it until I heard that a commission was going to be held.

5397. Is Watson a voter ?—Yes, he is.

5398. Your assistant ?—Yes, my assistant.

5399. Do you know anything about Harrison ? Did you canvass him ?—No, I did not ; I never saw him directly.

5400. Now give us the name of your Conservative opponent ?—The "White Horse" was the head depot in my district, and the landlord was very busy ; Jackson they called him.

5401. Had he any assistants ?—He had a good many I daresay, they had a regular depot at that place.

5402. Do you know who assisted him ?—I think Mr. Wilson was there all that night ; I was up at 12 o'clock and he was there ; Mr. William Story I have seen there, and I believe Mr. Lawrence's brother was there.

5403. Are those all the names you can think of ?—There were so many, they had a posse of ship-building men there to guard the house.

5404. Did you at any time receive any money for your own remuneration ?—Not anything ; I think Henry Welch gave me 5*s.* when I returned the money to treat myself with, I think that is all that ever I got.

5405. Did you find that those voters who promised you came pretty well to the poll ?—Yes, they did.

5406. Did you lose any ?—Not one. There was one I lost, who promised me the night before, I offered him 10*l.*, and he said he could get 12*l.* on the other side, but he had not voted with us before, he has been in my district the whole of the elections I have had to do with.

5407. Who was that ?—William Thornton, and I have no doubt that he got the money he said he could get.

5408. Thornton, of Little John Street, butcher ?—Yes, that is the man.

5409. When was the price of 8*l.* fixed by you ?—In the morning.

5410. In the morning of the election day ?—Yes.

5411. (*Mr Newton.*) By you or by the voters ?—By the voters, they asked me that.

5412. That was your price ?—Yes, and I did not hesitate to give them it because I knew the other side was giving 10*l.*

5413. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were any of these persons you bought householders ?—No, none but Harrison.

5413*a*. How came Harrison to take so little as 2*l.* ?—I cannot tell, Mr. Nevatt will explain it to you, it was a split vote to Mr. Schneider, and I thought it was cheap.

JOHN WATSON sworn and examined.

John Watson.

5414. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you ?—A pawnbroker.

5415. Where do you live ?—No. 4, North Road.

5416. Do you take an active part in elections ?—In the last election I was a little engaged.

5417. And in the election before ?—A little, but a very little in the election before, less than I was in this considerably.

5418. You were assistant to Mr. Bell ?—Yes.

5419. When did you begin to work ?—10 or 12 days before the election.

5420. How much did you receive ?—I think I received 32*l.* altogether from Mr. Bell. I think it was 32*l.*, but I am not sure to a pound what I did receive.

5421. Is it correct that you received it on the evening of the nomination ?—Some of it.

5422. How much ?—30*l.* I got then, and I think he gave me 2*l.* before ; I think so.

5423. Did you get any money from anybody else ? Not a penny. I believe Mr. Welch said in his evidence that he gave me money, but Mr. Bell can say that it all came through him, and it would appear that I had had two sums, if they were added together.

5424. Mr. Welch said he gave you 20*l.* ?—Yes, and the money came through Mr. Bell ; I thought it necessary for me to explain that.

5425. What did you do with the 30*l.*, how did you spend it ?—I spent 6*l.* at Mrs. Wright's, in Wood Street, among the voters and their friends.

5426. What is the sign of the house she keeps ?—I do not think there is any sign to it, I never saw any, Mr. Bell says it is the "Plasterers' Arms."

5427. What did you spend there ?—6*l.* I spent there.

5428. In refreshments for voters ?—Yes, and their friends, there were lots of them, there was a regular jollification for two or three nights, and they swallowed drink as fast as it could be brought in.

5429. What next ?—I spent 5*l.* to various voters, who promised to vote for us, but they were stolen away from us by the other party ; they came every morning and got 2*s.* or 3*s.* for about 10 days before the election ; they were all fuddling about, expecting the election, and catching what they could.

5430. They got a few shillings at a time ?—Yes.

5431. Can you name anybody who got some of that ?—Yes, Robert Wilson, of Skerton, a freeman.

5432. How much did he get out of this 5*l.* ?—I think Wilson got about 1*l.* 10*s.* at various times, and Marshall got about the same ; he is a freeman, a blacksmith.

5433. Where does he live ?—He lives at Skerton.

5434. How much did he get ?—About 1*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, in various sums of 2*s.* and 3*s.* a day for ten or twelve days before the election ; they promised they would vote for the Liberals, but ran away.

5435. That is 3*l.* ?—Yes. There was another man they called Gudgeon, he is a freeman, a rope-maker, I think.

5436. How much did he get ?—He got about 1*l.* altogether, in various sums.

5437. Did he vote for you ?—No, he voted for the Tories, we could not find him the night before the election.

5438. Anybody else ?—Yes, another man, named Edward Smith, got 12*s.* or 14*s.*, and there were other men who got 1*s.* or 2*s.*

5439. And you put them all down at 5*l.* ?—I kept 5*l.* separate in a drawer, and spent every farthing among them in that way, on different days.

5440. For 10 or 12 days before the election ?—Yes.

5441. Had you seen this Robert Wilson very often ?—Many a time.

5442. I suppose he used to come in and out of your house ?—In and out of the shop ; I am a pawnbroker, and he used to come and beg 1*s.* or so when he was dry.

5443. And Marshall the same ?—Yes.

5444. Money was going pretty freely from your house ?—I was instructed to do all I could to promote

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the cause of the Liberal members with the money I had got.

5445. You only got the money you have told us from Mr. Bell, the night before the election?—But I had money of my own, and deducted it when I got the whole amount.

5446. I suppose you expected to be paid?—I expected it. On the last occasion I was something behind, but I got it again; I wanted the Liberal members to be elected if possible, and I was instructed to use my influence. Those are men who were in the habit of coming to my shop to pledge at other times.

5447. They are some of the lowest class of the electors?—They are men that are often fuddling about; they are chiefly freemen.

5448. They used your shop for pledging very often?—Yes, they do at times, not every day or every week, but occasionally they do.

5449. They are fellows who would be very glad to get a penny or a sixpence?—Yes, many a time they would be glad to get a penny, and they do now, and they come and fetch it.

5450. Can you give me the names of any more?—No, not particularly, though there are other men that might get an odd shilling or a sixpence.

5451. How did you spend some more of this money?—George Waters got some money. He is not a freeman, but a householder; I think Mr. Bell had spoken to him about helping us a little and he complained of being short of funds, and I handed 5*l.* to him, not for his vote, but for getting up other voters, and going from one public-house to another, and I suppose he would use it.

5452. Mr. Bell did not mention him?—But I think he spoke to his assisting us.

5453. He assisted you?—Yes, he did.

5454. That money was not for his vote?—No, not at all.

5455. How had Waters voted at previous elections?—I do not know, I fancy he has not had a vote very long.

5456. Anybody else?—I gave a freeman 12*l.*, he was an old Tory who had never polled for the Liberals before.

5457. What is his name?—Timothy Lawrence; he was rather bad to catch.

5458. He got 12*l.*, did he?—He did.

5459. Did you make an agreement with him?—Yes; he could get 12*l.* from the opposite party, but he said, if I would give the same he would vote for us. In fact I saw him the night before, and I could not touch him at all, but he came to my house the next morning voluntarily, and said that if I would let him have 12*l.* he would poll for us, and as the other party were giving as much, I thought we would do the same.

5460. Anybody else?—No more voters; I think I paid 10*s.* to two young men that we call "runners," one Townson, and the other Huntington; during the election day that was.

5461. What did you give them?—I gave them 5*s.* a-piece.

5462. Anybody else?—No; I think that was all the money I gave. I spent at different public-houses during the election day, going about, about 1*l.*

5463. Now there are 2*l.* to account for?—I returned 2*l.*, I think, to Mr. Bell. I think I gave Mr. Bell 2*l.* back again, a day or two after the election. I think Mr. Bell will tell you that I returned him two sovereigns.

5464. If that is not true, Mr. Bell, who is in court, will probably correct it?

(*Mr. Bell.*) I have no doubt that he did.

5465. (*Mr. Newton to the Witness.*) Were there many promises besides these?—No, I do not think I had many more. Those were men that I fully expected would poll. After the nomination day I could not get to see them at all, I think they must have been bottled somewhere.

5466. How came you to get hold of the old Tory?—It was rather fortunate. He came and knocked me up about half-past 3 in the morning, he had changed his mind, he said, and if I would be the same money "out" as they would, he would poll for us. I believe he never did poll for the Liberals before. I believe that was the first time.

5467. You caught him this time with the 12*l.*?—Yes, he could get it elsewhere, he said, and I thought I ought not to lose him at any rate.

5468. Can you give us the name of any Conservative captain in your district whose name we have not already had?—No. I did not take much notice of them. I did the best I could to promote the election of the Liberal candidates, and I did not interfere much with anybody else.

5469. There are no Conservative agents whose names you can give us?—No; I was with Mr. Bell at the time he saw these men moving about, and he saw them himself, and therefore if I were to give you the names it would be merely a repetition of what he has already said.

5470. What was the name of the house where you got these voters?—The "White Horse Inn," Church Street.

5471. Kept by Jackson?—Yes; I think Jackson kept it then. It has changed hands, I think, since then, but I think Jackson kept it at that time.

5472. What has become of Jackson?—I do not know, I am sure, what has become of him, I fancy he has gone to Liverpool, but I am not sure.

5473. Did you take anything for yourself?—Not a farthing; I think I was out of pocket.

5474. Did you expect anything?—No, not I. I did not expect anything.

5475. (*Mr. Hill.*) I suppose these fuddling electors who came after shillings in the morning had been up with the drink all night?—Yes. They were creeping in at any corner they could, and in the morning they wanted something to renew it again.

5476. And this was going on for 10 days?—More than that, I think. The Tories began it first. They were at it a week or 10 days before the Liberals were. The Liberals were pulled into it.

5477. In the meanwhile these men were away from their homes doing nothing, idling about and living on the shillings they got from you?—Yes; I have no doubt of it.

5478. Did they come to pledge much at that time?—No; because they could get plenty without that.

5479. They probably took things out of pawn then?—There is plenty of money generally going at election times.

5480. You have nothing more to say about the 2*l.*, have you?—No; I think it is right.

R. Dixon.

RICHARD DIXON sworn and examined.

5481. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a freeman?—No.

5482. A householder?—Yes.

5483. Where do you live?—In Bulk.

5484. Are you a Liberal?—Yes.

5485. Were you a captain in the last election, on the Liberal side?—I did not vote at all.

5486. Were you a captain?—No.

5487. You were not engaged at all?—No.

5488. Were you not looking after Dalton Square?—No, nor the "Dalton Arms" either.

5489. Did you receive any money?—No.

5490. For the purpose of the last election?—No.

5491. Is there another Richard Dixon?—Not that I am aware of.

5492. In Lancaster?—Yes, there is in Lancaster, but not in Bulk. There is one in Lancaster.

5493. Are you the man who was "bottled?"—No; I was not bottled at all.

5494. Which way did you vote?—I did not vote at all.

5495. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you in Lancaster at the time of the election?—I was.

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5496. (*Mr. Hill.*) What were you doing?—Well, I do not think that is a proper question.

5497. Were you doing anything connected with the purposes of the election?—No, not at all.

5498. You know nothing about the election?—I was in the town all day.

5499. But you knew nothing about the money that was going?—No; I know I did not get any.

5500. Was that the reason why you did not vote?—It was all out of my own pocket.

5501. Was that the reason why you did not vote?——No.

5502. Why did you not vote?—Because I was not going to poll.

5503. Why not?—I do not think that is a proper question.

5504. Yes, it is; and it is a question to which I shall have an answer; and therefore the sooner you give me an answer the better?—It was not my intention to vote.

5505. Did you come into Lancaster with the intention to vote?—I did not.

5506. Did you ever intend to vote at the last election?—No.

5507. Can you tell us what you were doing on that day?—Yes.

5508. What?—I can tell you where I was.

5509. Where were you?—At the "New Inn."

5510. All day?—Yes.

5511. Were you sober?—Yes; as sober as I am now.

5512. All day?—Yes.

T. Cleminson.

THOMAS CLEMINSON sworn and examined.

5513. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your occupation?—A joiner and builder.

5514. Where do you live?—In East Road.

5515. Is that in Lancaster?—Yes.

5516. Have you been much engaged in elections at Lancaster?—Yes.

5517. At the last election you were the captain of the George Street district?—Yes.

5518. For the Liberal side?—Yes.

5519. Tell us first of all the gross sum of money that you received?—I received 110*l.* up to the election day at 4 o'clock.

5520. Anything after that?—Yes; but not during the election. I received from Mr. R. P. Moser a few days after the election—say a week or so—about 5*l.* I think the total amount was about 5*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to pay seven men that had been engaged during the election.

5521. From whom did you receive the 110*l.*?—I received 10*l.* from my brother George.

5522. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was that the first sum?—Yes; and if you will please to permit me to read the balance sheet over I will do so. This (*producing an account-book*) is the book I kept during the election, and I have a copy of the money expended. I handed the written statement to Mr. Henry Welch immediately after the election; and of course I kept a copy, which I now present, and I have no doubt that Mr. Welch will have the others.

5523. Is 115*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* the gross amount that you received?—No; I received about three or four weeks after the election, or perhaps it might be more, I cannot speak to a week, between 20*l.* and 30*l.* from Mr. Henry Welch. I forget whether I met with him or he sent for me to his shop at Cheapside. He said, "Mr. Cleminson, I have a good deal of work on hand respecting this election; and I wish you to pay for me a few of the public-house accounts in regard to the committee rooms that have been engaged."

5524. Was that 30*l.*?—No; I did not receive so much. I think, to the best of my recollection, it might be 24*l.* I do not think it exceeded 24*l.*; but of course I have not seen Mr. Henry Welch for several weeks, and have not spoken to him on the subject; and consequently I am not positive about it.

5525. Is that the whole amount you received?—Yes.

5526. Now tell us how you spent it. Give us the order in which you received it first? (*Referring to book*) July 3: cash received from Mr. George Cleminson, 10*l.* July 11; received from Mr. Henry Welch, at the committee room, Market Street, 100*l.*

5527. Is that the second amount? Yes; that is the second amount received. That makes 110*l.* I received the 100*l.* on the nomination day.

5528. Now give us the next receipt?—5*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* from Mr. Moser: that I mentioned before. I believe that was the amount.

5529. What was the date?—I cannot name the date; I did not keep any account of that.

5530. Now the next receipt? There was the 24*l.* I have mentioned.

5531. From Mr. Henry Welch?—Yes.

5532. When was that?—That was four or five weeks after the election. I have no date. I did not keep a memorandum of it, because I paid him the balance over afterwards.

5533. That was all, was it?—That was all.

5534. Now about the spending of it?—I will dispose of the 10*l.* first, if you please, because I have a special written balance-sheet for the 10*l.* (*The witness again refers to the book.*) "Paid for note-paper, binding two district lists of voters, and postage stamps, 3*s.* 3*d.*"

5535. You need not read out all the items; just let me look at your book (*the book is handed by the witness to Mr. Hill.*) "Paid sundry expenses of canvass, 1*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.*; refreshment, 6*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.*; cash, 15*s.*; for sundry non-electors, 1*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* Just look at your book, and see if that is correct. That accounts for 10*l.* Now the next item seems to be a payment to Harrison?—Yes; 41*l.* 10*s.* to Mr. Thomas Harrison. He was sub-captain. He worked a part of the district—the Moor Lane district.

5536. That was given to him to pay other voters?—It was; that is, for the voters and for any expenses they might incur with regard to attending committee rooms. It was a very large district the one that we had to manage, and of course it required a great deal of looking after. It is the most extensive district in the town, and we had a very large committee—I should say between 20 and 30, not only electors, but non-electors.

5537. Now go to the next item?—I paid Mr. James Patterson, of the "Wheatsheaf" in Penny Street, for refreshment during the election, his house being where the central committee-room was held; and his bill amounted to 21*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*, which I handed over to Mr. Henry Welch.

5538. Did you say you handed it to Mr. Welch to pay him?—No; I handed Mr. Welch the receipted account; and I have a copy of the bill here, if necessary, that I handed over to Mr. Henry Welch.

5539. Now give us the next item?—I paid to Mr. James Crook, who keeps a public-house in Brock street, called the "Horse and Farrier," 2*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*; the receipted bill for that I handed over to Mr. Henry Welch; and likewise 1*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* to Robert Smith, who keeps a public-house in Robert Street. I think they call it the "Prince of Wales." Mr. Welch will have the receipt of that account, I have no doubt. Then I have got down, "Paid Mr. Benjamin Hartley," but I handed it over to his wife. She happened to complain that no one had expended much at the house, and I gave her half a sovereign. Of course I had no bill to show for that. I told her that she could expend it as she thought proper. Her husband I believe was not a voter—at least he was not on the list of voters. It was half a sovereign in gold that I gave her.

5540. Now the next?—The next item I paid was for distributing voting cards and members' addresses, and other little things connected with the election. I paid this amount to electors and non-electors—1*l.* 5*s.* I paid at sundry times to canvassers, 2*l.* 15*s.* Now I come to the paid voters, 18*l.* 5*s.*

5541. Who did you pay?—There was a person of

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the name of Robert Park, coachman, that was paid through my hands—at least I did not pay him, but I wished him to be paid. I am not positive, but I think the amount was 8*l.* 10*s.*; it did not exceed 9*l.* I have not seen him since. He is a person who came from Liverpool; but I believe he has now come to reside in the town. Suppose you put down 8*l.* 10*s.*; my impression is that that is what I paid him. He is now in Lancaster, but he was at Liverpool at the time, and this was paid for his vote and his expenses coming from Liverpool. I am not certain whether it was 8*l.* 10*s.* or 9*l.*, but you had better say the lesser sum. Of course he will be able to answer for himself.

5542. By whom did you pay him?—I think, to the best of my recollection, it was a younger brother of mine who was on my committee, but he was not a voter.

5543. What is his name?—J. B. Cleminson. He waited on me after arriving in Lancaster from Liverpool, and I arranged with him that he should have 7*l.* for his vote; and of course he left me with that impression on the nomination day: and on the morning of the day of election he called at my office, and gave me to understand that the other parties had been offering him considerably more; and he expected that I should advance on the sum we had agreed on the night previous. I said, "Well," says I, "which way are you desirous to vote?" "Well," he said, "I am a Liberal, and I should wish to vote for the Liberals; but at the same time I should wish more money." "But," I said, "as you are a Liberal, and wish to vote for the Liberals, you do not want to be paid to the amount they have offered." And then he said, "I will take part;" and I cannot say positively whether I did not advance 30*s.*

5544. Now go on to the next?—Then there are the four Whalleys—James Whalley, a weaver; Thomas Whalley, a mechanic; Thomas Whalley, a mechanic, the son of Thomas, senior; and John Whalley, a weaver.

5545. What was paid to them?—I do not remember paying any more than 1*l.* to each of them, and I think I gave it to the father to distribute among them.

5546. 4*l.* for the lot?—4*l.*

5547. What was the 1*l.* for?—1*l.* each; they had attended very regularly the committee rooms where we had been, and I think if I remember right, they said to me, "We ought to have something for our attendance."

5548. Now go to the next?—I paid to a voter, Thomas Whiteside, 5*l.*

5549. What is Thomas Whiteside?—He is a tailor, he was not in our district.

5550. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There is no Thomas Whiteside here (*referring to Register*)?—I think they call him Thomas; he is a tailor; Edward, perhaps it was.

5551. Is he a householder or a freeman?—A freeman; the 5*l.* was not given for his vote; he was very active at the election.

5552. Who is the next?—I believe, to the best of my recollection, I paid 15*s.* to his father for two days' work.

5553. What is his father?—Edward Whiteside, a cabinet maker, in Market Street; I believe that would be the amount, but I am not quite certain to a few shillings.

5554. Now the next?—That is all.

5555. Did you pay anybody directly for their votes?—No, not one.

5556. You did not with your own hands pay anyone?—No, and I never have done so in any elections that I have been engaged in, except municipal ones; I have done a little in that now and then.

5557. That would leave a considerable balance?—Yes, I have no doubt of that, but then there is the committee to pay; those that were engaged on the committee, 6*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* Of course, I kept them separate in the balance-sheet. I paid two members of the committee and clerks 6*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*

5558. What next?—Paid runners and door-keepers of No. 5 General District Committee Room 1*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*

5559. What next?—Sundry expenses among electors and non-electors during the election, 2*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*, making a balance of 100*l.*

5560. What is the next item?—That is all, except the 5*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; I have not the names of the parties, but I gave them to Mr. Moser at the time.

5561. You have given us the 5*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes, but this was after the election; I have given you all that I had up to the election.

5562. Now go on and tell us what you had after the election?—I received 5*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* from Mr. Moser.

5563. How did you spend that?—There were either six or seven men that came to me after the election; I expected that they had all been paid, but they told me that they had been engaged two or three days, and I mentioned the circumstance to Mr. Moser, and of course I wished him to pay them, and he said, "I will give you the amount, and you had better pay them."

5564. (*Mr. Newton.*) How much was it?—Some I paid two days', and some three days' work.

5565. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How much did you pay them altogether?—I paid them the balance.

5566. How much was the balance?—5*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

5567. Were they electors and non-electors?—No, they were non-electors.

5568. For running?—For assisting at the election? Then there is the 24*l.* that I stated before with regard to the money I received for paying the public-houses.

5569. Spent in public-house bills 24*l.*?—No, I did not pay the whole of it; I paid 6*l.* for Mr. Smith.

5570. Who is Mr. Smith?—Of the "Prince of Wales" Inn.

5571. (*Mr. Newton.*) You have given us his name already?—Yes; but this was for the use of the committee room, the other was for refreshments.

5572. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you pay Robert Smith?—6*l.*

5573. Now give us the next?—Paid 6l. to James Crook.

5574. Was that for a committee room?—Yes.

5575. Who next?—I paid 6*l.* to the widow of the late Richard Nixon, called the "Sawyers' Arms;" he was living during the election, but he has died since.

5576. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was that for committee rooms?—Yes; and I believe the amount that I paid to Mr. Hartley was 2*l.* that is to Mr. Hartley's mistress.

5577. That was the "Masons' Arms?"—Yes.

5578. In addition to the 10*s.*?—Yes; I think it was not more than 2*l.*

5579. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What else?—That is all the balance I handed over to Mr. Welch with the receipts.

5580. How much was the balance?—If I received 24*l.* from him there would be a balance of 4*l.*; I am not certain exactly what I got from him, but Mr. Welch will be able to state it.

5581. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is that all?—Yes.

5582. (*Mr. Bastow.*) What assistance did Edward Whiteside, junior, render that he should have 5l.?—He was not only a voter, but he did a great deal in the writing department; we had a great deal of writing in connexion with our district.

5583. Was that what you paid him 5*l.* for?—Yes, it was.

5584. What was the nature of the writing that he had to do?—Every night we arranged for going out canvassing, and there were strips of paper that had to be sent out, there was a list of voters, and we kept sending out three or four of the electors and non-electors to go to the various parts of the districts to see the different voters.

5585. This man is a tailor, is he not?—Yes.

5586. How came you to go to a tailor to get writing done?—Because I had had him before, he is a good scholar, and a very good writer, and not only that he is a distant relation of mine, and of course I had been acquainted with him some time.

5587. How came you to have these committee rooms?—Mr. Welch desired me to do so; a few weeks after the election he asked me if I would take the trouble just to pay them for him; of course it did not belong to my department to look after them at all.

5588. You knew that Mr. Tilly was agent for

expenses?—Yes, but Mr. Tilly never paid me any money.

5589. Why did you not take the bills to him?—If a person gives me any money to go and pay a bill, it is my duty to hand the bill to the person I receive the money from. It is not reasonable to expect that I should give the bills to Mr. Tilly.

5590. Did you know, or did you not know, that Mr. Tilly was the agent for Messieurs Fenwick and Schneider's expenses?—I was not positive or certain that there was a single bill to go to him in regard to public-houses, till the last.

5591. Were you aware that Mr. Tilly was the agent for the liberal candidates for election expenses?—I cannot say that positively; I did not know whether it might be Mr. Tilly, or Mr. Maxsted, in fact I never thought anything at all about it.

5592. You never gave the agent for the expenses a thought?—No.

5593. Did you know that there was such a person as an agent for the candidate's expenses?—To tell you the truth, I had so much to attend to on my own account with regard to the part in the election that I took, that I did not think either about Mr. Tilly or Mr. Maxsted at the time.

5594. Did you know that there was such a person as an agent for the Liberal candidate's expenses?—Well, I cannot say that I did for a positive truth; I have learned so since.

5595. You never knew that there was such a person, but you have learned so since?—Yes.

5596. What were the services that were rendered by these sundry non-electors?—The services they rendered were by assisting in going round to the different districts. I organized a committee that were well known in the district, and that were well acquainted with it, and of course they were men who were well qualified to reason with the electors. They were men of excellent characters, and men that I had engaged before for similar purposes, and in my opinion they do the business a great deal better than many of the voters do. You can get a great deal more work out of them for less money.

5597. You went round to the electors, and these men reasoned with them?—Yes, but I could not go in all cases; I was frequently attending the committee room to give them orders to go to different parts of the district.

5598. And these men were kept to reason with the electors?—Yes.

5599. And for their services you paid them *5l.2s.6d.*?—Paid to members of committee and clerks *6l.4s.6d.*

5600. After the election, "paid to sundry electors, *5l. 2s. 6d.*"?—They were principally runners. They were not men that I had engaged particularly myself, except perhaps three or four of them.

5601. What services were rendered for the different sums you have mentioned?—A good deal, and some of them that did not get so well paid did more than others. I gave the names to Mr. Moser, and I wished him to pay them, and he said, "I will give you the sum in total, and you had better pay them yourself."

5602. Did you take any receipt from them?—No, they were only in small sums, they were for two or three days' work *5s.* or *10s.* a day. They were merely working men that had lost their time during the election. There was the nomination day, and the election day, and they had been overlooked when the other payments were made. Generally cases of that kind occur. You cannot settle all up at one time.

5603. How many men in all did you pay for their services as runners and canvassers in your district?—I should think I paid upwards of, say 30.

5604. How many committee rooms had you in your district?—Well, I cannot say positively.

5605. Surely you can tell us?—There were about six committee rooms in the district that regularly attended.

5606. Does that include the Moor Lane committee room?—No.

5607. (*Mr. Newton.*) Just tell me how it was that you happened to pay *21l.* to Mr. James Patterson. How came you to pay to him that large sum?—The *21l.* in his bill was for 56 breakfasts for men employed by the committee at the election. Now these breakfasts I did not order; they are included in the bill.

5608. Have you got the bill there?—Yes, a copy of it.

5609. But not the items?—No.

5610. How came it to run to *21l. 18s. 9d.*?—Mr. Patterson can explain that. There was a great deal of expenses. It was the central committee room, the principal room where the business was done, and we had several meetings there.

5611. But you had hired the room?—I had nothing to do with paying for the room. These were for the refreshments.

5612. You did not hire the room?—No, I had nothing to do with hiring the rooms.

5612*a*. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is the name of Patterson's house?—The "Wheatsheaf."

5613. Did you ever pay any voters for Atkinson?—No.

5614. Did you ask him to pay some voters?—Yes, I asked him to pay some.

5615. Who were they?—The four Whalleys.

5616. Did he ever ask you to pay any voters for him?—No.

5617. You have given as *21l.* for refreshments at the "Wheatsheaf," the central committee room. Was that only for breakfast?—Fifty-six breakfasts were included in the amount.

5618. When were those breakfasts given?—They were very early in the morning.

5619. On what day?—On the morning of the election. The men had been out all night I understood.

5620. The polling day?—Yes.

5621. Were there voters and non-voters breakfasting?—No; I believe they were all non-voters.

5622. You do not know then whether Patterson's bill was right or not?—I could not positively say, I considered myself that it was a very reasonable amount.

5623. How long had you been using that as a committee room?—We had been using it several days.

5624. How many days?—I cannot say. We might have had it a week or two; but of course we were not there every night except perhaps once or twice for half an hour or so, and then we would remove to another public-house.

5625. You were a moving body?—Yes.

5626. You had not a committee stationary at each room?—No.

5627. You had not so many told off to form a committee at the "Wheatsheaf," and another committee at the "Mason's Arms"?—No.

5628. You went about?—Yes; but the "Wheatsheaf" was the principal house where we had our general business done.

5629. You did not send these accounts to Mr. Tilly? Did you ever hear that Mr. Maxsted was the election agent?—No. I cannot say I ever did.

5630. Did you ever hear that Mr. Tilly was?—No.

5631. Were you employed at the election in 1864?—I have been employed in every election.

5632. Were you or were you not employed in the election in 1864?—I do not know for certain whether there was one in 1864 or not.

5633. I can tell you that there was. Were you employed in that?—Yes.

5634. As what?—I was employed at the late Mr. Gregson's election.

5635. As what were you employed in the election of Fenwick and Saunders?—There was Mr. Gregson.

5636. What were you?—I was the captain of the same district.

5637. Did you then return any accounts to anybody?—Yes.

5638. To whom?—I believe to Mr. Henry Welch.

5639. In the same way?—I think so.

5640–1. Then according to that your accounts were

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never audited by the election auditor in 1864 ?—I cannot say whether they were or not.

5642. What was the amount of the account that you handed in to Mr. Welch in 1864 ?—I had only a very small sum, I think not more than 50*l.* or 60*l.* at the election on that occasion, it was quite unnecessary to expend money, you could get them without.

5643. Did you ever discuss this question with Mr. Tilly about these expenses ?—No, not in the least.

5644. Or with Mr. Maxsted ?—No, I never said a word to him on the subject.

5645. You have with Mr. Welch?—No, I have never spoken to Mr. Welch respecting the expenses since the election further than what bills I gave to him and the statement which I have submitted to you.

5646. What I want to know is this—these were all illegitimate expenses, because they were not returned to the election auditor ?—That I cannot say ; I returned them to the party that I considered was the most proper person.

5647. The fact is that you looked on Mr. Welch as the agent and not Mr. Maxsted ?—No, if Mr. Tilly had paid me any money and wished me to pay accounts with it, I, of course, would have returned the receipts to him.

5648. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have told us that you yourself did not pay voters absolutely for their votes at these elections ?—I do not know that I was particularly a captain before. The election between Mr. Saunders and Mr. Fenwick was I believe the first.

5649. You said "except at municipal elections," what are the sums that you have paid at municipal elections ?—I do not know that I ever paid more than half a crown a vote.

5650. That is the ordinary price at municipal elections ?—That is what I paid.

5651. What number of votes do you ordinarily buy at municipal elections ?—As many as I can get hold of in the district ; I cannot mention the number.

5652. Tell me the number at the last municipal election ?—I had nothing to do with it.

5653. Tell us the last you had anything to do with? —I have not had to do with one the last 10 years or more.

5654. How many votes do you suppose you bought ; tell us within 50 ?—I cannot say, I do not think I ever bought 50.

5655. How much money did you spend ?—At a municipal election ?

5656. Yes, at the last municipal election for which you had the control of the money ?—I might spend altogether 20*l.* or 30*l.* perhaps.

5657. In half-crowns ?—Yes.

5658. That would be if the sum was 30*l.* 240, that is the sum of money that you then spent in buying votes ?—Yes, but I do not consider that buying ; I consider it merely paying for a man's trouble and loss of time in going up to vote.

5659. You consider that the man's wage ?—Yes.

5660. And is it the practice for each side to pay the wages of those who vote for them ?—I have always understood it to be so ; I never directly paid a man for his vote. That is what you may term bribery for voting at a municipal election, but it is merely for time.

5661. What is about the number of voters in a municipal election for Lancaster ?—I cannot tell the number.

5662. You know nearer than I do a great deal ; tell me about the number ?—I cannot tell what the number is.

5663. I want the number as compared with the constituency for electing members to Parliament ?—There are considerably more.

5664. May we say three or four times as many ?—I should think so.

5665. Would there be four or five thousand ?—Yes, that or more I should think.

5666. Five or six thousand ?—You are asking me a question that I am not prepared to answer.

5667. You know nearer than I do ; may we say about 5000 ?—I should say so.

5668. Out of those 5,000 how many do you suppose require their wages ?—I should think perhaps 1,400 or 1,500, or perhaps not as many or say 1,000.

5669. Are these men looked after in clubs, or divided up into clubs at all ?—They are managed somewhat similar to what the elections for the borough are managed, by forming committees of working men.

5670. With committees and captains ?—Yes.

5671. Are the captains at those elections the same persons as those who are captains at the other elections ?—No that is not always the case. I can only say that as regards the St. Ann's district, I have been a captain of that district for the municipal elections, and I have been a sort of captain for the borough elections. I happen to be best acquainted with the electors. I have always lived in that part of the town.

5672. Do voters at the municipal elections go according to Liberal and Conservative politics ?—Yes, it is generally politics.

5673. They are divided according to politics ?—Yes.

5674. Divided into two parties ?—Yes, into two parties generally.

5675. And the head persons belonging to each political party look after those that belong to their own party at the municipal elections ?—Yes, generally speaking.

5676. Which has been the stronger party in the municipal elections of late years ; the Liberals or the Conservatives ?—The Liberals.

5677. Very much so ?—Three to one, and more than that, particularly in the district where I reside, that is the St Ann's ; there is no trouble there.

5678. Three to one do you say ?—Yes, I should say three to one ; the fact is, it is a Liberal Town ; there is no necessity to have any Conservatives.

5679. But even although that is the case you are obliged in order to keep your party together for municipal elections to give them their wages ?—Yes, because the other parties are on the look out, and are not very particular about what they pay, I daresay, if they can only gain their ends.

5680. What is the qualification for a vote at the municipal elections ?—Paying the rates.

5681. Anybody who lives in a house and pays rates has a vote ?—Yes.

5682. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who was the Conservative captain of your district ?—Do you mean the captain.

5683. Yes ?—I cannot say.

5684. Was there none ?—No doubt of it, but it was not my business to look after them. I was looking after the voters.

5685. Do you mean you never heard who he was ? — I cannot say that I ever did.

5686. Did you see any one on the other side active in your district ?—No,—well I met with one individual delivering papers out. I happened to be at Whalley's in the evening and he brought the voting papers from him. I took them from him ; he was that tipsy he did not know what he was doing ; he was one of the Conservative party ; he handed the papers to me, and of course I kept them to burn them.

5687. Did you receive any remuneration for your services ?—No, except I think I received a couple of books of the register, and then there was the remnant of six quill pens and a postage stamp, which I have preserved.

5688. Did you receive any money for your services ?—No, not a penny.

5689. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you ?—A tradesman.

5690. What is your trade ?—A joiner and builder.

5691. Has anybody employed you since in giving you a job ?—No, I can say the best supporters we have in regard to business are the Conservatives a job! I could do without Conservatives if it was necessary.

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5692. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A stone mason.

5693. Where do you reside?—In Moor Lane.

5694. You were the sub-captain for this district under Cleminson?—Yes.

5695. How much money did you receive for the purposes of the election altogether in a lump sum?—I received 41*l.* 10*s.* for Mr. Thomas Cleminson, and 100*l.* from Mr. Henry Welch on the day of the election.

5696. When did you receive the money from Cleminson?—It was on the nomination day at night, excepting a little I received before; about 30*s.* I think it was, altogether making 41*l.* 10*s.*

5697. You received from Welch 100*l*; when was that?—On the election day.

5698. At what time?—I think about 10 o'clock; between 10 and 11.

5699. Is that all you received?—I received I think about 5*l.* or 6*l.* a week or 10 days after the election.

5700. From whom?—From Mr. Henry Welch.

5701. Was it 5*l.* or 6*l.*?—I think it was between the two.

5702. Shall I put it 5*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, I think that would be right.

5703. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

5704. 147*l.*?—Yes.

5705. Be good enough to tell us how you spent that 147*l.*?—I paid Mr. Knowles Allinson 125*l.*

5706 When?—About 11 o'clock on the election day.

5707. Soon after you got the money from Mr. Welch?—Yes.

5708. What did you next do with the money?—I paid Welch, a man in the Freehold, 7*l.* for the let of his house.

5709. What is his Christian name?—William, I think.

5710. Is it Richard Welch, Ullswater Road?—Yes, that is the man.

5711. What is he?—He keeps a beerhouse, and is a stonemason.

5712. He is a householder?—Yes.

5713. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is the name of his house?—I do not know.

5714. (*Mr. Newton.*) How much did you pay him?—I paid him 7*l.*

5715. What was it for?—We made use of his house in the district. We hired it for that district.

5716. When did you pay him?—I paid him on the election day.

5717. In the evening?—No, it was about the middle of the day.

5718. Had he voted?—No, he had not.

5719. You paid him in fact for his vote?—It was considered part of it I daresay.

5720. That was a direct bribe for his vote. Who else did you next pay?—Mr. Wearden of the "Plough Inn."

5721. What is his Christian name?—I do not know. He lives in Brier Street.

5722. What did you pay him?—3*l.*

5723. What was that for?—For refreshments.

5724. Who had the refreshments?—There were a good many in the place at the time.

5725. Did voters have it?—There might be part of them voters.

5726. Was it for refreshment for voters?—Yes.

5727. When did you pay that?—It was paid the day after the election, I think.

5728. Is there anybody else?—I handed 4*l.* to William Warbrick.

5729. What for?—He was on the same committee, and it was for him to make the best use of he could amongst the voters.

5730. To spend among the voters?—Yes.

5731. Had he voted when you paid him?—No, he had got it the day before the election: we were engaged in public-houses during the night and he had it for that.

5732. He got it on the day of the nomination?—Yes.

5733. Who was the next?—It cost me 30*s.* amongst men I had hired to protect the booths.

5734. How many men?—There might be between 20 and 30.

5735. 20 and 30 men had one 1*l.* 10*s.* a piece?—No, 1*l.* 10*s.* amongst them.

5736. What was that for?—They were men we had to protect the booths.

5737. Anything more?—I paid about 6*l.* amongst some men who got from 7*s.* to 10*s.* a-piece.

5738. (*Mr. Hill.*) How many men?—I gave the names to Mr. Henry Welch. I cannot say exactly how many there were. They come to 6*l.*

5739. (*Mr. Newton.*) How many were there?—There might be nine or 10 of them.

5740. What had they done?—They were to protect the booths. They were non-voters.

5741. Why should the 10 men be paid more than the 20 or 30 who had a shilling a-piece?—That was for refreshments for the same men.

5742. You say you paid nine or 10 men 6*l.*?—Yes. This 30*s.* was divided amongst them for refreshments during the day

5743 You say there were 20 or 30 men amongst whom you paid 1*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, that was for refreshments.

5744. Then there are nine or 10 other men to whom you gave 6*l.*, are they the same men?—The same men.

5745. You gave 6*l.* to them?—Yes.

5746. Is there anything else?—No, I think that is all

5747. Then with the exception of Richard Welch you never bought a vote?—No, I did not.

5748. You have accounted for 146*l.*, there is a balance over of 1*l.*, what did you do with that?—I cannot exactly tell to what amount the refreshments were exactly. I gave the bills in to Mr. Welch.

5749. (*Mr. Hill.*) The balance, if any, was spent?—Yes.

5750. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you receive any remuneration for your trouble?—No, not a farthing.

5751. You did all this gratuitously?—Yes.

5752. All for the love of the cause?—Yes.

5753. Do you know anybody on the other side who was an assisting captain?—I do not recollect them, that was in the same district I was.

5754. Do you mean to say you cannot tell us the name of anybody you saw going about?—I can recollect a deal going about.

5755. You cannot give us one name?—I do not recollect anybody in particular that was in the same district we were.

GEORGE LAWSON SHAW sworn and examined.

G. L. Shaw.

5756. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A joiner.

5757. Where do youlive?—In Moor Lane.

5758. You are a Liberal?—Yes.

5759. And were engaged in the Liberal cause at the last election?—Yes.

5760. As a captain of a district?—Joint captain.

5761. Of what district?—Of the Freehold.

5762-3. We have not any district named the Freehold district?—It will be in the Bath Street district I think.

5764. What was the first money which you received at all to spend upon the first election?—10*s.*

5765. When?—A little over a week before the election.

5766. You received that from whom?—Henry Welch.

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5767. What was the next sum which you received?—30*s.*

5768. When was that?—A few days before the election.

5769. Was that from Henry Welch?—Yes.

5770. What was the next sum of money which you received?—12*l.* 16*s.*

5771. From whom?—Henry Welch.

5772. At what date?—A few days after the election.

5773. What was the next sum of money you received?—That is all.

5774. Did you not receive anything more at all?—No.

5775. No more than 14*l.* 16*s.*?—No.

5776. Are you sure that is all you received from Welch?—Yes.

5777. Are you aware that he said he gave you 50*l.*?—Yes.

5778. Is he mistaken?—Yes.

5779. Who had the greatest share of the money in your district?—George Bowness.

5780. Are you quite sure that all you received was 14*l.* 16*s.*?—Yes.

5781. How did you spend it?—The 2*l.* was spent in refreshments.

5782. Before the election?—Yes.

5783. At public-houses?—Yes.

5784. Refreshment of voters?—Voters and others.

5785. What was the next sum you expended?—John Long, "Rose Tavern," his bill for his house and refreshments was 4*l.* 12*s.*

5786. What other sum?—Richard Walch.

5787. Did you not pay John Long something else?—No.

5788. That was all?—Yes; I got a receipt for the money, and gave it to Mr. Welch.

5789. What was the next sum?—Richard Walch.

5790. There is only one Richard Walch, is there not?—Yes.

5791. The man who lives in Ullswater Road?—Yes.

5792. What did you pay him?—4*l.* 19*s.* for his house and refreshments.

5793. Was that a bill?—Yes; I got a receipt for it, and then I paid John Parkinson of the "New Inn" 5*s.* for two dinners.

5794. For voters?—For one voter and one non-voter.

5795. On the election day?—The dinner was on the election day, but I paid him afterwards.

5796. What was the next?—I spent no more.

5797. Is that all you spent?—Yes.

5798. 11*l.* 16*s.*; there is 3*l.* wanted somewhere?—Mr. Welch gave me the remainder for myself after the election.

5799. You had for yourself 3*l.*?—Yes.

5800. That was for your exertions?—Yes.

5801. You exerted yourself for the Liberals and you voted Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

5802. Did you receive any other monies?—No.

5803. Nothing except this 3*l.*?—No.

5804. Did you spend any other monies than those of which you have told us?—No.

5805. Did you know who were the Conservative captains working in your district?—Bond the Joiner was one.

5806. Do you know anyone else?—No one else except James Bond.

5807. No one else except those whose names we have heard of?—No.

G. Bowness.

GEORGE BOWNESS sworn and examined.

5808. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your occupation?—A watchmaker.

5809. Where do you live?—In North Road.

5810. Have you been a pretty active electioneerer?—I took a part in it.

5811. In previous elections also?—In only one; I was very slightly mixed up with the one previously.

5812. You are a Liberal, I suppose?—Yes, I am.

5813. Were you a captain of the Bath Street district?—Joint captain with George Shaw.

5814. From whom did you receive money to work that district?—Mr. Henry Welch.

5815. What was the first sum you received?—I think about 10*s.*

5816. When was that?—About a fortnight before the election.

5817. When did you next receive any money?—A few days before the election.

5818. From Henry Welch?—Yes.

5819. How much?—I can scarcely say; I made no memorandum of it at the time. The sum was very small.

5820. We must take some sum; how much should you think?—Perhaps about 25*s.*

5821. When did you next receive money?—On the evening of the nomination day.

5822. From Henry Welch?—Yes.

5823. How much?—18*l.* 10*s.*

5824. Did you ever receive any money after that?—About a week after the election I received 2*l.* or 3*l.*; I cannot speak to the exact amount.

5825. Was that from Mr. Welch?—Yes.

5826. Shall I say 3*l.*?—I do not think I received 3*l.* quite.

5827. 2*l.* 10*s.*?—About that.

5828. Was that all the money you received?—Yes, it was.

5829. From Welch or anyone else?—Yes.

5830. What was the total sum you received?—About 28*l.*

5831. You must have received some sum of which you have not told us?—I have got the amount 28*l.* 10*s.*, but I cannot speak to the exact sum, because I made no memorandum of any money I received from Mr. Welch at all.

5832. The items you have given us are a considerable sum short of the gross amount. Cannot you think of any more?—That is all the money I received.

5833. You have not accounted for the receipt of it: can you account for the disbursing of it?—Yes, the statement made by Mr. Welch the other day was not correct that we received 50*l.* and 5*l.* for expenses; it was a very great mistake.

5834. How did you spend the money?—The money that we received before the election was spent in refreshments for voters, and part out of my own pocket. I had not sufficient.

5835. What amount did you spend in refreshments for votes before the election?—I should think I spent over 2*l.*

5836. Altogether?—Yes.

5837. What sum shall I take; you say, "over 2*l.*?"—I cannot speak to a few shillings: say 50*s.*

5838. Did you pay any one for their vote?—I paid 10*l.* to the wife of a voter named Mounsey.

5839. What is Mounsey?—He is a labourer in Bath Street.

5840. William Mounsey?—Yes. I may state that this man was in a very great state of destitution at the time; in fact, he had been better in the workhouse.

5841. Is there anyone else?—I gave 5*l.* to the son of a freeman named Hargreaves.

5842. What is his Christian name?—Thomas Hargreaves, cabinetmaker; and I returned 7*l.* to Mr. Welch.

5843. Are those the only voters you paid?—Yes.

5844. You returned the balance to Mr. Welch?—Yes; that was intended for a voter named Simpson, but the Conservatives had got hold of him before.

5845. You intended to bribe Simpson, but the Conservatives got hold of him before you, and you

could not manage it? I suppose it was intended for that purpose.

5846. Is that a full and complete list of your disbursements?—No; I gave 15*s.* to a non-elector named Jackson, whom we employed for three days, and I gave 5*s.* to a non-elector named Greenall whom we employed for one day.

5847. Anyone else?—I also gave half a sovereign to an old man named Day who was a voter.

5848. John Day, Moor Lane, cooper?—Yes.

5849. What was that 10*s.* for?—I suppose it was to please the old man. He had voted during the day; he was an old man, and a cripple, and went on crutches, and I thought it would be a very nice thing to please him, and keep him in a good humour.

5850. You gave it to him after he had voted?—Yes.

5851. Have you any other expenditure to tell us of?—I do not recollect anything else except what was spent at the public-houses.

5852. We want to know that?—Shaw paid the bills, but previous to the election, and on the election day, I also paid money which I had in my pocket.

5853. Out of your own pocket?—Yes.

5854. How much?—I do not remember; it was not very much—not very many shillings.

5855. How many shillings?—It was less than 1*l.*

5856. 15*s.*?—Yes, about that perhaps.

5857. Is your account complete now?—Yes, I think it is.

5858. Were you ever repaid this 15*s.*?—Yes, I was.

5859. You repaid yourself?—I got some money from Mr. Welch a few days after the election, which he said was for expenses, and remuneration for my trouble.

5860. What amount was that?—About 2*l.* or 3*l.*—2*l.* 10*s.* I should say.

5861. That was for expenses, and for your remuneration?—Yes.

5862. Who was the Conservative captain in your district?—Bond, I believe.

5863. The joiner?—Yes; I believe he received money from Mr. William Storey. Allow me to state that Mr. J. L. Bradshaw was the Conservative captain over the Freehold.

EDWARD RILEY sworn and examined.

Edward Riley.

5864. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Moor Lane.

5865. What are you?—A grocer.

5866. You are a Liberal?—Yes.

5867. And took part in the last election?—Yes.

5868. What district did you take?—Golgotha, and the Asylum district.

5869. How much money in a whole sum have you received for the purposes of the election?—32*l.*

5870. From different people?—No; from Mr. Henry Welch.

5871. Have you received any money from anybody else?—No.

5872. When did he first pay you that money?—He paid me 2*l.* three days before the election, and then 30*l.* the night before the election.

5873. Be good enough to tell us how you distributed that 32*l.*?—The first 5*l.* I gave to Joseph Gardener, of Workhouse Lodge.

5874. What is he?—He is a tailor.

5875. What did you give him that money for?—For his vote.

5876. At what time in the day?—About 9 o'clock.

5877. In the morning?—Yes.

5878. What is the next payment you made?—I gave 10*l.* to Mr. Knowles Allinson.

5879. What for?—For what he had paid Mr. Robert Mashiter, of Golgotha.

5880. Did he come and ask you for it?—No; Mashiter came to ask me what I was going to give him, and I said 5*l.* He said that would not do; he must have what the others were having. I said, "What is that?" and he said, "10*l.* 12*l.* and 14*l.*" And I referred him to Mr. Allinson, because I had no orders to give anything like that sum. Mr. Allinson told me what he had given him, and I turned over the 10*l.* to him.

5881. Who is the next person you paid?—I gave Mr. Allinson 5*l.* to give to Mr. Joseph Gardener for his son, John Gardener.

5882. What is he?—A clerk.

5883. Where does the son live?—I cannot say where he lives, but he has a situation somewhere up in London.

5884. Does he live in Church Street?—No, he did live with his father at Workhouse Lodge before he left. He was a pupil teacher at the Royal Grammar School. Mr. Allinson thought he would be useful to him, and he sent for him. He is not a voter, but he has had his freedom taken up since.

5885. He found it so good a thing that he could not help having it taken up, I suppose. That 5*l.* was for helping Allinson?—Yes.

5886. What was the next payment?—I did not pay any more money for voters.

5887. Did you pay anything for refreshments?—I paid 2*l.* to William Riley for assistance.

5888. Is he your brother?—No, he is my father.

5889. Is he a voter?—Yes, a householder.

5890. What is he?—He is a cotton dresser.

5891. In what sort of a house does he live?—He lives in the toll-house, not far from the Royal Grammar School.

5892. Does he pay rent for the house?—Yes.

5893. How much?—13*l.* a year; 13*l.* or 15*l.*, I cannot say which.

5894. It is William Riley, East Road?—Yes.

5895. You gave him 2*l.*?—Yes; that was for helping me taking out circulars and so on, and I gave William Warbrick 2*l.* for his services.

5896. Is he a householder?—Yes, a householder in the Freehold Park, Windermere Road.

5897. What is the rent of his house?—About 10*l.* a year.

5898. Anybody else?—I gave Hesketh Riley, for his services, 1*l.*

5899. What relation is he to you?—Brother.

5900. Is he a voter?—No.

5901. Anything else?—I gave James Tomlinson 10*s.*, and John Moore 5*s.*

5902. Were they voters or not?—He is the son of a voter.

5903. Are they young fellows?—Yes, young men.

5904. What did you give it to them for?—For their labour and service.

5905. Are they both sons of voters?—No, John Moore is not.

5906. Is James Tomlinson's father a householder or freeman?—A freeman.

5907. Anybody else?—I gave George Forrest 5*s.*

5908. What for?—For his service.

5909. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is he a non-voter?—Yes.

5910. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is he the son of a voter?—No, he is a married man with a family.

5911. Anybody else?—There was William Wearden, the son of John Wearden.

5912. Is he a voter?—His father is.

5913. What did you give him?—5*s.*

5914. For his services?—Yes.

5915. Anybody else?—Not that I recollect.

5916. You have accounted for 26*l.* 5*s.*, and you told us you received 32*l.*; what did you do with the balance?—The 2*l.* I received I spent at the house I was stationed at, and about 3*l.* I spent the night before the election; it was better than 2*l.*; I did not allow any bill to run up at the house I was stationed at; anything that came in, spirits, bread and cheese, and beer, and so on, I paid for.

5917. (*Mr. Hill.*) Refreshments before the election, 2*l.*?—Yes, and between 2*l.* and 3*l* the night before the election.

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5918. That makes a sum of 31*l.* 5*s.*, leaving a balance of 15*s.*?—Yes, which I handed over to Mr. Welch.

5919. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you received any remuneration for your services in any way whatever?—No, if anything I am out of pocket.

5920. You were rather out of pocket?—I thought so a day or two after the election.

5921. You did it all for love of the cause?—Yes, I respected the members.

5922. Had you known Mr. Schneider before?—No, it was Mr. Fenwick I respected.

5923. You respected Mr. Schneider through Mr. Fenwick?—Yes.

5924. You do not know anything of any Conservative captain that has not been named?—No; I went to the asylum a time or two to see the voters there, and I saw William Dugdale there.

5925. Was he a captain?—No.

5926. Do you know of any Conservative captain?—No; they told me they had been up, but they did not tell me their names.

Mr. R. Hinde.

Mr. Robert Hinde sworn and examined.

5927. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—In High Bentham, in Yorkshire.

5928. What are you?—I live upon my own farm, and follow the occupation of a manure agent.

5929. You farm your own land?—Yes.

5930. You are a Liberal in politics?—Yes, and always have been.

5931. What is your connexion with the Borough of Lancaster?—I am a freeman of the borough.

5932. What was your employment at the last election?—I came down, having received three letters; the first two I did not reply to.

5933. Who sent for you?—The letters were signed by Mr. Moser.

5934. When did you come to Lancaster?—The day but one before the nomination day.

5935. That would be July the 9th?—I do not remember the day of the month.

5936. Where did you go to on arriving at Lancaster?—I went to a house where I have a furnished bedroom of my own, and on the following morning I went to Mr. Welch.

5937. And discussed the preliminary matters of the election with him?—Yes.

5938. And also especially directed your attention to the pecuniary part?—No, he requested me to go to Manchester.

5939. Did you go?—I went the following morning by the first train.

5940. What did you do at Manchester?—I went to see a voter, Henry Stirzaker, whose address I got.

5941. Where did you find him?—I found him down in Hulme; I cannot state exactly the street, for I was in a great hurry.

5942. Did you ask him for his vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes; he was a painter, and I asked him for his vote for Fenwick and Schneider.

5943. What did he say?—He said he was favourable to them. There was another voter in Manchester whom I could not find, and I asked Stirzaker if he knew where he lived, and he said he did, and I took a cab and went with Stirzaker to see him.

5944. Did you see him?—Yes.

5945. What was his name?—I cannot say; I could not make anything of him. The Conservatives had been there before me, and he said he would have nothing to say to me.

5946. What did you offer Henry Stirzaker?—Nothing then.

5947. Did he say he would come over to Lancaster and see you?—Yes, he did.

5948. From what you saw of him you knew he was a man who would require payment?—I thought he was. I afterwards saw another voter.

5949. What was his name?—Christopher Hinde.

5950. Did you do anything with him?—Yes.

5951. What did you do?—He came back with me in a cab; I then joined Henry Stirzaker and his wife, and we all came back together by the train to Lancaster.

5952. Is Christopher Hinde a voter?—Yes, a freeman of the borough.

5953. You are described as chemist and druggist upon the register?—Yes.

5954. By virtue of being a manure agent?—No; I had served my time with a chemist and druggist.

5955. And Christopher Hinde, too?—No; he is an old man in very poor circumstances.

5956. How is he described on the register?—As of 57 Aldcliffe Street, gentleman, he is an uncle of mine, and we almost supported him for some few years.

5957. We do not want to go into family matters; you looked him up, and brought Stirzaker and him back to Lancaster?—Yes.

5958. When you got to Lancaster what did you do?—Stirzaker went to his own house, and my uncle went to my mother's house.

5959. After that, did you busy yourself with the matters of the election?—Yes; the following morning.

5960. What monies did you receive from Henry Welch?—40*l.* on the morning of the election; but before that he gave me 5*l.* for expenses to go to Manchester.

5961. On July the 12th how much did you receive?—On the morning of the election I received 40*l.*

5962. Did you receive any other monies?—No.

5963. Neither before or after?—No.

5964. That is the whole money that you received, 45*l.*?—Yes.

5965. How did you spend it?—I went to the "Prince William Henry," that is the house where I was stationed.

5966. How much did you spend on your Manchester journey, first of all?—I had a great deal of cabs to hire.

5967. How much, about, did you spend?—About 8*l.*; that is to the best of my recollection.

5968. That is a good deal of money to expend in going to Manchester and back in one day?—I had all the fares to pay, and Stirzaker would not come without his wife and one child.

5969. Did you all travel first class?—No, we all came third.

5970. And you spent 8*l.*?—Yes; I think so, to the best of my recollection.

5971. You had some dinner, I suppose, there?—Yes, of course.

5972. And made things pleasant to them?—I was obliged to do so.

5973. Did you have a champagne dinner?—No, we had not.

5974. (*Mr. Newton.*) Perhaps lamb and green peas?—No; only bread and cheese, and porter.

5975. (*Mr. Hill.*) And you spent 8*l.*?—Yes; including railway fares, cabs, and so on.

5976. What was the next money you spent?—I met Anthony Knowles Fox, at the "Prince William Henry," between half-past 8 and 9.

5977. On what day?—On the day of the election.

5978. What did you do with him?—I tried to secure his vote.

5979. How did you succeed?—He said he had had 10*l.* offered by the Conservatives, but as he was in favour of the Liberals he would vote for them for 8*l.*; his brother Andrew was likewise along with him, and he said the same.

5980. Did you give Anthony Fox the 8*l.*?—No; we went down to poll, all three of us polled at the same time, we came back to the "Prince William Henry," and I gave them 8*l.* each.

5981. Did you spend anything else?—I then went and saw Christopher Hinde.

5982. Your uncle?—Yes; I took him to poll, he said nothing at all about the remuneration then, but I

mentioned it afterwards; and he likewise received 8*l.*, which I gave him.

5983. What is Anthony Fox by trade?—I believe he worked at the Canal Office, as a sort of joiner, or ship-builder.

5984. And your uncle is a gentleman?—Yes.

5985. Did you spend any other sums of money?—I spent about 2*l.* in refreshments at the "Prince William Henry."

5986. Anything else?—I went afterwards and saw Mr. John Bleasdale, of Penny Street, and there was a Mr. Garnett, a farmer, who came into his shop, and said that he had a voter who would poll for 5*l.* Mr. Bleasdale said he had no money. I then said that I had; and Bleasdale said, "He is a respectable man, you may trust him with 5*l.*;" and I gave him 5*l.*

5987. What was the name of the voter?—I do not know; Mr. Bleasdale said Mr. Garnett was a respectable man, and could be trusted with the money, and I gave it to him.

5988. What is Mr. Garnett's christian name?—I do not know.

5989. You did not know anything of him?—He is a farmer, and comes into town every morning, I think, with milk.

5990. You gave John Garnett for a voter 5*l.*?—Yes.

5991. Is there any other sum of money that you expended?—There was one of the men who assisted me who got his coat torn.

5992. Was he a voter?—No.

5993. How much did you give him?—1*l.*

5994. His coat got torn in a scuffle, I suppose?—Yes.

5995. Is there anything else?—No.

5996. That is the whole of the money you expended?—Yes.

5997. That is 40*l.*, and you received 45*l.*; what did you do with the other 5*l.*?—I took the remainder to Mr. Henry Welch, at the "Queen's Hotel."

5998. Did you have any remuneration for yourself?—Mr. Welch gave me the 5*l.* back; he said, "That will buy you a new suit of clothes;" and that is all the money I received. I had been away from home four days and nights.

5999. You had it back the same day, I daresay?—Yes.

6000. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you know of any Conservative captain in that district?—Mr. John Booth.

6001. Anybody else?—Mr. George Clark.

6002. Anybody else?—There was a Mr. Jackson, who was very busy; those are the three that I know of.

JOHN MARSDEN sworn and examined.

6003. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A brush-maker.

6004. Where do you live?—Upper King Street.

6005. How long have you been engaged in elections at Lancaster?—This is the first time.

6006. You were engaged for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

6007. Can you tell us at once what was the gross sum you received?—I can tell you about. It was about 133*l.*

6008. From Henry Welch, I suppose?—Yes, a great part of it.

6009. What is the first sum you received?—It would be perhaps about 9 or 10 days previous to the election.

6010. How much money?—Perhaps a couple of pounds, I do not know exactly.

6011. When was the next sum?—In a day or two after that again.

6012. How much?—About the same amount, 2*l.*

6013. Did you receive any more before the election?—Yes, I received about 8*l.* altogether previous to the election.

6014. Then I suppose, like the rest, on the nomination day, you got some more?—No, on the morning of the polling day.

6015. How much did you get?—I got 50*l.* first, and then 50*l.* again, and then 25*l.*

6016. Is that the whole of the money you received? Yes.

6017. First and last?—Yes, first and last.

6018. That is to say you received 133*l.*?—Yes, about that sum.

6019. How did you dispose of it first, before the election?—The money I had before the election was all spent in treating, and the like.

6020. What did you do with the rest of the sum you received?—I paid voters with it.

6021. Who did you pay?—Thomas Barrow Taylor, Upper King Street, 12*l.*

6022. What Taylor is that?—A stonemason.

6023. Is he a freeman or householder?—A freeman.

6024. Who next?—John A. Coulston.

6025. Is he a freeman?—Yes, 10*l.*

6026. Who next?—William Leighton, Alma Road, tailor.

6027. How much?—10*l.* James Crossthwaite, painter, 10*l.*, Thomas Richardson, Brewery Yard, Shoemaker, 10*l.*, George Austin Pimm, of Scotforth, tailor, 10*l.*, Reuben Pimm, senior, whitesmith, 10*l.*; John Gudgeon, Upper King Street, blacksmith, 5*l.*

6028. Is that T. M. Gudgeon, Marton Street?—Yes, very likely.

6029. Who next?—Richard Howson, Upper King Street, 15*l.*

6030. What is he, a householder?—Yes.

6031. What is he by trade?—A wheelwright and joiner I think. Thomas Jackson. This is for the payment of two voters.

6032. Give us the names of the voters first?—Two Richardson's, sons of the Richardson I named before.

6033. Do you know their christian names?—One is James, a labourer, and the other is a joiner, I think.

6034. How much did you give them?—16*l.* between them.

6035. You paid them through Jackson?—Yes.

6036. Who next?—Thomas Parkinson, shoemaker, 12*l.*

6037. Is that Thomas Parkinson, Penny Street, householder?—Yes, that is the man.

6038. Is that all?—Yes, that is all, I have omitted one party. Kelsall 8*l.*, I do not know his first name.

6039. We have had his name before I think?—No, I think not.

6040. What is he?—He is a farmer out of Wyresdale.

6041. Was it for his vote?—Yes.

6042. Do you recollect which Kelsall it was?—No, I do not, I was only told it was one of the Kelsall's, that he had not voted, and I got him to vote.

6043. There was a trifling balance?—Yes, and 2*l.* of that balance was spent in refreshments on the day of election, and 1*l.* of it was returned to Mr. Welch, and he gave me 9*l.*, back again in addition to the 1*l.*; I had several parties to pay; runners, and such like.

6044. (*Mr Hill.*) What did you pay in the way of runners?—I cannot say.

6045. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I asked you very particularly whether you had received anything more?—It was not then in my mind.

6046. Was that 10*l.* for your services?—It was for my services, and to pay a few runners, and such like.

6047. (*Mr Hill.*) How much was for your services, and how much for the runners?—I cannot say.

6048. Would there be 7*l.* or 8*l.* for yourself?—Hardly I should think; perhaps half?—Yes, perhaps half of it.

6049. 5*l.* for yourself?—Yes, perhaps so.

6050. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have accounted to us for 141*l.*?—Yes.

6051. That is what you spent?—Yes.

6052. (*Mr. Newton.*) You got 10*l.* for your services?—For my services, and for the payment of runners, and so on.

Adjourned to Monday at 12 o'clock.

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Lancaster Castle, Monday, 3rd September 1866.

PRESENT:

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON.
MR. HILL.

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G. Slater.

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GEORGE SLATER sworn and examined.

6053. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Barrow.

6054. Were you living there in July, 1865?—Yes.

6055. What were you at Barrow?—Clerk.

6056. To whom?—I am now clerk to the Barrow Hæmatite Steel Company. It was then Schneider, Hannay, and Company.

6057. Are you in their employment at this time?—I am with the Barrow Hæmatite Steel Company at present. The firm was then Schneider, Hannay, and Company, but it was changed in January.

6058. You are now clerk in the same establishment, but it is a different firm?—Yes.

6059. How long have you been in Mr. Schneider's employment?—Nearly seven years.

6060. Was yours a confidential post?—No.

6061. Were you at the head of your department?—No.

6062. We understand that you came over here about the election?—No, I did not.

6063. Were you not in Lancaster on the 11th of July?—No, I was in Barrow.

6064. Were you not in Lancaster on the 12th of July?—No.

6065. Did you take any part in the proceedings of the election?—No, not the least; not at all.

6066. Is your father alive?—Yes.

6067. Where does he live?—At Park Farm, in the parish of Dalton.

6068. What is his christian name?—William.

6069. What is he?—He is manager, for Schneider and Company, of the farms.

6970. Do you know of your own knowledge whether he took any part in the proceedings of the election?—I was not there at the time.

6071. Do you know of your own knowledge whether he took any part in the proceedings of the election or not?—Well, I believe he was here; I cannot say for certain.

6072. Where were you at the time of the election?—At Barrow.

6073. Did you you see your father on either of those two days?—No, I did not.

6074. How far is Park Farm from Barrow?—About five miles.

6075. Is your father in the habit of coming over to Barrow every day?—No.

6076. Are you in the habit of seeing him every day?—No; I do not see him between Monday morning and Saturday afternoon.

6077. But you say you believe he was here during the election?—Yes.

6078. Do you go home on Saturdays to see him?—Yes, I go home on Saturdays.

6079. Have you ever written to anybody concerning this election Commission?—No.

6080. You have not written?—Except on Friday to the chairman to say I could not come on Saturday till a quarter-past 1 from Barrow, but nothing previous to that.

6081. What made you write that letter?—Because I could not get away from my work until that train.

6082. When were you summoned?—On Friday afternoon.

6083. What was your observation when you received the summons?—That that was not my proper name that was on the summons.

6084. In what name were you summoned?—John.

6085. I understand you were served, and that you undertook to deliver the summons to your father, and that the name in the summons was altered to William?—Yes.

6086. What explanation have you to give of that?—I had a telegram from the chairman to say that I was to come to-day at 12 o'clock.

6087. I am informed that you undertook to deliver the summons to your father, the name upon the summons having been altered?—Yes, I did.

6088. What explanation have you to give of that?—I delivered it to him.

6089. When?—On Saturday evening.

6090. Is he here?—No.

6091. Will he be here?—No.

6092. Why not?—In consequence of a telegram being received that I was to come here to-day.

6093. At what time did you receive the telegram?—At a quarter-past 9 on Saturday morning.

6094. Your father, you say, is not here to-day?—He is not here to-day.

6095. Did you see him on Saturday?—I shall see him to-night.

6096. Did you see him on Saturday?—Yes.

6097. Did you tell him that you had had a telegram sent to you?—I did, and showed him a copy of it.

6098. What did he say?—That I was to come.

6099. What did he say about coming himself? You knew perfectly well when you were served with the summons that it was not you that we wanted, but your father?—Yes.

6100. You thought probably that your father might escape coming by your coming this morning?—No, I should not have come myself unless I had received the telegram.

6101. When did you give the summons to your father?—On Saturday, about 4 o'clock.

6102. You knew perfectly well when you received the telegram that it was for your father, and not for yourself?—No; the telegram was in my own name.

6103. But you knew that it was a mistake in the proper name?—The telegram was in my proper name, George.

6104. But you knew that it was intended for your father?—No, I did not. I have a copy of the telegram myself (*producing a paper*).

6105. Let me look at it, if you please?—It is a pencil copy (*handing it to the Commissioners*).

6106. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you write a letter to us on Friday?—Yes.

6107. To say that you could not come?—To say that I could not come till a quarter-past 1 that day.

6108. Why did you write that letter?—It was inconvenient for me to get away from the works.

6109. But you were not wanted. You had not been summoned, in fact. There were not two summonses delivered?—The summons was not in my father's name.

6110. But it was altered by the summoning officer?—It was not altered until after my letter was written.

6011. (*Mr. Newton.*) At 4 o'clock on Saturday you saw the summoning officer?—On Friday.

6112. In the presence of Mr. Schneider?—Yes.

6113. And Mr. Schneider said that the summons was for your father, and not for you?—He did.

6114. The summons was then altered into William, and you got a telegram on Saturday morning to come here, which you knew perfectly well was for your father, and yet you come here when you know you are not wanted?—I did not know that I was not wanted. The telegram was in my name.

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6115. At what time did you write that letter?—About 4 o'clock.

6116. On what day?—Friday.

6117. Was that before you saw Mr. Schneider and the summoning officer?—Yes.

6118. (*Mr. Barstow.*) But what made you write the letter at all if you wrote before you were summoned?—I wrote it after I was summoned. I should get the summons about 3 o'clock, I think.

6119. Why is not your father here?—You saw him yesterday?—Yes.

6120. Why has he not come?—In consequence of the telegram being received that I was to come.

6121. He knew just as well as you did that you were not the man we wanted?—The summoning officer told me I need not come unless I was telegraphed for, and I received the telegram on Saturday morning at a quarter-past 9.

JACOB MOSER sworn and examined.

J. Moser.

6122. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A pawnbroker.

6123. Where do you live?—At No. 10, New Road, Lancaster.

6124. You are a Liberal?—Yes.

6125. What part did you take in the last election?—I worked for the Liberal cause.

6126. You were captain in what district?—In the St. George's Quay district.

6127. That is what we have called the Bridge Lane district?—Yes.

6128. Did you distribute any monies or make any payments at the last election?—Yes.

6129. For that purpose what moneys did you receive?—I received 23*l.* from Mr. Slater, I think they call him. I saw his name in the paper, but I was not aware of his name when I received the money from him.

6130. When did you receive that?—On the morning of the election.

6131. July the 12th?—Yes.

6132. Would that be from William Slater?—I could not tell you his christian name.

6133. Did you receive it all in one sum?—Yes.

6134. What other sums did you receive?—I also received about 12*l.* for two more voters.

6135. From whom?—From the same gentleman.

6136. And on the same day?—Yes.

6137. Was that later in the day?—About a quarter of an hour afterwards.

6138. Did you receive any other sums?—Not during the election.

6139. Did you receive after the election any sums?—I received about 9*l.* that I had spent out of my own pocket.

6140. From whom?—From Mr. Welch.

6141. How long after the election was that?—About three or four days.

6142. Did you receive any other sums?—No.

6143. Were those three sums of 23*l.*, 12*l.*, and 9*l.*, all the monies you received?—Yes, that was the whole sum.

6144. How did you lay out that money?—In the first place I paid 8*l.* to Mr. Whitaker, a farmer.

6145. What is his Christian name?—I think it is William, but I am not quite positive.

6146. Is he a freeman?—No, a householder.

6147. William Whitaker, Lime street?—Yes.

6148. What did you pay him?—Between 10*l.* and 11*l.*

6149. On the election day?—Yes.

6150. Was that for the purpose of his vote?—Yes; he stated that he would have voted for the Liberals if he had not got any money, but he thought as the other party were receiving such sums he did not see why he should not.

6151. To whom did you give any money?—I gave 5*l.* each to Thomas Butcher, Richard Butcher, and William Warbrick.

6152. Are they freemen?—Yes.

6153. What is Thomas Butcher by trade?—He is a tailor by trade, I believe, and also the son.

6154. That is Richard Butcher?—Yes.

6155. What is Warbrick?—He used to be a carter, I think.

6156. Is he an old man?—Yes, he is an old man, and does not follow any calling now, I think.

6157. What other sums did you expend?—The other sums that I expended were out of my own pocket, for which I received upwards of 9*l.*

6158. In what way did you spend the 9*l.*?—In refreshments, and giving various men small sums of money during the week previous to the election.

6159. Refreshments preceding the election?—Yes, and on the day of election.

6160. Small sums of money to whom?—To Stephen Winder I gave something like 1*l.* in various sums, 5*s.* at a time.

6161. Is he a freeman?—Yes.

6162. What is Stephen Winder's occupation?—A watchmaker.

6163. Who were the other persons to whom you gave small sums?—Richard Wilkinson; I am not quite sure about his christian name.

6164. What is he?—A freeman.

6165. Brushmaker, Bridge Lane?—Yes, that is the man.

6166. How much did you give to him?—I gave him half a crown one time, and 1*l.* another. He had lost the week from his work, and he said he should want something to keep him over the week until the election.

6167. He was out on the drink all the week?—Yes, and running different errands.

6168. So you gave him 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* altogether?—Yes.

6169. Who else?—I paid Richard Baines, who keeps a public-house in Bridge Lane, 23*s.*

6170. Was that for refreshment?—Yes.

6171. Refreshment of voters?—Yes.

6172. Is he a voter himself?—Yes, he is a freeman.

6173. Did you give him anything for himself, or was that 23*s.* all for refreshments?—That was for refreshments.

6174. What else?—I think that is all I gave in money, and the other was spent in different places when I was visiting.

6175. What else did you spend?—I paid various smalls bills to Miss Hodgson, who keeps the "Blue Anchor."

6176. Who else?—I do not know anybody else.

6177. What did you pay her?—Several sums each evening we used to meet there.

6178. What did they come to altogether?—2*l.* or 3*l.*; I could not tell exactly.

6179. How much do you say you laid out altogether small sums?—9*l.*

6180. You have given us 3*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*; where would the balance be?—The balance would be paid to Miss Hodgson, except some few shillings I might give away in the street.

6181. What other sums did you lay out?—I do not know of any other sums.

6182. What did you do with the balance?—The balance was paid away at different houses when I was visiting the voters.

6183. That cannot be so; there is too large a balance left?—I was at Miss Hodgson's every night to see these voters for the week, and I should think I should pay something like 10*s.* or 12*s.* each evening.

6184. You have only accounted for 32*l.*; what have you done with the other 12*l.*? How much have you kept for yourself?—No, I never got a halfpenny; I am out of pocket.

6185. What have you done with the rest?—I have

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forgotten the two voters that I gave money to Mr. Barsby to pay.

6186. Who were the two voters?—Stephen Winder and Tomlinson.

6187. Is that Stephen Winder, the watchmaker?—Yes, the same man.

6188. How much did you give him for his vote?—I gave the money to Mr. Barsby and he paid them. I think he told me that he paid one 7*l.* 10*s.* and the other 5*l.*

6189. Who was the other man?—Tomlinson, a tailor.

6190. What is his christian name?—John, I think; he is a tailor, and lives in Bridge Lane.

6191. Did you pay him by Barsby, too?—Yes.

6192. How much?—I think I gave Mr. Barsby 5*l.* for him.

6193. That makes 44*l.* 10*s.* expended. Are there any other payments you made?—Not that I can recollect.

6194. You say the balance, if any, was out of your own pocket?—Yes; I was about 10*s.* out of my own pocket when I received the 9*l.* from Mr. Welch.

6195. If your account is correct you would be. Do you mean to say you did not receive any remuneration for your own work?—No; not a farthing.

6196. We have been told of one or two Conservative people who were busy on the Conservative side in that district. Can you give me any other names than those we have been told of?—There is Mr. Stanton. I should have got a voter but for him.

6197. What is his christian name?—Richard.

6198. Who did he prevent your getting?—An old man of the name of Moses Mawson; the agreement with Mr. Bell and him, I think, was about 10*l.*

6199. Bell was to have voted Mawson for 10*l.*?—Yes.

6200. Can you name any other Conservative captain whose name we have not got?—I do not know of any in our district.

6201. (*Mr. Newton.*) What sort of a house is this that William Whittaker lives in?—It is only a small house, but the land is the thing.

6202. What acreage is the land?—He was telling me that he farms about 100*l.* a year; but I do not know what quantity there is.

6203. That is the man you gave the 8*l.* to?—Yes.

6204. You bribed him with 8*l.*?—Yes.

Mr. B. Long.

Mr. Benjamin Long sworn and examined.

6205. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A wood turner.

6206. Where do you live?—In Moor Lane.

6207. How long have you lived there?—16 years.

6208. Are you a pretty active electioneerer?—No, not particularly.

6209. You were busy this time, I suppose?—I did a little.

6210. On the Liberal side, of course?—Yes.

6211. In what district?—I was down in the Quay district.

6212. Bridge Lane?—Yes.

6213. First of all, tell us what money you received?—I received no money there, in that district.

6214. I did not say in that district, but from anyone?—Yes; I received 30*l.*

6215. From whom?—From Mr. Welch.

6216. Did you receive any money from anyone else?—No, not to my recollection.

6217. Besides this money, did you receive any money for expenses?—No.

6218. Is 30*l.* the whole sum that you received?—Yes, I think so.

6219. First and last?—Yes.

6220. When did you receive it?—On the night before the election.

6221. All in one sum?—Yes.

6222. In sovereigns?—Yes, in sovereigns.

6223. How did you spend it?—In the first place, I gave James Miller 5*l.*

6224. Is that J. E. Miller, Moor Lane, cabinet-maker?—Yes.

6225. Who else?—Edward Cooper, 5*l.*

6226. What is he?—A cabinet-maker.

6227. Who else?—Robert Fawcett, 5*l.*

6228. Who else?—Edward Whiteside, 2*l.*

6229. Is that Edward Whiteside, Marton Street, cabinet-maker?—Yes.

6230. Who else?—Thomas Whiteside, 2*l.*

6231. Who else?—William Barrow, 2*l.*

6232. Where does he live?—In Damside Street.

6233. Who else?—George Sergeant, 30*s.*

6234. Is he a voter?—Yes.

6235. Of Penny Street?—Yes.

6236. Is he a householder?—Yes, I think he is a householder.

6237. Anybody else?—John Hartley, 30*s.*

6238. What is he?—A cabinet-maker.

6239. Where does he live?—He has his shop in St. Nicholas now.

6240. Is he a freeman, or householder?—He is a freeman.

6241. What is his trade?—A cabinetmaker.

6242. Who next?—That is all, I think.

6243. Besides that, did you pay away money for refreshments?—Yes; I spent about 1*l.*, I think.

6244. What became of the balance?—I got 5*l.* for my own services.

6245. That is all?—Yes.

6246. You seem to have got your voters very reasonable?—Yes.

6247. Can you give us any explanation of that, beginning with James Miller? How did you happen to get him for 5*l.*?—We had some talk about which way he was going to vote, and he said he was going to vote for the Liberals, and I said if he was, I could get him his expenses.

6248. Was that also the same with regard to Cooper and Fawcett?—Yes; it was the same with all of them.

6249. That, I think, we must have a word about. Now Edward Whiteside and Thomas Whiteside; what did you say to them?—It was the same thing. I said if they were going to vote that way I could get them a little for their expenses for the time they would lose.

6250. Did they tell you about anyone else having paid them?—No.

6251. Did you know that anyone else had paid them?—No.

6252. Did you, at the time you paid them this 2*l.* believe that was all they got for their votes?—Yes; I did not know of any other.

6253. How came you to give so small a sum as 30*s.* to George Sergeant?—He said he should be satisfied with that; it was all he wanted; and that if he got paid for his time that he would lose, it would be sufficient.

6254. In what sort of a house did George Sergeant live?—It is a very respectable house.

6255. Can you give us a guess at what the rent would be?—Yes; perhaps 16*l.* or 12*l.*

6256. Do you know John Robert Hartley's house?—Yes.

6257. At what sort of a rent would that house stand?—Perhaps 14*l.*, as near as I can say; but I do not know.

6258. Do you know Barrow's house?—Yes.

6259. About what would be the rental of it do you think?—Perhaps 9*l.*

6260. Do you know of any Conservatives who were busy in this district?—No; I do not know that I do.

6261. Did you hear who the Conservative captain was?—No, I do not know of them.

6262. Did you never hear?—No.

6263. Was that 5*l.* all you received for yourself?—Yes.

6264. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are these cabinet-makers all in the employment of one master?—Yes.

6265. By whom are they employed?—They are in the firm of Messrs. Gillow.

6266. Do you do work for Messrs. Gillow?—Yes.

6267. Are you in their employment?—Yes.

6268. Are you under anybody particularly? Is there any person over your department?—No; I take the whole of the work in my department.

6269. What class of work is it?—Wood turning.

6270. Do these people work under you whom you have mentioned?—No; they do not work under me.

6271. Do you pay them their wages?—No; I do not pay them anything.

6272. Do you pay any wages yourself?—No; I have a son of mine apprenticed to me. That is all.

6273. You have no men immediately under you?—No.

6274. But you are the head of the wood-turning department?—Yes.

G. Hadfield.

GEORGE HADFIELD sworn and examined.

6275. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Skerton.

6276. Within the precincts of this borough?—I am sure I cannot tell you. It is near Lancaster.

6277. I wish to know whether you live within the borough or not?—I am sure I do not know. It is close to Lancaster, over the water.

6278. That is no answer to my question. Are you within the precincts of the borough of Lancaster?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

6279. I cannot tell you. You do not know where you live, except that you live at Skerton?—Yes; it is near Lancaster.

6280. Have you a shop in this town?—No.

6281. Are you a voter for this borough?—I am not.

6282. How long have you resided at Skerton?—About three years.

6283. Have you ever taken an active part in election matters in this borough?—Yes, I have.

6284. When was the first election in which you took any part?—I came here as a stranger in the election of Fenwick and Saunders.

6285. The answer to my question, then, is this—that the first time you took part in an election would be the election which took place in 1864 between Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Saunders?—Yes.

6286. What part did you take in that election?—Very little.

6287. What part did you take in that election?—I can scarcely tell you.

6288. I asked you the question whether you took an active part, and you said "Yes." Then I ask you what part you took, and you say, "Very little." Never mind, go on. What part did you take?—I can scarcely tell you. I took so very little part.

6289. What were you?—I was nothing. I can scarcely tell you what part I took in it. I certainly did take some part in it, but very little.

6290. I ask you what part you did take?—The utmost part I took was bringing some voters over to Lancaster to vote.

6291. Where from?—From Skerton.

6292. Did you canvass?—No, I did not.

6293. If you did not canvas, how came you to take up the voters?—I was just asked to come with them in an omnibus to Lancaster to see them voted.

6294. By whom were you asked?—I believe by Mr. Towers. I was a stranger here at that time.

6295. Just answer my question, and do not run on and make observations. If you do not do that, you and I will agree very well. You believe Mr. Towers asked you?—Yes.

6296. You brought the voters up to poll?—Yes.

6297. You did not canvass?—No, I did not.

6298. Did you take any part in the election of 1865?—Yes, I did.

6299. If you took a part in the election of 1865, which you say you did, what part did you take?—I was captain over the Vigilance Committee.

6300. Had this Vigilance Committee any place of meeting?—They had several places of meeting.

6301. Tell us where they met?—They met at Mrs. Dixon's, on the Quay.

6302. What is the name of the house?—I am sure I cannot tell you. It is either "The Blue Bell," or something of that kind; and we met at Mr. Hodgson's.

6303. Where is that?—That is some other "Blue," but I cannot tell you what.

6304. The "Blue Anchor?"—Yes; I believe so.

6305. Where is that?—It is next door to Mrs. Dixon's.

6306. On the Quay?—Yes.

6307. Anywhere else?—At Mr. Curwen's, on the Quay.

6308. What is the name of his public-house?—I do not know.

6309. Perhaps I can tell you. Is it the "Saint George's Tavern?"—I am sure I do not know.

6310. Where else?—Nowhere else, I believe.

6311. You were only at these three houses?—I do not say I was only at those three houses.

6312. Where else was the Vigilance Committee held?—Only at those three houses.

6313. Who instituted the Vigilance Committee?—I did.

6314. What was its object?—It was reported that the opposite side had got up a lot of staff-men, of which I daresay you have heard previously; and the object of those staff-men, I believe, was to get hold of our voters, and either bottle them or by some means or other get them away. That was my impression, and the Vigilance Committee was appointed to look after these voters and take care that they were not taken away.

6315. How long before the election was this committee started?—Perhaps a week.

6316. Had you a Vigilance Committee in 1864?—No; I know nothing at all about the election in 1864.

6317. I ask you a question—had you or had you not a Vigilance Committee in 1864?—No; certainly not.

6318. Did you meet every night?—Certainly not; not every night. I believe not.

6319. How often did you meet?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

6320. Did you meet seven times?—I should think so.

6321. Your first meeting must have been a week before the election?—I cannot recollect exactly; it might be.

6322. I should wish you to recollect?—I cannot recollect. I will tell you the truth as far as I know.

6323. How long before the election was the first meeting?—I cannot tell you; indeed I cannot.

6324. You say you met seven times?—I cannot say whether it was seven times or not.

6325. Who formed the committee besides yourself?—A number of working men.

6326. Tell me their names?—I will be very straightforward with you.

6327. I hope you will?—I shall indeed.

6328. It is my intention that you shall be?—I will give you a list of them: there (*producing a paper*) is the text.

6329. Is it printed?—No; it is written down.

6330. Just read the names so that everybody in court may hear them; but let me look at the list first?—I think it had better be handed in, because it contains the accounts that were paid (*handing the paper to the Commissioners*). I shall be perfectly straightforward with you.

6331. What are the names that are run through with a pen?—You will find all the remarks there.

6332. What are the names that are run through with a pen?—I do not know; but if you will give me the paper I will tell you.

6333. Whose handwriting is this? (*pointing to a part of the paper.*)—That is the writing of Mr. Cole.

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6334. Who is he?—He is a person who was engaged with me in canvassing in the Quay district. He paid those men.

6335. Is that in his handwriting?—Yes; that is his handwriting.

6336. Then you do not know much about that paper?—They were the men or part of the men that were engaged.

6337. How does that come into your possession?—A copy was given to me after he had paid the money.

6338. Was he your secretary?—No.

6339. Did he manage the accounts?—He did not.

6340. How comes it into your possession?—I gave him a list of the names, and he paid them.

6341. Did Cole account to you?—He did.

6342. He sent in the account to you?—He gave me that account.

6343. What is Cole? What is his christian name?—Arthur Cole.

6344. Where does he live?—He lives on the Quay.

6345. Is he a voter?—He is a voter, I believe.

6346. Were those payments made before or after the election?—They were made after the election.

6347. Are most of the persons whose names appear there voters or not?—They are non-voters; there is not a voter amongst them, at least I believe not.

6348. There is not, to the best of your belief, a voter among them?—To the best of my belief there is not.

6349. Now be good enough to tell me the names of some of the committee besides yourself?—Some of what committee?

6350. This Vigilance Committee?—There are the names (*referring to the paper*). The Vigilance Committee consisted of men that took care of the voters on our side.

6351. And you put yourself at the head of them?—I did.

6352. And what were your duties?—My duties were to take care that none of the voters were run away with.

6353. How did you proceed to perform those duties?—To look after the men that were going to vote, to see that they were not got hold of by the opposite party.

6354. Were would you go to see that?—We had a certain number of men to watch every voter.

6355. There are 52 names appearing on this list?—Yes.

6356. Were they all?—They were all for the Vigilance Committee.

6357. What is that other list that you have there?—I shall give it to you presently; it is my expenses during the election.

6358. Were there any more than 52 men belonging to this committee?—There were not, I believe.

6359. So many were told off in a party?—Yes; these papers will explain everything.

6360. So many were told off in a party to go and watch certain districts, I suppose?—Certainly.

6361. Used you to go with these parties?—I did.

6362. Had you anything to say to the Morecambe district?—No, nothing at all. I did not know a single party in Morecambe, and I never was near Morecambe, I believe.

6363. Nor in any other district in the town?—No, not in any other district in the town. Mr. Carruthers told an infamous lie about me.

6364. You had nothing to say to any other district but the Quay district?—Certainly not.

6365. You were going to say something about Mr. Carruthers?—Any question you like to ask me I will answer.

6366. For the purposes of the election what money did you receive?—I have an account of it all.

6367. Be kind enough to tell us?—I will hand in this account.

6368. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you been in Court on any other day?—No.

6369. You have been in Court this morning?—Yes.

6370. Our practice is to make the witnesses tell us what money they have received, who from, and when they received it. How much did you receive in gross for the purposes of the election?—I cannot tell you in gross.

6371. Was it so much that you cannot tell us?—I cannot tell you what it was.

6372. Was it so much that you cannot tell us?—No, it was not so much.

6373. Then why can you not tell us?—I have got my accounts here.

6374. Then tell us what those accounts amount to?—One amounts to 39*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*, and there is another that amounts to 50*l.* 5*s.*

6375. That is money that you paid?—This is what I received and what I paid—a debit and credit account.

6376. (*Mr. Newton.*) I want to know how much money you received from anybody for the purposes of the election?—I cannot tell.

6377. Yes you can?—No I cannot.

6378. You can, and I intend that you shall?—I will speak the truth as well as I can.

6379. How much money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—I cannot tell you.

6380. Why not?—Because I cannot recollect.

6381. But you have it written down there?—A certain amount I have.

6382. Just read what you have written down there?—I received 5*l.*

6383. Who from?—Henry Welch.

6384. When did you receive that?—I cannot tell; I have no dates.

6385. How long before the election?—It was after the election.

6386. You received 5*l.* from Henry Welch after the election; what more did you receive?—10*l.*

6387. Who from?—Henry Welch.

6388. When?—I cannot tell you.

6389. When?—After the election.

6390. Go on?—5*l.*

6391. When?—After the election.

6392. Who from?—Henry Welch.

6393. Now the next sum?—5*l.*

6394. Who from?—Henry Welch.

6395. When?—After the election.

6396. Now go on?—I shall have to go on to another account now. I received 23*l.* 15*s.* from Henry Welch.

6397. When?—After the election.

6398. Any further sums?—I paid Mrs. Dixon.

6399. Did you receive any further sums from anybody before the election, or for the purposes of the election?—Certainly not before the election.

6400. After the election?—After the election I received 18*l.*, or something like that, from Mr. Welch to pay Mrs. Dixon.

6401. Any further sums?—I received 22*l.* to pay Curwen from Mr. Welch.

6402. After the election?—Yes, some months after the election.

6403. Go on?—And I received 15*l.* to pay Mr. Hodgson.

6404. From Henry Welch?—From Henry Welch.

6405. After the election?—Yes.

6406. Any further sums?—I believe that is all, except what is included in these accounts.

6407. But I want you to read what is included in those accounts?—I have read what is included in these accounts.

6408. So you believe that is all that you received?—I believe that is all I received.

6409. Did you receive any money from anybody else for the purposes of the election?—I did not.

6410. Not from anybody else?—From no one else—not a shilling.

6411. How was that money paid to you?—I received the money to pay the accounts that I have given you the list of.

6412. Those four last items, 23*l.* 5*s.*, 18*l.*, 22*l.*, and 15*l.*?—The 23*l.* 5*s.* is accounted for in this paper.

6413. 18*l.* ?—I paid that to Mrs. Dixon. I received it and paid it.

6414. How was that paid to you ?—I received the bill from Mrs. Dixon and handed it to Mr. Welch, and then I received the money and handed it to her.

6415. How did he give you the money—in cash, or money, or how ?—In cash, of course; I do not see the difference between cash and money.

6416. He did not draw a cheque ?—No, certainly not. He asked me to pay it for him.

6417. How were the other five items paid ?—They were paid in cash. I had spent money out of my own pocket, and he afterwards repaid me.

6418. Now be good enough to tell us how you spent the first money for the purpose of the electiou ?—It was among this Vigilance Committee.

6419. How did you spend it ?—In giving them something to eat and something to drink.

6420. How do you account for the first 5*l.* ?—I cannot tell.

6421. Yes you can ?—The accounts will show it.

6422. Tell us how you spent the first 5*l.* ?—I cannot tell how I spent the first 5*l.*

6423. What was the first money that you paid away for the purposes of the election ?—I cannot tell.

6424. (*Mr. Hill.*) Read the account, man, and tell us what money you paid ?—I paid at Baines's 15*s.* 6*d.*

6425. Who is Baines ?—He keeps a public-house in Bridge Lane.

6426. What is his christian name ?—I do not know.

6427. What is the sign of the house ?—I do not know. They are houses I am not in the habit of going to to.

6428. The "Carpenter's Arms ?"—I do not know. I cannot tell.

6429. What was the amount ?—15*s.* 6*d.*

6430. What was the next sum you paid ?—I paid over at Skerton 3*s.* 9*d.*

6431. To whom ?—I cannot tell you ; that was the amount I put down at night. I am sure I cannot tell you where I spent it.

6432. Go on ?—I paid at the "Blue Bell," Quay Side, during the whole of the election altogether 5*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

6433. Tell us the next payments ?—I paid at Mr. Hodgson's 2*l.* 3*s.*

6434. Well ?—I paid at Curwen's 2*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* I paid at Barrow's, over at Skerton, 16*s.* 8*d.*

6435. Now the next sum ?—9*s.* 6*d.*

6436. To whom ?—The same place; and to the same place 2*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* Then I got tired of it and I gave him 10*s.* and said "I will not pay any more."

6437. Gave whom 10*s.* ?—Barrow.

6438. Go on ?—I have spent at Jackson's, the "Yorkshire House," 2*l.* 16*s.* altogether.

6439. Is the "Yorkshire House" the sign of the public-house ?—Yes ; and I paid at Sam Dobson's 2*l.* 5*s.* altogether.

6440. Well ?—That is all I paid in expenses.

6441. Then taking this list with the names and the sums the amount would be 23*l.* 5*s.* ? You paid that also ?—Yes, 23*l.* 5*s.*

6442. Did you pay that sum ?—No, I did not myself. Mr. Cole paid it, but I got the money from Mr. Welch for it.

6443. And you gave it Cole ?—Certainly.

6444. And you gave it to Cole for the Vigilance Committee ?—Yes.

6445. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is that included in the 103*l.* ?—Yes.

6446. Then you got three separate sums from Mr. Welch—18*l.*, 22*l.*, and 15*l.*, to pay those three public-houses—Dixon's, Curwen's, and Hodgson's ?—Yes.

6447. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was Dixon's for refreshments and committee room ?—Yes.

6448. For both ?—Yes.

6449. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was Curwen's the same, for committee room and refreshments ?—Yes.

6450. And Hodgson's the same ?—Yes.

6451. The two accounts very nearly balance I find. Are there any other sums that you paid ?—I think not.

6452. Try and recollect ?—I do not think I did, for I was exceedingly particular in making out my accounts, and if you will be kind enough to look at them I think you will see that I was very particular. I will not hide anything from you.

6453. Did you make an agreement with these 52 men as to what they were to be paid ?—We paid them as little as we could.

6454. Did you make any agreement with them is my question ?—I do not think that any one did. We got off with as little as we could. Anyone who would take 5*s.* we did not pay 10*s.* to.

6455. About 46 of them I see were paid 10*s.* ?—You have all the account there that I can give you. I have given you the original accounts.

6456. Did you or did you not bribe any voter to go to vote ?—I did not.

6457. You know what I mean by bribing a voter to vote ?—I did not.

6458. Do you know of any instance of any voter being bribed to vote ?—Not personally, I did not.

6459. What do you mean by "personally ?"—I could not swear that any man was bribed.

6460. Does that answer refer to the opposite side as well as to your own side ?—I could not answer for any side.

6461. Pray answer the question. Does that answer refer to the opposite side as well as to your own ?—To both.

6462. Did you receive any money for your services ?—No, not one penny.

6463. What are you ?—I am a chemist.

6464. You were called a consulting chemist in the House of Commons. Are you a consulting chemist now ?—Yes.

6465. Was there anybody on the Conservative side who answered your description as chairman of a Vigilance Committee, or chairman of a body of staffmen ?—Not that I am aware of.

6466. Can you tell us the names of any Conservative captains who were active on the Quay side ?—I do not know anyone that I am aware of.

6467. I am afraid that you did not do your business well ?—Perhaps not.

6468. You were not vigilant ?—I do not believe there was anyone there.

6469. Then what was the use of your Vigilance Committee ?—I will tell you what the use of our Vigilance Committee was; it was to look after the voters, and see they were not taken away.

6470. You have told us that already. I ask you to give the names of any captains on the Conservative side. Yon tell us that you do not know the name of anyone ?—I believe we were so strong there that they dare not come near us.

6471. You say you do not know the names of any Conservative captains ?—No.

6472. Does that refer to that district only ?—I do not know anything at all about the Conservative captains.

6473. And you decline to give us any information upon the subject ?—No, I do not decline. Do not misunderstand me. If I knew anything I would tell you.

6474. The reason of your declining is that you know nothing about it ?—If I did know anything about it I would tell you so directly.

6475. Do you know the name of any captains in any other part of the borough except Quay side ?—No, I do not, with the exception of over at a Skerton; there was a person there I understood.

6476. Go on if you please ?—I forget the name.

6477. What were you going to say just now ?—I will tell you directly. I forget his name. There was a party there, a friend of Mr. Clarke's who was engaged there.

6478. He was active at Skerton ?—Yes.

6479. Can you give us any further information ?—I cannot.

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6480. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are these accounts that you have handed in in your own handwriting?—They are duplicates of the accounts that were handed in to Mr. Welch.

6481. I ask you if they are in your handwriting?—Yes; the name of the party over at Skerton, I recollect now, it was William Atkinson.

6482. Did you hand to Mr. Welch an account in your handwriting?—I did.

6483. Whose handwriting is that (*showing one of the papers to the witness*)?—Mr. Cole's.

6484. You know it, do you?—Yes.

6485. Were you at night with these men who were on the Vigilance Committee?—I was with them sometimes in the evening.

6486. What did they do themselves?—They just protected our voters from being taken by the other party.

6487. I want you to tell me precisely what they did?—They did nothing but assist in protecting the voters.

6488. How did they protect the voters?—By keeping them together.

6489. How did they keep them together?—Well, perhaps one is a voter and he has a great many friends, and they kept with them to prevent their being taken by the other party; they are all working men altogether.

6490. Perhaps you will tell me where they kept them together?—At the various houses I have told you of.

6491. (*Mr. Newton.*) Before the election?—Before the election.

6492. They would go to bed at night, I suppose?—Yes.

6493. You would not keep them together then?—No.

6494. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were they there night and day?—No, certainly not; he would be a very barefaced man who would go into a man's house and take him away from there.

6495. All the Vigilance Committee did was to drink with them in the daytime?—No, perhaps in the evening.

6496. (*Mr. Newton.*) And to make them drunk?—No, I should be very sorry to make a man drunk or to allow anybody else to make a man drunk.

6497. Did they watch the voters' houses?—No, they did not, not that I am aware of.

6498. Were you ever with them when they had your voters together?—I was occasionally with them.

6499. How much were you with them?—Well, I cannot tell you exactly.

6500. At what time in the day were you there?—Generally in the evening.

6501. From what o'clock to what o'clock generally?—Well, I should say they gave over at 6 o'clock; I should say from perhaps 7 to 8 o'clock.

6502. And did the men leave off drinking at 8 o'clock?—I cannot tell you that.

6503. Tell us what you think about it?—I cannot tell you; I generally left them.

6504. How long were the men together in the evening in these houses?—I cannot tell you, I cannot indeed.

6505. You have told us that they did not sit up all night?—Certainly not.

6506. (*Mr. Hill.*) This was a Vigilance Committee of non-electors?—Non-electors.

6507. You call them working men?—Yes.

6508. Did they first of all come together at their different committee rooms?—They came first to one room and then to another.

6509. Were these three houses employed for them?—They were not employed for them particularly.

6510. What were these three houses employed for then?—It has been the custom in Lancaster to open houses at the time of an election.

6511. There were three houses at which the Vigilance Committee met; did the Vigilance Committee of non-electors take their various friends to these three houses?—Yes.

6512. And each of these men had an opening to the houses, and was allowed to take as many persons there as he pleased?—I do not understand the question.

6513. We will take the first name that occurs on the Vigilance Committee list; I will take, for instance, James Smythies. Would James Smythies take any of his friends to one of these three houses? He had no right to take any of his friends there.

6514. Then how were these bills at these three houses run up?—They were run up in various kinds of expenses.

6515. Mostly in drink for voters?—No; decidedly not.

6516. Drink for whom, then?—Decidedly not for voters.

6517. Was it for vigilance men?—Yes; I do not mean to say that some of the voters were not there occasionally.

6518. The vigilance men, besides being paid the 23*l.* 5*s.*, ran up bills to the extent of 55*l.*?—I do not know that they did exactly.

6519. 18*l.*, 22*l.*, and 15*l.* make together 55*l.*?—Principally they did.

6520. That was principally spent on the Vigilance Committee?—Certainly.

6521. And their friends?—Yes.

6522. Had these vigilance men any particular order or ticket which admitted them for drink?—No order and no ticket.

6523. Could a vigilance man introduce any friend of his who was an elector to one of these public-houses?—He had no right to.

6524. Did he?—Not that I am aware of.

6525. Do you know how that 55*l.* was spent at these public-houses?—I do not certainly.

6526. Did you make the arrangements with those three public-houses?—I did not.

6527. You knew that each one of these Vigilance Committee men was drinking more or less in a public-house every night?—More or less.

6528. That was his duty?—It was not his duty to drink.

6529. It was his privilege?—I told them to keep sober.

6530. It was his duty to go there and take any friend who was a voter?—No, certainly not.

6531. It was his duty or privilege to go round to public-houses, and to look after those who were in these three public-houses?—Certainly.

6532. Then the Vigilance Committee spent on themselves and their friends, and were paid themselves, to the amount of 78*l.* 5*s.*?—Certainly not; do not misunderstand me.

6533. There was 23*l.* 5*s.* first paid to the Vigilance Committee themselves?—Certainly; that was for wages. I do not mean to say that all the money that was spent at those houses was paid for the Vigilance Committee; but that was all that I had to do with them.

6534. How much of the 55*l.* was not spent on the Vigilance Committee?—I cannot tell you.

6535. Tell me to the best of your belief?—I cannot tell you.

6536. You saw the bills?—I saw the bills.

6537. Then you can tell me better than anybody else how much of that 55*l.* belonged to the Vigilance Committee, and how much did not?—I cannot recollect; if I could I would.

6538. Do you mean that you cannot separate the two sums?—I could not.

6539. To the best of your belief would it be four-fifths?—I do not know.

6540. How much was each of those houses paid for a committee room?—Nothing.

6541. Then it was all for refreshments?—Yes; except what you will see stated in my accounts. It is but due to the proprietors of those houses to say that they did not receive money for their houses.

6542. They received nothing except for refreshments supplied by them to different persons?—Just so.

6543. Who are the persons whose names appear upon this account—Brown, Cole, and so on?—They belonged to the Vigilance Committee.

6544. Then what are these sums that are set down against their names?—The sums they received for their services.

6545. They are additional to this list?—Certainly.

6546. Then the Vigilance Committee altogether consisted of these two lists?—Yes.

6547. They consisted of 52 on this list, and 16 on the other?—Yes.

6548. So that there was a Vigilance Committee of 68 altogether—52 and 16?—I do not know the number; those are my accounts. That is all I have got to say.

6549. The accounts you have given to my brother Commissioner, Mr. Newton, would scarcely tally with those you have produced. The Vigilance Committee consisted of 68, and there was spent the sum of 53*l.* 10*s.*, namely, 23*l.* 5*s.* and 30*l.* 5*s.*?—I did not say that the whole of that amount was spent upon them.

6550. Was paid to them?—Yes.

6551. These two lists?—Yes.

6552. Then the Vigilance Committee were paid 53*l.* 10*s.* You say that the names in this "C" list are not voters?—No, those are not voters. They were none of them voters.

6553. They were all non-electors?—Certainly.

6554. Besides the payment to the Vigilance Committee of 53*l.* 10*s.*, you paid those three houses, Curwen, Dixon, and Hodgson?—Yes.

6555. And those are all the payments that you made?—Yes.

6556. Then the account would more properly stand, Vigilance Committee 53*l.* 10*s.*, Dixon 18*l.*, Curwen 22*l.*, and Hodgson 15*l.*?—Yes.

6557. That makes 108*l.* 10*s.* How do you reconcile those two accounts?—I cannot reconcile anything but what I have given you.

6558. You have given an account which comes up to 100*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*?—There were some other accounts that were paid at the time that are not down there.

6559. Paid to whom?—I think there were three accounts paid that are not included in those items.

6560. What accounts are they?—I gave them to Mr. Newton, I think.

6561. That can scarcely be so?—Then you must have added them up wrong, I think.

6562. No; you may add them up yourself—23*l.* 5*s.* and 30*l.* 5*s.* make 53*l.* 10*s.* Just add them up yourself?—I gave Curwen's account 22*l.*; I gave Mrs. Dixon's 18*l.*; and Mr. Hodgson's 15*l.*

6563. If you add those sums together you will make them come to 108*l.* 10*s.*, whereas the sums you gave before only come to 100*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*?—Perhaps you will read the items over, then, and I will tell you if you are wrong.

6564. Where are the items that you have given which only come to 20*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* Where shall I find those; are they in this bill?—Very likely they are.

6565. Tell me whether they are or not?—You have all the books.

6566. Just look at that (*handing one of the accounts to the witness*)?—What are the items you want?

6567. I want to know whether those items in that bill are entirely separate and distinct from the payment to the Vigilance Committee and the payments to Dixon, Curwen, and Hodgson?—There is no doubt about that. The difference is explained there exactly.

6568. Are there any of the items there which were in Dixon's bill, first of all?—There is 5*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

6569. That was in Dixon's bill?—Certainly, independent of the 18*l.*

6570. Are there any items in that bill which were in Dixon's 18*l.* bill?—Certainly there are; there is 5*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

6571. Was that included in the 18*l.*?—Certainly not.

6572. You see a certain number of items upon that bill?—There is 5*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

6573. Do you see a certain number of items in your own handwriting on that piece of paper?—I do.

6574. Were any of those items included in Dixon's 18*l.* bill?—Certainly not.

6575. Were any of them included in Curwen's 32*l.* bill?—Certainly not.

6576. Were any of them included in Hodgson's 15*l.* bill?—Certainly not.

6577. Then the whole of the items in that account have to be added to Dixon's, to Curwen's, to Hodgson's, and to the Vigilance Committee?—Certainly.

6578. Now give me the amount of that bill?—Which do you mean?

6579. The whole amount?—39*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

6580. If you deduct 14*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* from 39*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* that leaves 25*l.* Then 25*l.* has to be added to the 108*l.*?—You have all the figures there.

6581. (*Mr. Newton.*) You must have received a great deal more than you have told us of?—No.

6582. (*Mr. Hill.*) Just listen to me and let there be no mistake about this. You paid the Vigilance Committee two sums—one of 23*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes. There may have been a misunderstanding, but there is no intention on my part to mislead.

6583. The total amount you paid to the Vigilance Committee was 30*l.* 5*s.*, instead of 53*l.* That is it. That was the whole that you paid to the Vigilance Committee?—30*l.* 5*s.*

6584. Besides that you paid bills of 18*l.*, 22*l.*, and 15*l.*?—Yes.

6585. And besides that you paid this bill?—Yes.

6586. Just look at it, and make quite sure that you are right. How much is that?—39*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*

6587. Minus what?—14*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*

6588. That leaves 25*l.*?—Yes.

6589. The items expended on that bill come to 25*l.*?—Yes.

6590. Are you quite sure of that? Look at your bill so that there may be no mistake. You are quite sure of it?—Yes.

6591. That makes 110*l.* 5*s.*?—Those are the only accounts I can give you.

6592. You have accounted for 110*l.* 5*s.*, and you have produced your bills for that, and you say you received 103*l.* 5*s.* Where did you get the other 7*l.* from?—I do not know. There must have been some mistake. I have nothing but those accounts.

6593. But, my good man, look at these accounts, and add up the figures and see what they come to?—I have nothing but those accounts. I happened to keep duplicates of what I paid and what I received.

6594. We are going to adjourn now for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour, and in the meantime just look at those accounts?—These accounts ought to tally.

6595. Just see how they do tally, and tell us when you come in again.

(Adjourned for a short time.)

6596. Have you been looking through the accounts?—Yes, I make the amount 110*l.* 5*s.*

6597. Tell me how you make that up?—You had better take those accounts (*handing them back to the Commissioners.*)

6598. Have you at all altered this account since I gave them back to you?—Certainly not.

6599. Yes, you have, to some extent, because you have written the word "duplicate?"—That was to guide you; there is cash received 30*l.*, "A" account.

6600. I want to know about these payments. Did you pay the Vigilance Committee 30*l.* 5*s.*?—No; you will find there is a balance due to me.

6601. Have you expended 110*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes.

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6602. How did you receive that 110*l.* 5*s.*?—I received cash 30*l.*

6603. How did you receive that cash?—I received it from Mr. Welch.

6604. Then there was 5*l.* more than you have told us of?—I think not.

6605. The cash you received from Henry Welch was 5*l.*, 10*l.*, and two fives, that makes 25*l.* to my mind?—Certainly, that I have separate here.

6606. Now tell us what cash you received?—You have the account there marked A; I received 30*l.* on that account.

6607. From Mr. Henry Welch?—Yes; I received on account of account B 5*l.*, 10*l.*, 5*l.*, and 5*l.* I received from Mr. Henry Welch for Mrs. Dixon 18*l.*, for Mr. Curwen 22*l.*, and for Hodgson 15*l.*; that makes altogether 110*l.*

6608. How came you to omit that 5*l.* before?—I do not think I have omitted anything.

6609. Yes, you did?—I could not do so, because I spoke from the documents which you have in your hand.

6610. You certainly did omit it?—If I did it was unintentional on my part.

6611. That is the whole of the money you received?—To the best of my knowledge, it is all the money I received.

6612. (*Mr. Barstow.*) As chairman of this Vigilance Committee, I suppose you are pretty well acquainted with their proceedings?—With the proceedings of what?

6613. The Vigilance Committee; are you well acquainted with the proceedings of the Vigilance Committee?—Well, I cannot say that I am altogether; I can only speak from my own instructions to them.

6614. I do not want to know about your instructions; you were actively engaged in this district?—The St. George's district.

6615. Can you tell how many Liberal electors there are in that district?—I cannot tell.

6616. You do not know at all?—No, I do not, indeed.

6617. You say that this Vigilance Committee were there for the purpose of watching that voters were not abducted by the other side?—Certainly.

6618. Can you give me the name of any one voter they had occasion to watch?—That who had occasion to watch?

6619. The Vigilance Committee?—No, I cannot.

6620. (*Mr. Newton.*) You do not live in the borough?—I do not know whether I live in the borough or not.

6621. How is it that you were employed on this Vigilance Committee?—I was not employed; I organized the Vigilance Committee on my own account.

6622. How was it that you were employed upon it? You are not a voter?—I was asked to assist in the election.

6623. By whom?—By Mr. Wearing.

6624. Was there anything said about what you were to do?—No, there was not.

6625. Do you mean to tell us that you did all this for nothing?—I did, and I would scorn to take a penny piece from any man for my services.

6626. All this watching at night?—I would scorn to take a penny piece from any man, and I would not mind stopping up for three months together night and day to serve the Liberal party.

6627. And you would not mind going among the people and treating them at public-houses?—I do not mean to say that I did that.

6628. How came you to spend 18*l.* at Dixon's then?—I did not spend the whole of that at Dixon's.

6629. You or your committee did?—What committee.

6630. The Vigilance Committee?—No, they did not.

6631. Then what was Dixon's bill for?—It was incurred by other parties, as well as myself.

6632. It was all for drink?—For drink and refreshment.

6633. What refreshment besides drink?—Bread and cheese.

6634. What was Curwen's bill for?—Pies, and bread and cheese; something for the men to eat and drink.

6635. What was the 22*l.* at Curwen's for?—Something for the men to eat and drink, you cannot expect to engage men and not to give them something to eat.

EDWARD BARSBY sworn and examined.

6636. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A grocer.

6637. Where do you live?—In Green Area.

6638. You are a Liberal?—Yes.

6639. And you took part upon the Liberal side at the last election?—Yes.

6640. With what districts were you connected?—Well, I was partly in the Quay district.

6641. What we call the Bridge Lane district?—Yes, partly that way.

6642. Were you connected with any other district?—I was canvassing most part of the time with the gentlemen who were elected members.

6643. What districts were you canvassing?—All over the town.

6644. With the members?—Yes.

6645. How long were Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider over here on their canvass?—I think 11 days.

6646. Did you have a house-to-house visitation with them?—Yes.

6647. What moneys did you receive for the purposes of the last election?—The total amount.

6648. Give me first what you received, from whom, and the date?—A sovereign from Mr. Hadfield.

6649. What was the date?—About two days before the election.

6650. That would be about the 10th of July?—Yes.

6651. From George Hadfield, the last witness?—Yes.

6652. What was the next sum you received?—5*l.*

6653. From whom?—I do not know.

6654. Do you mean to say you have forgotten?—I never knew his name; it was a gentleman on the Quay. I never saw him before and have never seen him since, and I do not know his name.

6655. How much did you receive?—5*l.*

6656. What sort of a looking man was this stranger?—I think he was a stoutish gentleman.

6657. What aged man was he?—He might be 40 or 45, I could not say.

6658. How was he dressed?—I could not say.

6659. Was he well dressed?—Yes.

6660. You say you had never seen him before?—No, never.

6661. Nor since?—No.

6662. What did he say when he gave the money to you?—He gave me 5*l.*, and asked my name, that was all.

6663. Did he say what it was for?—It was for my expenses.

6664. Did he know who you were?—Yes.

6665. Have you ever inquired since who that man was?—I have.

6666. Who have you asked about it?—I asked Mr. Hadfield.

6667. And what did Mr. Hadfield tell you?—He did not know.

6668. Have you asked anyone else?—No.

6669. On what day did you receive the money?—On the day of the election, in the morning.

6670. Was it a man who lives in Lancaster?—I do not know, I do not think he does; I never saw him before and I have not seen him since.

6671. Was it Mr. Schneider?—No.

6672. Was it Mr. Fenwick?—No.

6673. Do you know William Slater by sight?—I do not, I do not know anyone of that name.

6674. Do you know Baines, who has been here, by sight?—No.

6675. How long have you lived in Lancaster?—About six years.

6676. Then you can tell me, pretty well for a certainty, that it was not a Lancaster person?—I am sure I had never seen him before in Lancaster.

6677. Did you tell Mr. Welch that you had received this sum?—No.

6678. He came up to you on the Quay, you say?—He was in at Mrs. Dixon's, and I went up into the room, and he gave me 5*l.*

6679. Were you sent for into the room?—Yes.

6680. By whom?—I do not know.

6681. Come, tell us?—I do not know the gentleman at all.

6682. Was it at Dixon's?—Yes.

6683. Were you at Dixon's when you were sent for?—Yes.

6684. Who else was there?—Mr. Hadfield.

6685. Did Hadfield hear you sent for?—I think he did.

6686. Was that why you asked Hadfield who it was?—No, I did not ask Hadfield who it was until last night.

6687. Did you not ask anybody at the time who it was?—No, not to my knowledge I did not.

6688. Did you go up to a room to him?—Yes.

6689. And you saw him there?—Yes.

6690. Was he sitting at a table?—He was.

6691. And had he any other money before him?—That I could not say.

6692. Tell us exactly what took place between you and him?—All that took place was that he gave me 5*l.* and asked me my name. I took it and went out of the room.

6693. Had he any book or any papers before him?—I believe he had.

6694. He was in an upstairs room at Mrs. Dixon's?—Yes.

6695. Did you see any other persons go up to him?—I think I did.

6696. Who?—Mr. Hadfield.

6697. Who else?—I do not know of anyone else. Moser—I think I saw him go up.

6698. Jacob Moser?—Yes.

6699. Anyone else?—No.

6700. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

6701. So nobody else went up while you were there?—I think not.

6702. Just try and consider?—I do not think anyone else did.

6703. How many of you were sitting at Dixon's?—I could not tell you, there might be a score or there might be 30.

6704. How long were you in Dixon's with these people?—I was in and out during the whole night and that morning.

6705. What time in the day was this?—As near as I can tell between 9 and 10; it might be earlier.

6706. Morning or evening?—The morning of the election.

6707. Had you voted at that time?—No.

6708. How long were you upstairs with this man?—About a minute.

6709. Did Hadfield go up before or after you?—I think he went up at the same time. I would not be sure.

6710. Was he in the room at the same time as you were?—Yes.

6711. What did Hadfield get?—I did not see him receive a penny.

6712. He saw you receive the money?—I think he did.

6713. What did Moser get?—I do not know that he got anything. I did not see him get anything.

6714. Did he see you receive the money?—I do not think he did; not that amount he did not, I am sure.

6715. What amount did he see you receive?—He saw me receive 5*l.* afterwards I think.

6716. Was that from the same person?—Yes.

6717. Now tell me about the second receiving of money; what time in the day was it when you received the second 5*l.*?—Well, it might be about 10 o'clock. I could not say.

6718. A few minutes after the first?—It would not be long after the first.

6719. Did you go upstairs again to him or did he send for you again?—I rather think it was brought down to me, but I will not be sure.

6720. Who by?—I think by Mr. Hadfield, but I will not be sure whether I went up and received it or Mr. Hadfield gave it to me.

6721. But you think that Mr. Hadfield brought it down?—I think so.

6722. What was that first 5*l.* given to you for?—Expenses.

6723. Had you made any claim for expenses?—Yes.

6724. To whom had you made a claim for expenses?—I had asked Mr. Hadfield for expenses. I had spent a good deal out of my own money and had received nothing.

6725. You asked Mr. Hadfield for expenses, and Mr. Hadfield took or sent you into the room where this man was?—Yes.

GEORGE HADFIELD recalled and further examined.

6726. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who was this man upstairs?—I do not know.

6727. Nonsense; who was this man upstairs?—I do not know. If you had not called me I should have asked you to do so.

6728. When did you first see this man?—I saw him down on the Quay in the morning.

6729. When?—It must have been from 9 to half-past 9; I cannot say exactly.

6730. What sort of looking man was he?—He was a stout man.

6731. A well dressed man?—Yes.

6732. From 40 to 45?—I cannot tell his age.

6733. When did you first see him?—At Mrs. Dixon's, on the morning of the election, from 9 to half-past 9.

6734. Did you see him upstairs?—I did.

6735. On the Quay?—Yes.

6736. Do you call Mrs. Dixon's "on the Quay?"—Yes.

6737. Do you mean that you first saw him in Mrs. Dixon's or outside?—In Mrs. Dixon's.

6738. Upstairs?—Yes.

6739. That was the first time you saw him?—He breakfasted with us in the morning.

6740. Where?—At Mrs. Dixon's, I believe.

6741. And it was at breakfast that you saw him first?—It was.

6742. Who else breakfasted with you?—I cannot tell you, there were a great number.

6743. Tell me the names of some of them?—I cannot indeed.

6744. Yes you can?—I cannot; if I could I would.

6745. Was Barsby there breakfasting?—I do not know, he might or might not.

6746. Do you mean to tell me that you do not know the names of any of the persons breakfasting there?—I do not.

6747. Not of any one of them?—I do not.

6748. Be careful?—I am careful.

6749. Because, recollect, we have heard something of you before?—I really do not know.

6750. Was Moser there or not?—I do not know.

6751. Was Long there?—I do not know; I saw Moser and Barsby and Long there, they went up.

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6752. Upon your solemn oath you do not know who breakfasted there that morning ?—I do not.

6753. You cannot tell me the name of a single person who breakfasted in that room that morning ?—No, I cannot.

6754. How many were there ?—I do not know.

6755. Nine or ten ?—More.

6756. A dozen or 20 ?—There would be perhaps 20.

6757. You saw this man first of all at breakfast ?—I did.

6758. Was he sitting near you ?—He was not.

6759. Was he talking to you ?—He was not.

6760. Was he talking about the election ?—He was not.

6761. What time did you breakfast ?—I believe about 9 o'clock.

6762. When was the first time you went up to the upstairs room to him ?—I was told there was a man there.

6763. Who told you ?—I cannot tell.

6764. Nonsense ?—I cannot tell you who told me.

6765. (*Mr. Newton.*) What were you told ?—I was told that there was a man come down there to pay the voters.

6766. Who told you that ?—I cannot tell; if I could I would; if I were to give you any name it would be a wrong one.

6767. Was it a man or a woman ?—A man.

6768. A person connected with the house ?—I do not think it was.

6769. Was it one of the persons who had been at breakfast ?—I cannot tell you.

6770. Was it one of the persons at the table who told you that there was a man upstairs ?—I do not know.

6771. Did you see a man go from the breakfast table ?—I did.

6772. And you pretend that you never spoke to him about the election ?—I do not think I did.

6773. Did you see him go upstairs ?—I did not.

6774. Who first went upstairs to him ?—I cannot tell you.

6775. How soon did you go upstairs ?—It would be a few minutes after I heard he was there.

6776. What did you hear he was doing upstairs ?—I understood that he was come there to pay the voters.

6777. What did you hear he was doing upstairs ?—I did not hear that he was doing anything upstairs.

6778. What made you go upstairs to him ?—I went upstairs because he was there. I will tell you all about it. I was told he was upstairs. I am not going to tell any lies.

6779. I sincerely hope, for your own sake, you are not ?—You will not catch me out in any.

6780. That is a different thing ?—I was told he was upstairs; Mr. Moser went up there to him and Benjamin Long and the last witness.

6781. Who went up first of you four ?—I cannot tell you. I was there with them in the room; that is all I know.

6782. You were with the whole three in the room ?—The whole three.

6783. What money did you receive there ?—Not a halfpenny.

6784. What money did you see Barsby receive there ?—I saw Barsby receive 5*l.* from him.

6785. Did you see Moser receive anything ?—I do not know what money Moser received from him.

6786. What money did you see Moser receive ?—I do not know.

6787. Did he receive any money there ?—I believe he received 5*l.* there.

6788. Did you see Moser receive money ?—I have no doubt that Moser did receive money, but what it was I cannot tell.

6789. You saw Long receive 5*l.* ?—Yes.

6790. And you have no doubt that Moser received it ?—I have no doubt that Moser received it and I saw Mr. Barsby receive 5*l.* Mr. Barsby states that I paid it. I say that is false. I never touched a penny piece.

6791. You say that what Mr. Barsby states is false ?—Certainly I never touched a penny piece and never gave him anything but what appears in those accounts, which is a sovereign.

6792. You say that you never received money yourself ?—Not a penny piece.

6793. You say you paid Barsby ?—I paid Barsby a sovereign, which is in those accounts I have given you.

6794. When did you pay Barsby a sovereign ?—I cannot tell you exactly.

6795. How long were you upstairs with this man ?—Perhaps two minutes.

6796. Did you tell Mr. Welch that you had received money upstairs ?—I never received money upstairs.

6797. Did you tell Mr. Welch there was a man paying money upstairs ?—No.

6798. You never mentioned it to anybody ?—No.

6799. When was the first time you mentioned having seen this man upstairs at Mrs. Dixon's ?—I cannot tell. No doubt it would be generally known that there was a man upstairs paying money.

6800. Do you know who that man was ?—No.

6801. Have you heard who it was ?—I have heard it stated that it was Mr. Slater.

6802. Have you any doubt that it was Mr. Slater ?—I do not know Mr. Slater. I never saw the man before and have never seen him since.

6803. Did you hear of any other persons going upstairs besides these three ?—No.

6804. Had this man got any book ?—I do not know I am sure. I never saw any book.

6805. How did this man know where to send for you ?—I do not know that he sent for me at all.

6806. (*Mr. Newton.*) What made you go ?—I heard there was a party up there.

6807. Suppose you did—what then ? Why should you go if you heard there was a party there ?—I do not know why I went.

6808. Oh yes you do ?—No, I do not indeed.

6809. You do perfectly well. Did you not go there to receive money ?—No; not a halfpenny.

6810. Take care; we shall have him here.—I do take care. I never received a farthing.

6811. Did you not go there to receive money ?—I did not; not a farthing.

6812. Take care; he is coming here.—Let him come; I do not care who comes here.

6813. Did you not receive money from him ?—No; I did not receive a halfpenny. What I state is truth, and you may take what I say to be the truth.

6814. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You know what you said before the Committee in the House of Commons, so do not take that high line. You confessed yourself guilty of a gross untruth. You are not entitled to take that high line.

6815. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say this man went upstairs, that you had no reason to go up yourself, and did not go to receive money. Did you go upstairs to tell the man whom he was to pay ?—No.

6816. Did you give him any names ?—No; I gave him no names, not one single one.

6817. Nor direct any persons to him as they went in ?—I did not.

6818. Why did you not tell us about this man upstairs when your were giving your evidence just now ?—I was never asked.

6819. That was the only reason you did not mention it ?—Certainly.

6820. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you got anything else you can tell us you have forgotten ?—No; I have not.

6821. Do not come and tell us that you have not been asked. I ask you again, is there anything connected with the election you have not told us to-day ?—I cannot say.

6822. Take care.—I shall be here and happy to answer any questions put to me.

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EDWARD BARSBY recalled and further examined.

6823. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you heard all that Hadfield has said?—Yes.

6824. Have you yourself any doubt in your mind that it was Mr. Slater?—I could not say. I do not know Mr. Slater from any of you gentlemen there.

6825. How long were you upstairs with this man?—Not above a minute or two at the outside. I might know the gentleman again if I saw him.

6826. You say Hadfield took you up into the room?—I went up with Mr. Hadfield, and I believe he took me up, but I will not be confident about it.

6827. You say the first 5*l.* Mr. Hadfield brought you down?—No: it was the second. I said I thought Mr. Hadfield did, but I would not be certain whether I went up into the room to receive it or whether he brought it down to me.

6828. That was the second 5*l.*?—Yes.

6829. Making altogether 10*l.* at that time?—Yes.

6830. What was the next sum of money you received?—12*l.* 10*s.*

6831. From whom did you receive that?—Jacob Moser.

6832. When did you receive that?—Somewhere about the same time; I could not say exactly.

6833. The same day?—Yes.

6834. In the forenoon?—I do not think there would be half an hour between all three amounts.

6835. When was the next money you received?—That was all.

6836. Was the whole sum of money you received for the purposes of that election 23*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes. I received, I think, 5*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Tilly some days after the election, which I gave him a receipt for?

6837. Anything else?—No.

6838. Is that all that you received?—Yes; that is all.

6139. What monies did you lay out upon that election?—I could not tell you exactly, but I paid 5*l.* to Thomas Bulfield.

6840. What for?—For his vote.

6841. How did he vote at that election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

6842. What is Bulfield?—A tailor, since dead.

6843. Who else did you pay?—John Tomlinson.

6844. What is he?—A tailor.

6845. Is he a freeman?—Yes.

6846. What did you give him?—5*l.*

6847. From whom did you receive that 5*l.*?—From Jacob Moser.

6848. What else did you pay?—7*s.* 10*s.* to Stephen Winder.

6849. Who else did you pay?—No one else.

6850. What did you spend the balance upon?—Upon refreshments during the canvass.

6851. How much did you spend on refreshments?—I could not say exactly.

6852. About?—4*l.* or 5*l.*

6853. Was that before or during the election?—Before the election.

6854. I will give you the benefit, and say it is 5*l.* Upon what else did you spend any money?—I might spend something on the day of election, 1*l.* perhaps.

6855. And the balance you had for yourself?—I do not think there was any. I had 5*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Tilly, but I do not reckon that in at all.

6856. 5*l.* to Thomas Bulfield, 5*l.* to Tomlinson, 7*l.* 10*s.* to Stephen Winder, and 5*l.* 10*s.* on refreshment before the election, and 1*l.* spent on refreshments during the elections. Is that all?—Yes.

6857. What did you do with the balance of 5*l.* 10*s.*?—That I kept for my own services.

6858. Why did you not say so before?—I said so; I said that I did not reckon in the 5*l.* 10*s.* I received from Mr. Tilly.

6859. Did you receive any other monies besides that?—No.

6860. Did you pay any other monies besides that?—No.

6861. What work had you been doing during the election?—Assisting in canvassing. I was paid that 5*l.* 10*s.* for those services during eleven days; I suppose it was 10*s.* a day.

6862. You were one of those who went out canvassing with the ex-members?—Yes.

6863. When they were canvassing was anything said to you about money?—No; not to me.

6864. Did you hear anything said?—About money?

6865. Yes?—No; I should think not.

6866. They kept it quiet?—Yes; I should think so. I never heard anything.

6867. Have you got anything else to tell us?—No.

6868. Who were the Conservative captains at work in your district?—William Bond, a beer-house keeper, Bridge Lane, and John Swainson Harrison, St. Mary's Parade.

6869. Is he a householder?—I believe he is a freeman.

6870. Anybody else?—No; not in that district.

6871. Have you any other name to give us that has not been mentioned?—I do not know what names have been mentioned.

6872. You do not know anybody particularly in your district?—No.

6873. Are you a voter?—I am now; I was not then.

6874. You were not on the register?—No; I was not.

J. Wilson.

JOSEPH WILSON sworn and examined.

6875. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I am described by Mr. Clark as ex-tailor.

6876. Late in business as a tailor?—Yes.

6877. Where do you live now?—At Morecambe.

6878. Where did you live in 1865, at the time of the election?—I lived in a place called Holme, in Westmoreland.

6879. What was your post town?—It would be Burton, a mile and a half or so from Holme.

6880. Did you then carry on any business?—Well, I was a little in the farming line.

6881. Are you a great traveller?—No; not particularly.

6882. Were you much away from home in the spring of this year?—Yes.

6884. You do not like going to London, perhaps?—I do not.

6883. Did you hear that you were wanted there in the spring?—I did.

6885. We know that you did not go there?—I did not go. I did not want to go. I went out of the way on that purpose. I judged that there would be what they call a Speaker's warrant for me, and I went away on suspicion that something was going to take place.

6886. You went out of the way to evade the Speaker's warrant?—Yes, I did. I may state that I never expected such a thing, but I had said to my wife previous to this——

6887. Never mind that. What you did yourself I should be very glad to hear. I believe, lately, you have been away from home?—Yes, I have.

6888. I hope you have no objection to meet us here?—Well, I did not like it.

6889. Now you have seen us, I hope you will not think us very formidable?—No; you look like three very nice gentlemen, but I think you are very severe. I did not expect that you would put the witnesses through such a very severe ordeal.

6890. That depends upon the witnesses themselves?—Yes, sure.

6891. If you answer a plain question in a plain manner depend upon it you will not be put through a severe ordeal?—I came here on purpose to do so.

6892. Now let us see how well you can do it. I

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think I may say you were active for the Liberal members at the last election ?—Yes; I was. I did my best.

6893. I believe you have for some time been a pretty keen political partizan at elections for this borough ?—Well, I got dragged into it, and then I got alive in the work.

6894. That is no answer to my question. Have you been a keen political partizan at elections for this borough ?—Yes.

6895. Elections at Lancaster are not carried without a great deal of money ?—No.

6896. And some one must distribute that money to the voters ?—Yes; that is true.

6897. I believe you were one of those somebodys who did distribute at the last election ?—Yes, I did, and the time before, and all.

6898. That money was not from your own pocket ?—No, it was not.

6899. From whom did you receive it ?—Mr. Henry Welch.

6900. Please to give me the gross amount, first, that you received from Mr. Henry Welch ?—Well, about three weeks or a month before the election I received ——

6901. Give me the gross amount, first, if you can; if not, I will take the items separately ?—About three weeks or a month before the election I received some 6*l.*, 7*l.*, or 8*l.*, perhaps.

6902. Now, tell me the gross amount you received ?—Altogether ?

6903. Yes ?—No; I cannot do that.

6904. Then we will take the details. Three weeks before the election you received how much ?—Some 7*l.* or 8*l.*

6905. We must take a figure. Which will you say ?—I will say 8*l.*

6906. What was the next sum you received ?—The next sum I received was on the nomination day—on the night of the nomination day.

6907. July the 11th ?—Yes.

6908. How much did you receive ?—I think something like 70*l.* or 80*l.*, but I cannot state exactly.

6909. Give me about the sum if you cannot tell exactly; but, however, some witnesses have been very exact ?—You may put it down at 70*l.*; and I may say, here, that I must crave indulgence at your hands, though I think you will find me correct from the beginning to the end when you have done with me. My memory does not serve me quite so well as it used to do, and I kept no particular account of these things. I was earnest, zealous, and alive, you understand, and I did not exactly keep a proper account of these things at the time.

6910. You are not an old man ?—55 or 56.

6911. The memory is good enough, then, or I hope so, at least ?—It is not so good as it used to be.

6912. When was the next occasion on which you received money after that ?—The next morning, at the time the election was going on.

6913. At what time ?—Between 10 and 11; a little bit after 10 o'clock, I think it would be, or somewhere thereabouts.

6914. How much money did you receive ?—I think it would be about 50*l.*—45*l.* or 50*l.*

6915. What shall I write down ?—Say 50*l.*

6916. From Henry Welch ?—Yes; Mr. Wearing, Mr. Welch, and all of them were in the room at the time.

6917. Who gave it to you ?—Mr. Welch.

6918. Did you receive anything after the election ?—Yes.

6919. Did you receive any more on the election day ?—Not a farthing.

6920. After the election ?—Yes; after the election I received 5*l.*

6921. From Henry Welch again ?—Yes.

6922. Then I suppose these four sums of 8*l.*, 70*l.*, 50*l.*, and 5*l.* are the whole sums you received from Henry Welch ?—Yes.

6923. Did you receive any money from anyone else ?—No; not a farthing.

6924. Not a farthing from any other person whatever ?—No; from nobody whatever.

6925. That you avow distinctly ?—Yes, distinctly; not a farthing from anybody.

6926. Now, how did you dispose of this money, and I come first of all to the 8*l.* you received before the election ?—This 8*l.*, you see, I received some fortnight before the election.

6927. You told us three weeks before the election ?—Yes; I received it in two or three sums.

6928. By the way, I have not asked you whether you were a captain at this election ?—Well, I suppose I was; I did not know it till after the meeting for the purpose of making or forming these captains had taken place, and they said, "We tell you, Joseph, now, you are captain over Kellet, Carnforth, and Warton." The first removes me from Kellet, and said, "We "think you will have quite enough to do at Carnforth "and Warton," and I found I had.

6929. You were only captain over Carnforth ?—Carnforth and Warton.

6930. Are they one township ?—Perhaps they are, I think so.

6931. Did you confine your exertions to that district ?—I did principally; nearly altogether to Carnforth and Warton.

6932. Now, about this 8*l.*; how was that spent ?—You know I had my horse and conveyance moving about, and that requires money, and I require money myself, though I confess before you to be a very careful electioneerer.

6933. That is giving no account of how the money was spent ?—When I got into Carnforth I called the people together and visited them.

6934. A man may call people together and visit them without spending a farthing ?—Yes; but we do not do it that way at elections.

6935. In what way did you do it at this election ?—Now, during the election——

6936. Answer my question shortly ?—I tell you that during the election I spent a good bit on myself; I was away from Holme, where I live, twelve miles from Lancaster.

6937. How far from Carnforth ?—Eight or nine miles from Carnforth.

6938. Is it as much as that ?—Yes; I think so, if you reckon.

6939. You have not yet told us how you spent this 8*l.* ?—I had to live on it myself and put up my horse and conveyance.

6949. Do you wish the Commissioners to take it that you spent 8*l.* in horse hire and beds in Carnforth, or rather in stabling for your own horse and gig ?—No; I spent part of it.

6941. How much of it ?—I cannot exactly say you know.

6942. I do not ask you exactly ?—I treated the men sometimes and gave them a shilling or two.

6943. Is that really what you spent, the 8*l.* in refreshment and for yourself and voters ?—I think out of it I gave one Joseph Miller a sovereign.

6944. Then it will be refreshment for self and voters 7*l.* ?—Yes.

6945. Who is Miller ?—He is a freeman.

6946. (*Mr. Newton.*) Of Carnforth, yeoman; is that the man ?—Yes, and I said "Now thou can treat our friends," he pretended to be a great friend of ours.

6947. Did you give anybody else anything out of this 8*l.* ?—I think I did give 10*s.* to somebody, but I cannot say exactly who it was, I think I did, it strikes me so; but however the money went in that way, spending, treating, and on myself, up to the time of election.

6948. In treating yourself and voters at Carnforth ?—Yes, in getting something to eat for myself and others up to the time of election.

6949. Refreshment for self and voters up to the time of election ?—Yes.

6950. What did you do with the first sum you received, the 70*l.* ?—I took it down with me that night to Carnforth, kept it in my pocket until morning, then

I got all my friends together as well as I could into the conveyance and brought them up to the "Nag's Head" in Church Street.

6951. Is that in Lancaster?—Yes.

6952. How many voters were there?—Well, I think there would not be above six.

6953. That does not matter so long as you are prepared to give us the names?—I will try to do so.

6954. I suppose I may say that you gave them the money after they had voted?—I paid them every one before they voted, and I think that is rather singular because I have read the evidence. I paid them every one before they voted.

6955. I want now the names of the voters and the sums you gave them?—If you will furnish me, or any gentleman present, with a list of the Carnforth voters I think I could do it.

6956. (*Mr. Hill.*) You can give them to us without the list?—There was a John Mashiter, this little man lived in the town at the time, but I think he worked at Carnforth.

6957. You have got the list before you so you can see?—He is not here, he had been a husbandman.

6958. What did you pay Mashiter?—5*l.*

6959. Who next?—Two Whormbey's.

6960. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are their christian names?—Richard Whormbey and Thomas Whormbey.

6961. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you pay them?—15*l.* each.

6962. Who next?—Joseph Miller.

6963. Of Carnforth, yeoman?—Yes.

6964. How much?—10*l.*

6965. Exclusive of the 1*l.* of which you have told us already?—Yes, but that was given some weeks before perhaps.

6966. Who next?—John Mashiter joiner.

6967. How much did you give him?—15*l.*

6968. Who next?—I think I have done here.

6969, That is only five, and I think you said six?—No; these others here I think got money from the other side; they voted with me the election before quite quietly and nicely, but they went astray this time.

6970. Is there not a sixth gentleman, there ought to be another?—Aye; Richard Nelson, here he is. Richard Nelson, coachman.

6971. How much did you give him?—14*l.* It is rather a high figure, but I could not help it, they overpowered me, they did indeed, this capped all the elections that I ever met with.

6972. Was there anyone else in Carnforth?—No.

6973. Are you quite sure?—Not a penny.

6974. You did not spend a penny more in Carnforth?—No.

6975. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was the trade of the first Mashiter you mentioned, to whom you gave 5*l.*?—He was a farm labourer I think.

6976. (*Mr. Newton.*) How came you to give that first Mashiter only 5*l.*?—He is a quiet sort of man, and our object in electioneering is to get them as cheap as we can, and I said, "Johnny, you can have no more than 5*l.*"

6977. What was the occupation of Joseph Miller?—Farmer.

6978. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You paid all these voters in Lancaster?—Yes, every one of them in Lancaster.

6979. But before they voted?—Yes.

6980. Go on with the next, there is more money to dispose of?—Yes. Now we go to Warton; there is Joseph Emley, of Warton.

6981. How much did you give him?—10*l.* Then there is an elderly man living at the back of the public house in Warton, I cannot remember his name; will it be James Shaw? I declare I cannot remember, but I know these gentlemen when I see them.

6982. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who is likely to know?—If there are any Warton people present they can tell me directly.

6983. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where does he live?—At Warton.

6984. Whereabouts?—Just at the rise, at the back of the public-house, I went and had a conversation with him and he said he should want 10*l.* or 12*l.* I think it must be this James Shaw. I should know the man if I saw him in a moment.

6985. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did he vote for you?—Yes.

6986. James Shaw did not, was it Henry Shaw?—No.

6987. John Shaw, Moor Lane, gentleman?—No.

6988. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was his name Stirzaker?—No, it must be this James Mashiter, farmer, I know the old man very well when I see him.

6989. Are you sure he lives in Warton?—Yes, he is a farm labourer; at least he might be said to be a farmer, but he is only a poor man; he said Mr. Fenwick owed him a bill of 10*l.* or 12*l.*, and if I could get it he would vote for me. I said "Is this true? How happens Mr. Fenwick to owe you this?" And he says "Oh, it is 18 years ago," and I says, "It is a long time, how do you make it out?" and he said, "I make it out that I led stones and did various other things at that time, and never got my money to this day, and I will not vote unless you pay me." Well, I said, "I will inquire into it, and if it be correct, you shall have the money."

6990. How much money did you give him?—10*l.* I think it was, either 10*l.* or 12*l.*; but if you have him up here he will tell you I daresay.

6991. Who was the next?—I only got two I think out of Warton; I must stop.

6992. Did you give anybody else money for his vote?—No, not in the country.

6993. In the town?—Now we come to the town. There are some people called Stirzakers.

6994. What are they?—Gardeners.

5995. John Stirzaker, Meeting House Lane?—Yes.

6996. And T. H. Stirzaker, Meeting House Lane, gardner?—Yes, they are father and son; they received about 13*l.* from me. I took 20*l.* down, but I think the son brought me some 7*l.* or 8*l.* back the next morning.

6997. (*Mr. Newton.*) Which of them brought you the money back?—The young man.

6098. How much did young Stirzaker bring you back?—I cannot tell you exactly, it might be 8*l.*

6999. (*Mr. Hill.*) You paid them 13*l.*?—Yes, I took them down 20*l.* the night before the election.

7000. Is that all that the Stirzakers received from you?—Yes it is.

7001. Now go on to the next?—I think I must stop, I think I have finished.

7002. That is all the money you spent in paying voters, is it?—Yes, it is.

7003. There is a balance, as you are aware, how was that disposed of?—How much is there?

7004. 18*l.* You have accounted for 115*l.* as against 133*l.*?—Well, I know I spent a good lot that day one way with another. After all the large sums I gave for voting they said they must have something to eat and drink. I believe I advanced a good deal in things of that description.

7005. How much?—I cannot say exactly.

7006. About how much?—I think I had about 8*l.* or 9*l.* left in my pocket at the finishing up.

7007. You think you spent 8*l.* or 9*l.* in treating all these men that voted for you?—I do not think I spent it all on them, in one way and another I spent it. We were all cheerful and joyful at having won.

7008. How much shall I say, 8*l.* or 9*l.*?—Yes.

7009, Upon refreshments?—Yes, in refreshments and such like.

7010. You kept the balance perhaps?—Kept it?

7011. Yes, for yourself, I mean?—No. I saw Mr. Welch and was quite ready to give it up.

7012. You were ready but not willing perhaps?—Yes I was.

7013. Mr. Welch told you to keep it?—Mr. Welch said, "You have been at a good deal of trouble with this horse and gig, knocking about; I think you ought to have something." Upon which I said, "I think so too," just in that way. I may mention here, and I wish this court distinctly to understand me, that it is

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the first time I ever received 6*d.* for electioneering, for my services, or even for my horse and gig ; it is not to be said it was for services, and I have had to do with electioneering some 25 years.

7014. You had the balance for your horse and gig ?—Yes.

7015. (*Mr. Newton.*) How much did your horse eat ?—I cannot say, I put it up in Lancaster, at the "Old Sir Simon."

7016. How much did you pay for the horse's keep ?—I cannot say, a good deal.

7017. What did Welch give you for the horse's keep ?—He gave me 6*l.* or 7*l.* at the first, and this would be the finishing up that we are coming to now.

7018. After the election you got 5*l.*, what did you do with that ?—That was, and think on it now, besides the 8*l.* or 9*l.* I had left in my pocket, he handed me 5*l.* in a bit of paper, and said, "That, I think, will satisfy you." And I said, "Yes, much obliged to you."

7019. That is besides the balance ?—Yes, that was for my horse and gig.

7020. Nobody would suppose you would take anything yourself ?—It was for my horse and gig.

7021. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were paid at both ends for your horse and gig ; you were paid 8*l.* at the beginning, you had the balance of 9*l.* and 5*l.* besides, there is not a better trade than keeping a horse and gig, I should think ?—I was obliged to get it all tidied up, and I did so. It was nearly knocked to bits.

7022. Is that all you can tell us about the money spent by you ?—Yes, it is.

7023. When you say you went to see Stirzaker, whom did you see there ?—The young man.

7024. Not the old man ?—No.

7025. I should like to know, from such an experienced electioneerer, what you said to him to induce him to vote for you ?—They always had voted for our side.

7026. Answer my question ?—I had seen him two or three times before during the three weeks I was moving about ; I had met him in Market Street.

7027. Will you tell me what you said to him when you saw him the evening before the election ?—I said, "Well, now, come ; I have brought the 20*l.* down, and that will do for the father and thee."

7028. Did he say it would do for him ?—I think I recollect him saying "My father never does get anything, Joseph."

7029. He took the 20*l.* ?—He took it, and he said, "Do you know, Joseph, you have bothered me frequently to work for you ?" and I said I had. I said, "You are a great stout fellow, come down and help me." But he kept putting me off, and saying, "There is plenty of money on the other side I can get if I want it." I said, "No doubt, I have heard so, and that is the reason I have come to you ; I hope the father and thee will do right." And he said "I will see what I can do with it to-morrow." And in the forenoon, between 10 and 11, he came to me at the "Nag's Head," and put into my hands some 7*l.* or 8*l.*, and said, "I have brought this back."

7030. What did the son say to you when he brought back the money ?—He said just that, "I have brought this back, Joseph." There was a great bustle and hurry at the time.

7031. He did not say anything else ?—No.

7032. Was anybody with you when you went to the Stirzaker's ?—No, I went just by myself.

7033. Who was there when you went ?—I suppose the old man and woman would be there ; but I met the young man just by the doorway.

7034. Did you see the candidates at all during this election ?—No, I hardly ever saw them, except on the hustings, you know.

7035. Did you go about with them at Carnforth at all ?—Yes.

7036. Did they visit any of the voters with you ?—Yes.

7037. Before this election did you know Mr. Schneider at all ?—No, I did not.

7038. Had you never seen him until this election ?—I never saw him in my life before, he was a perfect stranger to me.

7039. Had you seen Mr. Fenwick before this election ?—Oh, yes.

7040. Had you always supported him when he was a candidate for Lancaster ?—Yes, ever since he offered himself.

7041. From the first ?—Yes, from the first. Mr. Clark says I was a personal friend of his, and I do not understand it ; there was no friendship, not a bit of it.

7042. You had nothing but an electioneering acquaintanceship with him ?—That is all. I was, unfortunately, at one time, lamed at his place, but I had to pay my own doctor's bill and expenses.

7043. (*Mr. Newton.*) When did you meet with that accident ?—It will be eight or nine years since now.

7044. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who was the Conservative captain of Carnforth, do you know ?—There were two or three.

7045. Who were they, they ought to have two or three against you ?—It is a fact, there were three against one, and I was obliged to come out with more money.

7046. Three against one, and you beat them, what were their names ?—When I say captains, they were men that took a particular interest in Carnforth ; constantly fighting and struggling against me. There was a Mr. Jackson, and a Mr. Thomas Hodgson.

7047. Who is Mr. Thomas Hodgson ?—He is a gentleman that lives just in the Ride at Carnforth.

7048. What is his address ?—They tell me Carnforth Lodge, but I did not know it before.

7049. Who is the other ?—There was one man, called Clarkson, a stonemason, and he took a particular active part.

7050. Is that Robert Clarkson ?—Yes, he has to make wonderful disclosures about me from what Mr. Clark says, and I will try and be here every day because I want to hear these things.

7051. (*Mr. Newton.*) When did you last see Mr. Schneider previous to the nomination ?—When I went round with him in the conveyance.

7052. What day was that ?—I do not know, three or four or five days before the election.

7053. Between that day and the election you never saw him ?—No, I never saw him.

7054. What conversation took place between you and him that day ?—Very little indeed.

7055. Tell us something that took place ?—I cannot recollect anything particular except "Where are we to go to next, Wilson ?" or something of that sort.

7056. Did he ask you to bring his men over to poll ?—No, I do not know that he did.

7057. Did he ask you to go to Welch if occasion required ?—No.

7058. What made you go to Welch ?—Welch came to me on the first onset.

7059. Where ?—In Cheapside.

7060. What were you doing in Cheapside ?—I come over on a Saturday, or very frequently once a fortnight. This was before the election.

7061. What did he say ?—He said "Well, Joseph, you must help me again," and I said "No, I think not. I have done with it now." I had shifted out of the town to get out of it. He said, "You must do it, we are going to have a serious do of it this time, and we cannot do very well without your services—come and help us ;" and then I got warmed up into these old electioneering feelings, and I said, "Well, I think I shall be obliged to come if that be the case."

7062. When did he mention about the money ?—He gave me part of the money ; he gave me 2*l.* first, and then 3*l.* or 4*l.* which mounted up to 7*l.* or 8*l.* He said, "You will want some money moving on."

7063. Did he tell you to come to him on the day of the nomination ?—Yes, he did.

7064. What were you to go to him for ?—For money.

7065. He told you that on the Saturday?—Previous to the election?

7066. Yes?—No, I cannot say that he told me just then. It seemed a general understanding between us somehow or other, that the secret committee would sit at the "Queen's," and if we wanted money we were to go there to get it.

7067. That was an understood thing?—Yes, it was an understanding amongst us, but I cannot say exactly how it came to my knowledge.

7068. But it was an understood thing?—Yes, amongst ourselves in that way.

7069. That is what made you go there on the evening of the nomination?—Yes, exactly.

7070. When you got that 70*l.* did they tell you to come again?—Yes, they said, "If you be anyways short you must come again." I said, "I do not think "I can manage with this. They seem to want so much. "I cannot understand it. They fight so hard against "me at Carnforth. I have never experienced any-"thing like it before;" and they said, "If you drop anyways short, call and see us to-morrow morning."

7071. Who told you that?—Mr. Welch.

7072. Anyone else?—I do not know. Mr. Wearing was there, and I think Mr. Blades, but they told me (I do not know which of them said so) "Call again;" and I said, "Very well." The carriage was then waiting for me, and I wanted to get away amongst my men for fear the other side would get them all; and lo and behold! when I got there they had got them all into Hodgson's public-house giving them a first-rate supper, and everything else; and next morning they gave them a first-rate breakfast. It was not that I was not willing to treat them but they had got them all.

7073. How much money do you think you spent in treating altogether?—I do not know. I did not spend so much in drink. I do not believe in giving too much for drink.

7074. I make it out that you got very nearly 20*l.* for your horse's keep?—Well, you know, money went on all sides, one way and another.

7075. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you applied to Welch for money since the election?—No, not a farthing.

7076. You never have applied to him?—No, I have never applied to him.

7077. You have been keeping out of the way a good deal?—Yes; lately.

7078. In the spring?—In the spring I was rather longer out of the way.

7079. How long were you away from home in the spring?—About a month.

7080. And for the last few days you have been away too?—Yes.

7081. How long have you been away from your own home this time?—Three weeks I should think.

7082. Seven weeks altogether?—Yes.

7083. All that at your own cost?—This last time every farthing at my own cost.

7084. The first time?—The first time I received, I think, altogether 10*l.*

7085. That was when you were evading the Speaker's warrant?—Yes.

7086. When did you receive the 10*l.*?—While I was away I wrote to Mr. Welch. I never expected to receive a farthing, and this is the real truth; but I wrote to him and said,—"Dear Friend, I am rather short of money. Will you be kind enough to let me have 5*l.*, and when I have sold my bit of property at Holme I will pay you back again, when I come home."

7087. Are you sure that 5*l.* was all that you asked for?—Yes, 5*l.* was all I asked him to lend me.

7088. You asked for it as a loan?—Yes.

7089. Did he send you anything?—Yes, he did. He sent it.

7090. He sent you 10*l.*?—No, he sent me 5*l.*

7091. Was that all the money you received from Mr. Welch?—No.

7092. What was the next?—5*l.* just after I came home again.

7093. When did you come home?—I came home so soon as the business was over relating to the petition.

7094. That would be the end of April?—I should come over the day after I heard that the members were unseated.

7095. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where were you?—In Scotland.

7096. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The day after that you received 5*l.* more?—No, some time elapsed before I received it.

7097. Soon after that you received it?—Yes, some time after. I do not know exactly.

7098. Is that all the money you received from Welch?—Yes.

7099. Have you ever made any application subsequently to him?—Never.

7100. Are you quite sure of that?—Quite sure.

7101. You see I press you, because, in answer to a question I asked you just now you said you never applied for any money to Welch, and now you tell me you did apply and received 10*l.*?—No, I applied for it as a loan, I asked him if he would lend me 5*l.*

7102. Have you repaid the 5*l.*?—No.

7103. (*Mr. Newton.*) You were asked whether you had received any money since the election, and you said, "No," and now when you are asked about your expenses since the election, it turns out that you got 10*l.* Which are we to believe, that you never received any money from Mr. Welch, or that the other statement is true?—I do not rightly understand you. I did not come here to evade one question you put to me. You asked me if I received any money at the time I went away.

7104. No you were not asked that, you were asked whether you had, since the election, received any money from Mr. Welch. The question is, "Have you applied to Welch for money since the election?"—No, not a farthing. It was a loan.

7105. Is not that an application to Welch for money?—Yes, but it was for money on my own account. I borrowed it.

7106. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you mean to tell the Commissioners that that 10*l.* is the whole you received for being away a month evading the Speaker's warrant?—Yes.

7107. Have you written to Mr. Schneider on this subject?—Never.

7108. Have you written to Mr. Fenwick on this subject?—Never.

7109. Have you written to either of them?—Never.

7110. Do you know Slater?—No.

7111. Do you not know William Slater?—No.

7112. Have you never seen him?—No, never in my life that I know of. I don't know anything about Slater.

7113. Have you not written to William Slater on the subject of the expenses you were put to by evading the Speaker's warrant in Scotland?—No.

7114. Did you write to anyone during the time you were in Scotland evading the warrant?—No.

7115. You never wrote a letter to anyone?—No.

7116. When was it you wrote to Welch?—Before I went into Scotland.

7117. From where did you go to Scotland?—I went to Scotland from a little place at the outside of Leeds, where my boy goes to school.

7118. I should like to call it by its proper name?—Stop a minute, and I will try to think of it—it was Gildersome, near Leeds.

7119. You wrote to Mr. Welch from Leeds?—No, I wrote, I believe, from Preston to Mr. Welch, to ask him to lend me 5*l.*, if he pleased.

7120. That was on your way to Scotland?—No, I went over to Gildersome to see my boy, who was at school.

7121. Did you write from Preston to Mr. Welch?—Yes.

7122. Was that on your way to Scotland?—I was not on my way to Scotland then, but having received this 5*l.*, I said, "Now then, having sufficient money I will go down and see my son in Scotland."

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7123. Gildersome is five or six miles out of Leeds is it not ?—Yes.

7124. With whom did you remain in Scotland ?—With my son.

7125. Did any persons come down to Lancaster to look after you do you know ?—When was that ?

7126. When the matter was on before the Committee of the House ?—That is with respect to the petition ?

7127. Yes ?—No, nobody.

7128. Did you know that they were looking after you ?—Yes.

7129. Did you hear from Henry Welch that they were looking after you ?—No.

7130. From whom did you hear it ?—From my wife.

7131. Your wife wrote to you ?—Yes.

7132. Did your wife tell you that Henry Welch had been to your house ?—No.

7133. You were there from the 25th of March to the 25th of April, about ?—I was not there all the time. I was moving about. I was in Preston seeing a daughter of mine.

7134. You were about a month away ?—Yes.

7135. The greater part of that time you were in Scotland were you not ?—Yes, the better half of the time, perhaps, I was in Scotland.

7136. What monies had you before you started ?—In my pocket ?

7137. Yes ?—Upon 3*l.* or 4*l.*

7138. Did you live on that 3*l.* or 4*l.* for a fortnight ?—Yes.

7139. You went to see your son at school, and wandered about ?—Yes.

7140. You had no money but the 3*l.* or 4*l.* ?—No.

7141. Until you got up to Stirling ?—No.

7142. When you got there to whose house did you go ?—To my son's.

7143. Did you ask your son to lend you any money ?—No.

7144. Your son is in the Excise, is he not ?—Yes.

7145. You did not ask your son for any money ?—No.

7146. You wrote to Mr. Henry Welch to borrow it ?—Yes.

7147. How did he send it to you ?—He sent me a 5*l.* Bank of England note.

7148. From whom did you first hear that a warrant was coming down for you ?—From nobody.

7149. What made you go away ?—I went away on suspicion.

7150. Do you mean us to take that down ?—Yes, take it down, I will tell you the truth : bless you, I will tell you every word I know. It was noised about that there was going to be a petition : a month rolled over and I never heard a word about it.

7151. Why should you go away more than Henry Welch ?—Because I did not want to go to London, because if I was to go there and tell what I have told you to-day, was that not sufficient to go and upset both members ?

7152. So it would be if Henry Welch had done so : why should you go away more than the others ?—I did not want to go.

7153. Were you ever in the Lancaster Bank at the time of the election ?—Never.

7154. Were you ever at Barrow at the time of the election ?—Never at the time of the election.

7155. What do I understand you to mean by "the time of the election ?" what do you call the time of election ?—A few weeks before the election up to the election. I should call that all embracing the election.

7156. During all that time you only saw Mr. Schneider when canvassing ?—Yes, that is all, and on the hustings.

7157. Did you speak to him at the "Queen's ?"—No.

7158. Did you speak to Mr. Fenwick at the "Queen's ?"—No, I never saw them that day.

7159. Were you in the "Queen's" that day ?—I went up for the money you know.

7160. Were you down at the Vicarage at all during the day of nomination ?—I was never at the Vicarage in my life. I know that they have told a great many lies about your humble servant, they have indeed. I have been misrepresented.

7161. Why did you not put yourself straight at once instead of giving us the trouble of sending one man after you to Stirling and another to Ashton ?—I am very sorry that you did it.

7162. Why did you not come to clear your character at once ?—I did ; I wrote to my wife asking her whether anybody had been to my house with a summons and she said no.

7163. What did you go away for ?—I went with my boy to school first.

7164. To Stirling ?—No.

7165. To Ashton ?—No.

7166. What made you go away ?—I went with my boy to school.

7167. (*Mr. Newton.*) It is convenient to have a boy going to school ?—He had been home for his Midsummer holidays.

7168. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you always fetch your boy away from school and take him back ?—Yes, generally.

7169. What age is the lad ?—Eleven.

7170. Although you were not up at the Committee of the House you, I daresay, have read the evidence ?—Yes, I have, the principal part of it.

7171. You appear to know the case pretty well. Do you know that John Mashiter was examined before the Committee of the House ?—Yes.

7172. Were you with him at the "Station Inn" on the morning of the polling day ?—This last election ?

7173. Yes, I am only speaking of that : did you see John Mashiter at the "Station Inn" at Carnforth, about 7 o'clock on the morning of the election ?—No, I did not.

7174. Is that the John Mashiter you spoke of as having given him 5*l.* ?—No, the Mashiter that was examined before the House got 15*l.*

7175. Do you spell his name Mashiter or Masheter ?—I do not know, I am sure, I am not a good speller.

7176. You are sure that the Mashiter who was examined in the House got 15*l.* ?—Yes.

7177. I will read you three or four of his answers. *Q.* 1776. "Well, now, did Joseph Wilson have any "talk with you ? *A.* I cannot say exactly.—*Q.* Did "he give you something ? *A.* No, nothing at all.—"*Q.* Did you receive some money from Joseph Wil-"son ? *A.* No.—*Q.* Upon your oath ? *A.* No." That is false, is it ?—He had no right to say it.

7178. It is false ?—Yes ; it is false. I cannot help it. I am very sorry for it ; but you know you brought me here to tell the truth.

7179. The next question is—"Did you receive any "money that morning ? *A.* No.—*Q.* Have you said "that you received the sum of 10*l.* for voting. "*A.* No." And so it goes on. That is false, so far as receiving the money goes ?—Yes.

7180. What time did you pay him ?—In the forenoon of the election day.

7181. At what time, as near as you can give it ?—Between 10 and 11.

7182. Where ?—At the "Nag's Head," in Church Street.

7183. After he had voted ?—Before he voted.

7184. You must be exceedingly careful about this, because, very likely, you will have to give further evidence upon this point on some future occasion. Will you swear distinctly that you gave that Mashiter, who was examined before the House of Commons, 15*l.* between 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the "Nag's Head," before he voted ?—I have sworn it.

7185. Will you swear that distinctly ?—Yes.

7186. You know what Mashiter it is ? What is he by trade ?—It says here a joiner.

7187. What is his number on the register ?—573.

7188-9. Do not let us have any mistake about this. Did you read in the paper that it was alleged Mashiter had committed perjury before the House in stating that ?—Yes ; I did. I thought that he had no right

to say it. I wish he had not. I would rather he had told the truth.

7190. That was your feeling with regard to it?—Yes.

7191. Mashiter knew well that he had received the money from you—there could be no mistake about the man? He knew you by sight?—Yes.

7192. If Mashiter had seen you in London he could scarcely have said this?—I think he would not have said that, surely.

7193. Then, in consequence of your absence, you led him to commit perjury?—No; I do not see that. Why could he not tell the truth, the same as I am telling you now, and then there would have been an end of it? I feel very sorry for it.

7194. Who else was present when you paid Mashiter?—His wife and him.

7195. Anybody else?—Nobody else.

7196. Was there anybody else in the "Nag's Head?"—This was up in a room.

7197. In what room in the "Nag's Head?"—I do not know; in one of the rooms upstairs.

7198. Had anyone else been upstairs before?—Yes.

7199. To receive money from you?—Yes.

7200. Who was that?—Every one of them came into the room to be paid.

7201. Who came in at the same time as Mashiter?—Nobody; they came in one by one. He and his wife came together. I had a deal of talk with him at that time.

7202. Who was down below in the "Nag's Head" at that time? Give me the name of one person.—Connected with the election?

7203. Yes; all those persons who were paid.—The principal part of them would be there.

7204. Who brought Mashiter up into the room to you?—He came himself.

7205. Who told him to come up, and where to come to?—Myself.

7206. You told them to come up after they had voted?—No; before they went to vote.

7207. You sat in the room by yourself?—I did not sit; I stood in the same way as I am standing now.

7208. They came to you one by one?—Yes.

7209. Can you recollect who came to you before Mashiter?—No; I cannot. I recollect well he and his wife coming in. I said, "Here is 10*l.*" and he said, "Oh, I will not take it. I must have more than that."

7210. What else took place?—I said, "It is an "abomination; I will never have anything more to do "with you fellows as long as I live." He said, "I do "not care; you have paid the Whormbys 15*l.* a-piece, "and I have stuck to you like a man, and I ought to "have it, and I will have it;" and I said, "Well, "take it, and there's an end of it."

7211. You paid it to him in sovereigns?—Yes.

7212. In fact, all the money you paid was in sovereigns?—Yes; all in sovereigns.

7213. (*Mr. Newton.*) Had you seen Mashiter that morning before you came over?—Yes.

7214. Had he come with you?—Yes; he came in a conveyance with us.

7215. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you know how long they were downstairs after they received their monies?—Five minutes.

7216. And then they went off and voted?—Yes; then they went right away to vote.

7217. Then they came back to have something more to drink?—Yes.

7218. Did you take them all back afterwards?—Yes; I saw the conveyance take them back when the election was over that night.

7219. Do you know whether Mashiter went back in the conveyance?—I cannot say rightly.

7220. There was a conveyance for them?—Yes; there was. It is always understood that the conveyance which takes them fetches them back again.

7221. Did his wife go with him?—I do not know.

7222. Did she come over with him in the morning?—Yes; but I cannot say how they got back.

7223. Do you bring wives over as well?—Yes.

7224. To look after the husbands?—They generally bring the wife, and sometimes their children.

7225. What did you do with yourself the remainder of that day after you had polled the Carnforth voters?—I went into the committee room to see how things were going on.

7226. Did you go into the secret committee room at the "Queen's?"—No.

7227. Were you in the "Queen's" at all?—Yes.

7228. On that day?—Yes.

7229. In what part of the "Queen's?"—In the large committee room, where all the bustle was going on, backwards and forwards. I was tired and done up, because I had had no sleep the night before.

7230. Did you give the Stirzakers anything else besides this 13*l.*?—No.

7231. Did you give Miss Stirzaker an order to go to Bell for a watch?—No, never in the world.

7232. Where were you on or about the beginning of October; were you in Lancaster?—I should be at Morecambe, should I not?

7233. I do not know. Where were you?—At Morecambe.

7234. Did you see Miss Stirzaker at that time?—No; I have never seen Miss Stirzaker for four years, I should think.

7235. Do you know William Bell, the watchmaker?—Yes, very well.

7236. Do you deal with him?—No; very little. I do not do much with watchmakers. I buy a watch once, which serves me my lifetime.

7237. Did you ever see a watch and chain in Bell's shop?—It is all false, gentlemen, about that.

7238. You cannot tell whether it is false until you know what I am about to ask you. Did you see a watch at William Bell's at the beginning of October?—No.

7239. Did you see a gold chain there?—No.

7240. Did you speak to him about a watch and chain?—No, never.

7241. (*Mr. Newton.*) How many Whormbys are there on your list there?—Four.

7242. You have told us that you bribed two of them?—I do not like the word "bribed;" but I gave the money, so I suppose I am guilty.

7243. Did you try to bribe the other two?—No; John Whormby, the auctioneer; I was abused beyond measure by him.

7244. You tried to bribe him?—Never; I never asked him a word about it.

7245. How came he to abuse you?—He met us the day I was going in the conveyance; that was the time.

7246. What is the name of the other Whormby?—Robert Whormby.

7247. Did you try to bribe him?—No.

7248. What is he?—He is a sort of a gentleman. Whether he has been an exciseman, and is a retired man of that description, I am not sure.

7249. Why did you not try to bribe him?—I called and asked him who he was going to vote for, if he would be pleased to let me know. He said, "What "side do you represent?" I said, "I represent the "Liberal side." And he said, "I do not think I shall "vote for you." And I said, "Well, it cannot be "helped; good day, sir."

7250. Did you see Thomas Whormby the night before the election?—Yes, I did.

7251. That is the gentleman who came from here, and was poorly?—Yes.

7252. (*Mr. Newton*) Did you give him anything that night?—No.

7253. Any paper?—No.

7254. (*Mr. Hill.*) When Mrs. Whormby says that her son came here, and was so poorly that you did not speak to him, that is not true?—One of them was very tipsy.

7255. They call it "poorly," here, and "fits."—I

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did not speak to him; he was too tipsy. It was no use talking to him at all.

7256. Did they send to the doctor for him on account of his tipsiness?—They might do that; that was after he came out from the Tory feed, at Mr. Hodgson's, that night. I hope the Conservatives will tell the whole truth.

7257. You say that you did not speak to him?—No, I think not; he was too tipsy to take any notice of it.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

EIGHTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Tuesday, 4th September 1866.

PRESENT:

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON.

MR. HILL.

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WILLIAM KING sworn and examined.

7258. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—I am a reporter.

7259. Where do you live?—In Ullswater Road.

7260. Were you captain of the Edward Street district?—I was joint captain.

7261. Who with?—Edward Johnson and Robert Whiteside.

7262. Have you been much engaged in election matters in this borough?—That was the first time.

7263. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the election?—The first sum I received was 2*l.*

7264. Can you give us the amount in gross?—I think the gross amount was 131*l.* 10*s.*

7265. Now be good enough to tell us how you received it and when you received it?—The first sum I received was 2*l.*; that was a short time before the election.

7266. Who from?—Mr. Henry Welch.

7267. How long before the election?—Perhaps ten days; I cannot say to two or three days.

7268. The next sum?—The next sum, I think, would be 2*l.*

7269. When?—A day or two following the first.

7270. From Mr. Welch?—Yes; then I think 1*l.* from Mr. Welch, and 1*l.* from Mr. Edward Johnson.

7271. When did you receive those two sums?—Perhaps three or four days before the election.

7272. At the same time?—Well, they would be about the same time. I was short of money to pay a public-house bill, and he gave me 1*l.* towards it.

7273. Now give me the next item, if you please?—40*l.*

7274. When?—On the polling day, from Mr. Henry Welch; then 12*l.* half an hour after that perhaps.

7275. Who from?—Mr. Henry Welch; then 40*l.*

7276. Who from?—I beg pardon; the 40*l.* was the first; then 12*l.*; and then 55*l.* I think that was the next. That was all the money I received on the election day. After the election I received a sum of 16*l.*

7277. Who from?—Mr. Henry Welch; and a further sum of 2*l.* 10*s.*

7278. From him?—From him.

7279. When was that after the election?—A few weeks; I cannot exactly say the date.

7280. Those were all the sums you received?—Those were all the sums I received.

7281. Those are all the sums you received from Mr. Welch or from Mr. Johnson?—Yes; or from anyone else.

7282. Either for yourself or for anybody else?—Yes.

7283. Were you a voter?—No.

7284. Now be good enough to tell us how you expended that money?—The money I received before the election day, 6*l.* altogether, was spent in public-houses.

7285. In refreshments for voters?—Yes; the money paid for votes was paid to Anthony Richardson, printer.

7286. What did you pay to him?—8*l.*; William Ralph, a smith, 8*l.*

7287. Of Adcliffe Street?—I do not know where he lives.

7288. You paid him 8*l.*—Yes.

7289. Who was the next one?—Joseph Ralph, a tailor.

7290. What did you pay him?—8*l.* William Patterson, or Pattison, a cabinet maker.

7291. What did you pay him?—8*l.*; John Ralph, spinner, 8*l.*; Robert Ralph, a railway porter, 8*l.*; Richard Hardacre——

7292. Is he a householder?—I have had to refresh my memory by referring to one of my assistants. Edward Cutts assisted me; and I have had to refer to him since this Commission sat to get the names.

7293. Who is Edward Cutts?—He was along with me, assisting me.

7294. Is he a voter?—No.

7295. He assisted you in making out these lists?—He assisted me during the election day. He went with the men to the poll, and I had to refer to him to assist my memory.

7296. You think it was Thomas Hardacre?—No, he gave me his name as Richard. I referred to him to assist me to get out the names, to refresh my memory about it.

7297. Lately?—Yes; on Saturday last. I should think it must be Thomas Hardacre, but I do not know.

7298. Cutts gave you the christian name of Richard?—Yes.

7299. I may state that you bribed a voter named Hardacre?—Yes.

7300. For 8*l.*?—Yes.

7301. Do you know where he lives?—No.

7302. Now the next?—William Roberts.

7303. Of Leonard Gate, iron founder?—Yes; I think that would be him; he works at an iron foundry.

7304. What did you give him?—8*l.* Christopher Fawcett, a cabinet-maker——

7305. Where does he live?—I think he lives in Leonard Gate. He is a young man.

7306. What is he?—A cabinet-maker.

7307. Is it Christopher Fawcett, junior?—Yes; he is a man I know very well. There can be no mistake about him.

7308. Is he alive or dead?—He is alive; I saw him a week ago.

7309. What did you pay him?—8*l.*

7310. What is his number on the register?—The number I have here is 261; but I forget where he was living then; he is living now in Wood Street.

7311. (*Mr. Hill.*) There is one a cabinet-maker and the other a book-keeper?—He is a cabinet-maker the one I speak of, that I am sure of.

7312. Who else?—John Pimm.

7313. Of Lune Street, tailor?—He is a tailor, I believe.

7314. How much to him?—8*l.*; then I paid that young man Edward Cutts for his vote and assistance.

7315. What is Cutts?—A cabinet-maker, I think, in Chapel Street.

7316. You paid Cutts how much ?—8*l.* Richard Cumpsty : I think he is a plumber, or something of that sort. He is a man I did not know.

7317. Richard Robinson Cumpsty, of Leonard Gate, plumber ?—I think that would be the one.

7318. How much did you give him ?—6*l.* Those are all the voters that I paid. I have missed one, I think—Thomas Verden.

7318*a*. Of Church Street, cabinet-maker ?—Yes.

7319. How much ?—8*l.*

7320. Anybody else ?—No ; I think that is all. I expended about 3*l.* on the election day in refreshments.

7321. Among voters ?—Yes, and non-voters ; and the 16*l.* which I received in one sum I returned to Mr. Welch. He handed it to me to pay a public-house bill, and they would not receive it ; it was not enough.

7322. What public-house was that ?—It was a beer-house.

7323. What beer-house?—The "Swan," in Leonard Gate.

7324. What is the name of the landlord?—I think the name of the landlord there is Helme.

7325. Who was the person you offered it to ?—I offered it to Mrs. Helme, I think.

7326. How much ?—I offered her 16*l.*, and she declined to take it ; it was 1*l.* short of what she charged.

7327. And you gave it back to Henry Welch ?—I gave it back to Mr. Welch ; 2*l.* 10*s.*, which he paid me in one sum, was for my own services.

7328. Did you know all these voters before : were they personal friends of yours ?—No ; not the whole of them.

7329. Some of them ?—Some of them I knew very well ; they were all staying at that public-house ; that was what made me have to do with them—at the public-house, the "Swan."

7330. Were they all using it ?—All using it.

7331. The "Swan ?"—Yes ; and the reason why they asked for the money was they told me they had had 12*l.* each offered them by the other side. They were men most of whom I knew to be always of Liberal politics ; but they said they had had 12*l.* offered on the other side.

7332. You got them for 8*l.*?—They asked 10*l.* at first.

7333. Had they always voted that way before ?—I cannot speak to them all ; but several I knew myself had always voted that way.

7334. Your way ?—Yes ; and I think I ought to state, with reference to one of them particularly, that though he asked 8*l.* along with the rest, he distinctly told me that whether he got it or not he should vote for Fenwick and Schneider. I think it is due to him to say so.

7335. Who was that ?—John Ralph. He said he asked the same as the rest ; but whether he got it or not he should vote for Fenwick and Schneider.

7336. Were these people all at the "Swan ?"—All but one—Cumpsty.

7337. Were all these men very active in getting up other voters ?—They exerted themselves, two or three of them.

7338. Where was your receipt of custom ?—At the "Swan."

7339. You had a room there ?—Yes.

7340. Did they all come to you ?—Yes, singly.

7341. Did anyone bring them in ?—They came in singly, when one went down they told another to come up.

7342. That comes to 130*l.* instead of 131*l.*, the difference is not material as far as we are concerned ?—The balance, I suppose would be spent in refreshment. You will understand that the money got before the election was all spent in treating and public-house bills.

7343. Then am I to understand that you never bought a vote till the morning of the election ?—No, I never bargained with them ; indeed, I had no idea that those men wanted any money till the nomination night, when they said that Mr. H. T. Wilson and Mr. Coupland had been offering them 12*l.* a-piece ; they said there was plenty of money stirring, and they thought they ought to have it the same as other people.

7344. In fact they thought it would have been a hard case if they had not had it ?—They seemed to think so ; they said the money was there, and if they did not get it somebody else would.

7345. They were willing to sell their votes to the highest bidder ?—No, they considered they sacrificed 4*l.* a-piece.

7346. Those were all the votes that you bought ?—They are all.

7347. Do you know who was the Conservative captain in the St. Leonard Gate district ?—I only was one or two I think.

7348. Who were they ?—I think you have not had his name yet, it was Mr. Harrison ; I think they call him Thomas Harrison ; I think there is both Thomas and John there, one of them is in an architect's office ; and I may also name Mr. Richard Booth a very active Conservative captain who had previously been a Liberal captain.

7349. Were these men of a better class of voters or not ?—They were all working men, what I should call the better class of working men.

7350. What is Thomas Harrison's address ?—He lives in Leonard Gate, I think.

7351. A book-keeper ?—Yes, that would be his description, I believe he was a voter.

7352. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say he was one of the persons active on the Conservative side ?—Yes.

7353. You cannot tell whether these at previous elections had all voted together ?—No, it was a new system I think that voting together.

7354. The system first got into use at this election of getting into clubs ?—As far as I have heard.

7355. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you clubs now in existence ?—They are not clubs, they are men just going to the same public-house.

7356. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is it that the men go together to a public-house and then act together ?—Yes, they agree to say they will have a certain sum.

7357. And that was done extensively at this last election ?—I do not know whether it was done extensively or not, but it was done.

7358. Have those men got some head man who acts for them ?—Of course they have a spokesman between them and me.

7359. Who was the spokesman for these men ?—I think Mr. Joseph Ralph was one of the principal ones.

7360. We will call it the "Swan" club, I suppose that is what you would call it, or the "Swan" party ?—Yes, the only argument they use in favour of having money was that the money was there and that other people were getting it.

7361. They put forward a good reason for getting it ?—Yes, because I told them I knew they were men who professed Liberal principles.

7362. But they were clubbed together for the purpose of all getting the same ; that was the band of union ?—And most of them I believe frequented that public-house.

7363. They were the persons who used the "Swan?"—Yes.

7364. Were there any other persons who used the "Swan" who were not a part of the same club ?—I think two or three of them fell away ; I did not get them enough.

7365. Two or three of them joined the Conservative club ?—Two or three that were in what you call the club went and left me, and got 10*l.* I fancy elsewhere.

7366. Give me the names of those two or three ?—I do not recollect them now ; I know I had 17 at first, and they dwindled down.

7367. You first of all operated for 17, is that so ?—Yes.

7368. And the number was reduced to 13 ?—Yes.

7369. The other four wanted more than 8*l.* ?—Yes, I was rather slow in getting it ; at head-quarters they

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would not hear of high prices, they believed we could win without high prices.

7370. Up to what time did they believe at headquarters that they could win without high prices?—Towards noon, and then they began to be afraid.

7371. Towards noon on the election day?—Yes.

7372. Then you did not operate on these men till the afternoon?—They voted as soon as I promised them the 8*l.* but did not get paid I think till 2 in the afternoon.

7373. What time in the day did you promise?—I forget exactly.

7374. Was it sometime about noon?—It was before noon, but towards noon I know more liberal prices were given.

7375. As soon as you received authority from headquarters to give more liberal prices you acted upon that authority?—Yes.

7376. When would that be, 10 or 11 o'clock?—After that time, I think a little after noon, there was a rumour that the Tory money was done, so then we had authority to offer higher prices.

7377. I do not follow that logically?—We should then secure the voters before they got more money.

7378. It was only done for the present; until there was another steamer to come in from Morecambe?—They did raise more money at the bank; that was what I understood at the time.

7379. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you mean that your people or the others got more money from the bank?—We had plenty.

7380. It was the other people?—It was rumoured so in the town.

7381. (*Mr. Hill.*) There was never any rumour of your running short of money?—No.

7382. There was no run on your bank?—A very fair run, but it sustained it.

E. Johnson.

EDWARD JOHNSON sworn and examined.

7383. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you acting jointly with the last witness in the Edward Street district?—Yes.

7384. Are you a Liberal?—Yes.

7385. And have you been much concerned in previous elections?—The two last elections, and a little with elections previously on the Tory side.

7386. The two last elections on the Tory side?—Yes.

7387. And at the previous ones on the Tory side?—Yes, a little.

7388. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the last election, and what was the first sum you received?—The first sum was 1*l.*

7389. From whom?—Mr. Welch.

7390. Are you a voter?—Yes.

7391. A freeman?—A householder.

7392. At what date did you receive the first sum from Mr. Henry Welch?—About a fortnight before the election.

7393. How much?—1*l.*

7394. What was the next sum that you received?—2*l.*

7395. When was that?—A few days afterwards.

7396. From Henry Welch?—Yes.

7397. The next sum?—5*l.*

7398. From the same person?—Yes.

7399. And a few days after?—Yes.

7400. The next sum?—5*l.*

7401. From the same person?—Yes.

7402. When?—The night of the nomination.

7403. July 11th?—Yes.

7404. The next sum?—50*l.* and 5*l.* was received at the same time, 55*l.* that would be; the next sum was 10*l.*

7405. When?—The day of the election.

7406. July 12th?—Yes.

7407. At what time in the day?—About 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

7408. From Henry Welch?—Yes.

7409. Now the next sum?—The next sum was 20*l.*

7410. When?—That would be a little after 3.

7411. Well?—The next sum 1*l.*

7412. When?—A fortnight after the election.

7413. Is that all you have received?—Yes.

7414. And what have you received for yourself?—Nothing.

7415. Have you not received any other monies at all except those you have mentioned?—No.

7416. 103*l.*?—Yes.

7417. Now please to tell us how you spent it?—I gave the first 1*l.* received to Anthony Clark.

7418. For what?—To spend among the voters.

7419. Who is Anthony Clark?—He is a freeman in the Leonard Gate district, the Edward Street district.

7420. What was the next sum?—The next would be an account, or perhaps two accounts paid at the "Black Cat," which were presented to me.

7421. Did you pay them?—Yes.

7422. For voters?—Yes.

7423. For refreshments?—Yes.

7424. How much?—Altogether before the election 8*l.* 10*s.*

7425. What was the next sum that you laid out?—The next sum that I laid out would be 30*s.* the night before the election.

7426. Well?—To give a gentleman a cheap trip.

7427. Where did you give him a trip to and who was the gentleman?—Croft I think his name is, of Leonard Gate.

7428. To go where?—May I explain?

7429. Tell us first where he was to go to?—I do not know. About 7 one evening the night before the election a number of men came to me and said there was a gentleman in Leonard Gate that was not able to take care of himself, and they thought it would be better that some one should take care of him; so I took a cab down.

7430. Who took a cab?—I went down with the cab and he was got into it.

7431. Who else got into it?—Several men; a person of the name of Clark; and I was to give them 30*s.* for expenses, but the cat got out of the bag and voted against us the next day.

7432. Whose house did you go to at Leonard Gate?—The toll bar.

7433. Was this the person who kept the toll bar?—No, this was a gentleman living in Leonard Gate.

7434. But who did you take in the cab?—The only one I knew was a person of the name of Clark, son of Anthony Clark.

7435. Then was the object to get Mr. Croft out of the way?—Yes.

7436. Where did they take him to, do you know?—I do not know where they took him to.

7437. Do you know how he came to bolt?—No; I know he voted against us the next day.

7438. How much did you give for the cab?—30*s.* I think.

7439. What was the next sum you laid out?—The next sum I laid out would be 6*l.*

7440. Who was that to?—That was an amount which was presented to me by a person named Lund who keeps a beer-house in Leonard Gate.

7441. Was that an account for a committee room, or for refreshments?—It would be for refreshments, it was on the morning of the election.

7442. What is Lund's christian name, do you know?—George.

7443. A bill for refreshments was it?—Yes.

7444. How much?—6*l.* about 11 in the forenoon, he refused to go and vote till he was paid; I am not sure whether he voted for us or not; I forget.

7445. (*Mr. Newton.*) He did not vote at all?—He told me he would go right away and vote; he did live in Pitt Street.

7446. (*Mr. Hill.*) I think you are wrong, his name must have been Thomas: was he the landlord of the "Cabinet-makers' Arms?"—Yes; there was a good deal of looking after him.

7447. Was he of No. 4 Pitt Street ?—Yes.

7448. Then it was Thomas Lund ?—He keeps a beer-house in Pitt Street.

7449. The name of the public-house is the "Cabinet-makers' Arms ?"—Yes.

7450. What was the next money you laid out ?—I also paid 1*l.* to Mr. William King the last witness.

7451. What for ?—For incidental expenses.

7452. The next ?—I also paid 2*l.* 10*s.* to a man of the name of Atkinson.

7453. William Atkinson ?—He is a voter in the Leonard Gate district.

7454. What was that for ?—It was for expenses that he might be put to.

7455. It was James Atkinson in all probability; is he a cooper ?—Yes, he said there were some voters at Skerton he thought he could catch; but I did not believe him.

7456. How much did you give him ?—2*l.* 10*s.*

7457. You do not know that he took any trouble about anything ?—No, I do not think he troubled himself much.

7458. You knew he was a voter ?—Yes, but I do not know whether he got any other monies beyond payment for some "time."

7459. What was the next ?—The next was a man named Parker of Leonard Gate.

7460. William Parker of Leonard Gate whitesmith ?—Yes.

7461. What did you give him ?—6*l.* 2*s.*

7462. For his vote ?—5*l.* would be for his vote and the other monies he received at different times, 22*s.*

7463. Money laid out by him ?—Yes.

7464. And refunded by you ?—Yes.

7465. What is the next?—The next is Thomas Marshall. I paid that man 15*s.*; that would be previous to the election.

7466. How much besides ?—That is all I paid him.

7467. What was that for ?—There was a man that wanted a good bit of looking after previous to the election. He wanted 10*l.* for his vote, I said it was too much. He got 12*l.* from the other side.

7468. And voted for the other side ?—He voted for the other side. William Atkinson of Skerton.

7469. You had given him, previous to the election 15*s.* ?—Yes, he delivered out some circulars.

7470. The contents of the circulars had not satisfied him as to the Liberal cause ?—No, it had not.

7471. Who was the next ?—Thomas Roberts, 7*l.*

7472. What was that for ?—His vote.

7473. What is the number on the register ?—716.

7474. What is the next ?—Charles Roberts, I think 7*l.* for his vote, and 1*l.* for his expenses. He came over from Barrow.

7475. What was Charles Roberts ?—He was in the employ of Schneider, Hanway, and Company.

7476. What was the character of his employment—a clerk ?—No, he works among the iron—a labourer I think.

7477. He was not a man likely to be entrusted to bring money over ?—He was a working man, but perhaps he might be as honest as any others. On the morning of the election I saw him immediately on his arrival.

7478. He did not bring any of the money over ?—I think not.

7479. Who was the next ?—Whiteside.

7480. Which of the Whitesides. Whiteside, of Leonard Gate ?—I am not sure whether he is of Leonard Gate, or not. He is a mechanic.

7481. Is he a householder ?—No, I think he is a freeman.

7482. There is John, Thurnham Street ?—Yes, that would be the man. He met with a fatal accident. He was killed at the Waggon works three weeks ago.

7483. How much did he get ?—15*l.*

7484. How came you to give him so much more than any of the others ?—It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon; of course the demand was great, the supply was scarce, and consequently the price was higher.

7485. Was anyone present when you gave him the 15*l.* ?—There was a man of the name of George Shaw, a builder, stood alongside of me when we fixed the price. He was captain of the Freehold district.

7486. Who was the next ?—The next was Thomas Fell, a grocer, of Church Street.

7487. Is he a freeman ?—I am not sure whether he is a freeman, or a householder.

7488. It appears that he only gave you one vote ?—Perhaps that may require explanation.

7489. You shall give your explanation presently. How much did you give him first ?—12*l.*

7490. Now for your explanation ?—At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, passing down Cheapside, I met him. I had previously heard that he intended to vote for Fenwick and Lawrence. I said "Have you voted ?"—"No." "How are you going to vote ?" "I think I shall vote Lawrence and Fenwick." "Oh, you have settled about that, have you ?"—Well, he did not know exactly; and I said "Well, would you give it to Mr. Schneider and Mr. Fenwick ?" "Well," he said, he did not know exactly about that. I said, "If I hold out an inducement, will you do it ?" He said he could scarcely tell. I then offered him 10*l.* He seemed to object to that. I then offered him 15*l.* That did not take. I then offered him 20*l.* He said he thought that was a very nice sum, and so I agreed to give it to him. We went to the Town Hall, the place where he had to vote. I stood at the outside while he went in. He said he could trust me to give it to him when he came out. I said, "Yes," he might trust me. He went in to vote, and I followed him. He did not know that I followed him. He went in at one side, and I went in at the other—"Schneider and Lawrence," he said. I hastened out to the place where he had left me. He said, "Well, it is done." I said, "Yes, it is done, you have missed your 20*l.*" He followed me up and down, and I did not give him the 20*l.*, but I said he should have 10*l.* after the election.

7491. He dropped his voice at the word "Lawrence," so that you might not hear it ?—I think he intended to take me in.

7492. He got 10*l.* ?—Yes.

7493. For the half of the promise ?—Yes, it was worth that.

7494. I do not know in what way you appraised the vote ?—It nullified his vote at that time.

7495. Who was the next ?—The next sum I paid was 3*l.* 17*s.*

7496. To whom ?—To a young man of the name of Wright.

7497. What was his christian name ?—I do not know what his christian name is.

7498. Is it Roger Wright ?—No, it is he that is among the parcels; he left a parcel at some of the shops; he is not on the list at all; he is not a freeman; he was employed at Mr. Milner's.

7499. And this was for carrying parcels ?—I did not know that any parcels were stirring. He got 2*l.* the night before the election for any expenses that he might be put to.

7500. What is Wright by trade ?—He was a shopman at that time; he is not in Lancaster now. Altogether I gave him 4*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, but he brought me some of it back, which left what he had actually received 3*l.* 17*s.*

7501. How came it to be that odd sum ?—He received 2*l.* before the election, and 2*l.* he got after the election for any expenses he might be put to; he also got 7*s.* 6*d.* I may explain that: on the day of the nomination the Tories opened fire with eggs from the "Royal Oak," and he entered the egg artillery and was 7*s.* 6*d.* out of pocket, and so I gave it to him.

7502. That was spent on eggs ?—Yes.

7503. Did you organize at once an egg artillery ?—No, I was on the hustings and got the benefit of them.

7504. And you returned it upon the Tories pretty handsomely, I suppose ?—Yes, I believe they got it.

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7505. You gave them as good as they brought?—Yes, I believe we did.

7506. You did not care about the eggs being too fresh?—No.

7507. What was the next sum?—The next sum was what I paid to Anthony Clark, 8*l.* 10*s.*

7508. You have given Anthony Clark before?—He received 1*l.* He got altogether 9*l.* 10*s.*, but 8*l.* 10*s.* in addition to the 1*l.*

7509. What was that for?—For his services.

7510. And his vote?—And money that he might be out of pocket.

7511. And his vote?—Well, he never asked for anything for his vote. I suppose he would take something for his vote. He is a man that has always been upon the Liberal side.

7512. What is Anthony Clark?—A silk-spinner.

7513. What was the next?—The next was, he had his house papered.

7514. Anthony Clark had?—Yes; that was an arrangement with his wife.

7515. How much did he get for that?—About 30*s.*

7516. And a new dress for his wife?—No, she got a cap.

7517. How much did the cap cost?—I do not know. There were six of them got caps.

7518. He has not got six wives?—No.

7519. Did Mrs. Clark have the half-dozen caps herself?—No, I think she would only get one. It is important to get the wife to say they will, and then they do. 1*l.* 16*s.* was spent altogether for her and others. It appears to have been the practice in the neighbourhood.

7520. How many caps could you get for 1*l.* 16*s.*? I do not want to go into the market, but perhaps you can tell me?—Six, I think.

7521. Were these six caps all for voters' wives?—I do not remember who the others were for.

7522. Did you do the purchasing of the caps?—Yes, I believe I did.

7523. You are considered a man of taste in the cap way. Are you a married man?—Yes.

7524. You got your wife, perhaps, to help you in the selection of the caps?—No, I do not think she had anything to do with it.

7525. What were the Liberal colours for caps?—Rather upon the yellow. They changed them afterwards, I suppose; it was understood that they should do that.

7526. What was the next sum that was laid out?—I think that will be all.

7527. 83*l.* altogether?—20*l.* was returned.

7528. To Mr. Welch?—Yes.

7529. How much did you keep back for yourself?—Nothing. I consider it mock zeal where a man is paid for his services at an election.

7530. Never mind that; you were not paid?—No.

7531. Are you quite sure that you did not get any present yourself of any sort?—I am not sure whether they gave me a sovereign back when I took the 20*l.*, but I do not think they did; if they had offered me a sovereign for myself I should have given it them back again; but it would be for the election if they did. The 20*l.* that I got for Thomas Fell not having been paid him, I took back, and in counting it out to them I had only given them 19*l.* Afterwards I discovered another sovereign, and took that back, in the presence of Mr. Wearing, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Blades, and they said to me, "You may spend that amongst anybody you meet."

7532. Did any other monies pass through your hands for the purpose of that election?—No.

7533. None at all?—No, none whatever.

7534. Can you give us the name of any Conservative captain in that district who has not been mentioned yet?—I may also mention that there was a voter named Thomas Bainbridge; his wife came to me before the election to see if I would stand a chest of drawers for his vote.

7535. Did you send her with an order to Mr. Gillow?—No, I could supply them myself.

7536. What did you do then?—I thought that was very reasonable, and it was agreed that it should be so, only he was to vote before he got them. However, he voted against us.

7537. And he did not get his drawers?—No; I saw her afterwards and she told me that she had got the price of two or three chests of drawers from the other side. Mr. Joseph Storey was very active on the Conservative side, and Mr. Robert Simpson, of Nicholas Street, and John Harrison, a tinner, of Nicholas Street—I am not sure whether his name is John or William.

7538. Is he the man that Mr. King mentioned?—Yes; and William Harrison, tinner, in Nicholas Street, was another captain.

7539. Was he a captain in the Leonard Gate district?—He was very active in it.

7540. He was a captain, then, I will say?—Yes.

7541. Who was the other Harrison?—John Harrison, architect.

7542. What was he?—He was a captain in the district.

7543. Anyone else?—No, I do not remember anyone else.

7544. Had you anything to do with any of these clubs at the public-houses?—I do not know that there were any clubs at the public-houses.

7545. Did you meet and give money to the persons you met at any particular public-houses?—The two Roberts I paid in Lund's house, in Leonard Gate.

7546. But you do not know of any society of persons who were together, and who had a spokesman who treated with you at all?—No, I do not think there was any society.

7547. You heard the evidence that was given by the last witness?—Yes, I did hear the evidence, but I think they were men who had been frequenting that house; they had been companions from their youth, I should think.

7548. In fact, you had no regular price for any particular class of voters?—No.

7549. You operated rather retail than wholesale, as far as voters went?—Yes.

7550. (*Mr. Newton.*) What sort of a house is Mr. Fell's?—It is a house which perhaps may be worth 15*l.* a year.

7551. What is he?—A grocer; I have heard that he had already got 15*l.* from the other side; I have been informed so.

7552. Where did you pay most of these men?—Two of them I paid in Lund's, in St. Leonard Gate; Thomas Fell I paid in his own shop; John Whiteside I paid in the street.

7553. In gold?—In gold.

7554. So that anybody might see you do it?—No, I think not; I did it very carefully.

7555. Where did you pay Parker?—I wanted him to vote before I paid him, but he objected to that.

7556. Atkinson?—I do not know where he received it exactly; probably it might be in the neighbourhood of the "Black Cat."

7557. But Whiteside was paid openly in the street?—I think it was in the street; either in the street or in a cab.

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7558. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A grocer.

7559. Where?—St. Leonard Gate.

7560. How long have you lived in Lancaster?—Since 1847.

7561. Have you generally been active in elections?—Not in any till this last and the last but one.

7562. On the Liberal side?—Always.

7563. Will you have the goodness to tell us the

gross amount of money you received at the last election ?—53 sovereigns.

7564. In what sums did you receive that ; what was the first sum you received ?—*5l.*

7565. When did you receive that ?—About 3 o'clock on the day of the election.

7566. From Henry Welch I suppose ?—No, from Mr. James Turner.

7567. Three o'clock in the morning ?—No, in the afternoon.

7568. What was the next sum ?—48*l.*

7569. From whom ?—Henry Welch.

7570. About what time ?—From 7 to 8 in the evening of the day of the election.

7571. (*Mr. Newton.*) After the polling ?—After the polling.

7572. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you dispose of that money ?—Do you want the generals or the particulars ?

7573. The particulars ; first, preliminary expenses ?—(*Referring to a paper.*) I paid Thomas Shackleton the first money, 2*s.* 6*d.*

7574. Are you going to give us the list of staff-men and the like ?—I had no staff-men.

7575. Did you receive any money from anyone else ?—No.

7576. What is that list you have in your hand ?—It is a list of the expenses tabulated.

7577. Please to let me look at it ?—(*The paper is handed by the witness to the Commissioners.*)

7578. Just read it out ?—Thomas Shackleton 2*s.* 6*d.*

7579. (*Mr. Hill.*) What for ?—For preliminary expenses ?—he said he had spent the 2*s.* 6*d.*, and he came to me to refund it. Thomas Marshall, 2*s.*

7580. For preliminary expenses ?—Yes.

7581. The next ?—William Woodburn, 1*s.* 6*d.*

7582. The next ?—John Mashiter, 8*s.*

7583. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which John Mashiter is that ?—It is the "easy" man that Mr. Wilson spoke of yesterday.

7584. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The one who got 5*l.* ?—Yes.

7585. The next ?—Christopher Fawcett, 5*s.*

7586. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which of the Christopher's is that, the elder or the younger ?—I think there will be some confusion about that. I will explain after you have taken the particulars of the money.

7587. How much ?—5*s.*

7588. The next ?—The next was for a sedan chair, 6*s.* 6*d.*

7589. You did not buy the chair ?—No, but I paid the bearer.

7590. To whom ; do you remember what man paid you ?—I do not know his name, but I will tell you where he keeps his chair if you wish it. I can find the man ; he is stranger to me.

7591. How much did you pay for the sedan chair ?—6*s.* 6*d.*

7592. (*Mr. Hill.*) Anything else ?—Not for preliminary expenses, not to individuals, the next was spent in refreshments for voters and non-voters.

7593. Before the election ?—Before the election ; a word of explanation will be necessary as to that ; the first item is Mr. James Townley, 16*s.*

7594. The next ?—Mr. George Lund, "Cabinet-makers' Arms," 13*s.* 4½*d.* ; Mr. Richard Batty, of the "Crown Inn," 8½*d.* ; Mr. Butterworth, "White Lion," 17*s.* 3*d.* ; Mr. Peter Moors, "White Lion," Penny Street," 1*s.* 8*d.* : total, 2*l.* 9*s.*

7595. You said you had some explanation to give about James Townley I think ?—It was our custom to go in the evening first to one public-house, and then to another, and have a night of hilarity among ourselves ; the voters were invited, and they took care to bring their friends ; that was the practice throughout the town I believe.

7596. May I ask if you captains also made a night of it ?—I never tasted drink during the election. I had a night with them of course.

7597. You saw them drink ?—Yes, and paid for it.

7598. You kept your own head clear ?—I never take drink.

7599. You are a temperance man ?—Temperance, not a teetotaller ; the custom was to go to one house one night and to another house another night.

7600. To give them all a turn ?—Yes.

7601. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We now come to the voters ?—James Thompson, householder, Damside Street, 5*l.* ; John Smith, freeman, St. Leonard Gate, 5*l.*

7602. What is he ?—A tailor. Josiah Smith, freeman, tailor, St. Leonard Gate, 5*l.* ; Mr. Richard Carter, householder, Damside Street, 4*l.* 5*s.*

7603. What is he by trade ?—A draper. Henry Smith, freeman, Skerton, labourer, 15*l.* ; Mr. Cuthbert Lewtas, householder, Sun Street, warehouseman, 5*l.* 6*s.* ; Mr. Robert Fawcett, freeman, cabinet-maker, St. Leonard Gate, 5*l.* ; and I think a word of explanation will be necessary on this.

7604. You can give your explanation presently. Who is next ?—That is all.

7605. There remains a balance ; what was done with that ?—I drew 5*l.* as per agreement, to pay Richard Bonnell with. I did not pay it to him, and I returned it to Henry Welch. I agreed to give Richard Bonnell 5*l.*, but he got paid elsewhere, and I returned it to Mr. Welch.

7606. Do you know who paid him ?—I do not. I do not even know that he got paid.

7607. (*Mr. Hill.*) You believe he got it elsewhere ?—Yes, I believe he would, but I do not know it.

7608. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He voted all right ?—Yes.

7609. Did you receive any other money than this ?—No.

7610. That is all the money you have paid ?—Yes.

7611. (*Mr. Hill.*) You were a little out of pocket by the transaction ?—Yes, I always am at elections.

7612. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Does Richard Carter keep a shop ?—Yes.

7613. Could you give me at a guess what sort of a rent he pays ?—Perhaps from 11*l.* to 12*l.* a year. I cannot say exactly.

7614. James Thompson, what is he ?—A warehouseman.

7615. In what sort of a house does he live ?—It is only a very poor house, but there is an oven attached to it, and the two things will bring him in as a householder, a public oven.

7616. And Lewtas ; in what sort of a house does he live ?—I think 11*l.* a year.

7617. With regard to Robert Fawcett, you wished to say something about this ?—Yes, Mr. James Turner stated in his evidence that I received 5*l.* from him to pay Christopher Fawcett with, which was a mistake. I saw when you were mentioning Fawcett's name before, you were in confusion about it.

7618. (*Mr. Hill.*) It should be corrected to Robert ?—Yes.

7619. He told us Robert first and then corrected it to Christopher ?—Yes, he was then on the point of death, and the explanation I wish to give is this—the youth would have no money, but he wished before he died to do his duty as a citizen. He wished to vote, and wished us to make arrangements so that he could vote. He lived just opposite the National school, and I proposed that we should obtain a sedan chair.

7620. Not quite so fast. He was at the point of death you say ?—Yes, consumption.

7621. And so received 5*l.* ?—No, stop a bit. He received no money, and I am not aware that he knew that any money had been given on his behalf. I gave it to his mother for refreshment. The youth would have no money I know.

7622. Did his mother pay for the chair ?—No, he wished to make arrangements so as to get him to vote, and we thought a sedan chair would be the best, but afterwards the officers went to his bedside to take his vote.

7623. He did not go and vote ?—No, we arranged with the officers to go across. There were only about 20 yards to go.

7623*a*. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You seemed to have got most of your voters very reasonably, except Henry Smith, of Skerton. Have you any explanation to give about that ?—We knew as far as we could know

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morally that Henry Smith had received money from the Conservative party. We knew his previous character, and we thought we should like to steal him if he had got the money. I believe he would get 21*l.* at the "Black Bull," Skerton, and after he had received it they wished to convey him to the poll in a cab, and he said "No, no. I never ride to the poll, I always walk to the poll independently." So in this walk we caught him. Our friends got him into Mr. Batty's, the "Crown Inn," opposite the polling both, and when he was got there he would be paid also before he voted, or he would not vote. Knowing his character, we dare not trust the money with him, so he said he would not poll for nobody except I would promise him that I would pay him when he had voted, and I did so, that was the reason of the high price. He would take no less a sum than 15*l.*

7624. (*Mr. Hill.*) What time of day was this?—As near as I can think it would be about 2 o'clock; 2 or 3 o'clock.

7625. It was getting on late?—I do not exactly know the time, but it was getting on late. Men we wanted, and men we would have, and we did not mind paying a good price like that when we stole him.

7626. (*Mr. Newton.*) He got 25*l.*?—I do not know what he had on the other side.

7627. (*Mr. Hill.*) Stolen goods are sweet, as well as sour?—Yes, always.

7628. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where did you pay Cuthbert Lewtas?—I never paid him, I paid his wife, and he was not cognizant of the money going to his house.

7629. Did you pay the wife at his own house?—Yes.

7630. How came you to make it 5*l.* 6*s.*?—I gave him the 6*s.* previous to the election.

7631. Richard Carter you gave 4*l.* 5*s.* Why is it that sum?—I bought him a watch that cost that.

7632. As a present?—Yes, as a present.

7633. 4*l.* 5*s.* was the price of the watch?—Yes.

7634. Where did you pay Josiah Smith and John Smith?—In their own homes.

7635. And Thompson?—At his house.

7636. You did not pay any of them in the street?—No, I took a walk after tea, and paid them.

7637. When it was all over?—Yes, except Henry Smith.

7638. And except Richard Carter?—That was a few weeks after the election.

7639. You did not pay Richard Carter any money at all?—No.

7640. You gave him a silver watch?—Yes.

7641. Did you buy the watch of William Bell?—No.

7642. Who were the silver watches bought of?—I do not know who the watches were bought of. I bought mine of Mr. Beesley, in Cheapside.

7643. With a neat little inscription engraved upon it?—Yes.

7644. Presented by whom?—Nothing of that kind.

7645. What was the inscription?—"Joseph Rowley, Lancaster," it belonged to the gentleman who was so long chaplain of this jail. I wanted that watch because I knew it was a good one.

7646. Was that the only inscription?—Yes.

7647. You did not have anything appropriate engraved upon it?—No.

7648. "Presented by Fenwick and Schneider?"—No; I think I can give you a little information, if I am allowed to give it.

7649. Yes, what have you to say?—There were two names which have not been mentioned yet, of people who I believe took an active part in the district wherein I worked. Bartholomew Sharples and George Danson, perhaps, will be able to tell you how Mr. Croft got back again on his cheap trip; Mr. William Woodburn will be able to tell you why he left us and voted for the other side; I gave him 1*s.* 6*d.* when he was thirsty, and he told me that he intended to vote for us; he wanted to know what I would give him, and I said if he voted for us I would give him 5*l.*, and he could get as much as he liked from the other side.

7650. Who do you say will tell us about him?—He will tell you himself, very likely, why he changed to the other side; he promised me to vote for us, and I said he could get as much as he liked from the other side, and I was to give him 5*l.* afterwards for voting for us; and as Mr. Clark told you that he believed that I was almost everywhere, nearly omnipresent, perhaps he will tell you why all these men assembled round his office door for wages previous to the election; that is all the information I have to give.

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EDWARD JOHNSON recalled.

7651. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We understand you wish to correct some statement you have made?—Yes, I should be glad to correct a statement of mine. Mr. Shaw has spoken to me since I came out of the box, and says that when I came to speak to Whiteside respecting the 15*l.* for his vote, he stepped back, so as not to hear anything about it.

7652. (*Mr. Newton.*) You said you paid Whiteside in the presence of George Shaw?—Yes, but he stepped back, so that he did not hear.

7653. (*Mr. Hill.*) Then no one saw?—No.

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WILLIAM SLATER sworn and examined.

7654. (*Mr. Newton.*) We summoned you for yesterday, and why did you not come?—I had no order to come.

7655. Did not the summons come to you?—It was contradicted by telegram.

7656. No, excuse me, the telegram was sent to George Slater?—Yes, Barrow.

7657. You are not George Slater?—No, William Slater.

7658. Therefore the telegram could not be for you, you were summoned to attend here yesterday, and you did not?—I beg your pardon, I was not summoned, my residence is at Park, and the summons was Barrow.

7659. You ought to have come yesterday, and you know it, you put us to inconvenience and the public to expense?—I am sorry for that.

7660. Where do you live?—At Park.

7661. What are you?—I am farm bailiff at Park, and land agent for Mr. Robert Hannay, Mr. Schneider's late partner, at Ulverstone.

7662. How long have you been in Mr. Hannay's employment?—Three years on the 10th of August last.

7663. Why did you leave his employment?—I have not left it.

7664. Are you still in his employment?—Yes.

7665. We hear that you took a considerable part in the election of 1865?—Not a considerable part, I was concerned with money matters; I am a stranger in Lancaster.

7666. Had you taken any part in the election of 1864?—No, I never saw an election before this.

7667. We also hear that you came here with money?—Not a farthing was brought over Sands, what I had I obtained in Lancaster.

7668. Who did you get it from?—I do not know who the gentleman was that gave it, I can tell you one gentleman who was in the room when I had it given.

7669. What was that gentleman's name?—Mr. Charles Blades.

7670. Where was the room?—I suppose it to be in the "Queen's," but I do not know.

7671. We will take it to be at the "Queen's." When was it?—On the day of the election.

7672. At what time?—I do not know exactly, but

I think before 7 o'clock in the morning. It was early in the morning.

7673. How many people were there in the room? Do you know who the other men were?—No.

7674. Do you know Mr. Henry Welch?—No, I do not.

4675. Do you know Mr. Wearing?—He has been pointed out to me since that time, but I did not know him then.

7676. Was he the man?—No, he was not the man that handed the money.

7677. Was he in the room?—He was in the room, I think, but I did not know him then. He has been pointed out to me since.

7678. Tell me what made you go to this room at the "Queens?"—Mr. Charles Blades came.

7679. First of all, what made you come over here at all?—A gentleman of the name of Hosking asked me if I would go with him to see the election. Neither of us had seen an election before.

7680. What is his christian name?—Richard Hosking.

7681. What is he?—He is the manager of the Hæmatite Steel Company.

7682. When did he ask you?—It was a few days before the election, I think, but I do not know the exact time.

7683. How long before the election?—I cannot name any particular time, because we were often talking about the election. We were together every day.

7684. You came over in consequence of that?—Yes.

7685. And you went to the "Queen's," by whose directions?—By our own directions. We went there knowing it was a Liberal house.

7686. When did you arrive in Lancaster?—The day before the election. On the nomination day.

7687. At what time?—Between 11 and 12. I came by the same train as I came by to-day.

7688. Was Mr. Hosking with you?—Yes.

7689. Where did you go to?—We went to the "Queen's" when we got to Lancaster, and we ordered some lunch there; then we went on to the hustings. After that we spent our time in the town, anywhere as it happened, nowhere in particular; and then we spent the night at "Old Sir Simon's" opposite, I think that is the name of it, but I am not acquainted very well with the town. We slept there.

7690. Where did you spend the evening?—I do not know anywhere in particular. We went to bed early. I think I was at Mr. Atkinson's, the gunsmith's, the chief part of the evening.

7691. What is his christian name?—Joseph Atkinson. I do not know that I was there at any particular time, but I was there amongst the rest of the places. I was with a friend of mine from Cockerham that afternoon a considerable time, Mr. Harrison.

7692. What is his christian name?—John Harrison of Batty Hill, Cockerham.

7693. Did you see Mr. Welch that evening?—No.

7694. That same unknown gentleman?—No.

7695. Did you see Mr. Blades?—No.

7696. Nor Mr. Wearing?—No.

7697. You went the next morning at 7 o'clock to the "Queen's?"—Mr. Blades came for one of us into the "Old Sir Simon's." He wanted one of us.

7698. When was that?—I think a little after 6 o'clock on the day of the election.

7699. In the morning?—Yes. We had not got up, however. We could not agree which of us was to go; but however, it fell on my lot to go.

7700. And you went?—Yes.

7701. You got there at 7 o'clock?—I am not sure about the time; I think it would be before 7 if anything.

7702. Did he go with you?—No.

7703. Where did he tell you to go to?—To the "Queen's"—I mean Mr. Blades?

7704. Yes. What did he tell you to do when you got to the "Queen's?"—He did not tell me anything particular till I got into the room. He left me to dress, and I followed.

7705. Did he say what you were to do when you got to the "Queen's?"—I do not know how I got into the room. I suppose I was shown in by somebody; but I got in.

7706. Can you remember how you got in? What made you go into the room?—Mr. Blades came and said he wanted one of us, and that he was at the "Queen's."

7707. You were to go to him at the "Queen's?"—Yes.

7708. Did you ask for Mr. Blades?—Yes.

7709. That is what I wanted to know. You are sure you asked for Mr. Blades?—Yes.

7710. And you got into this room?—Yes.

7711. What happened next?—Mr. Blades told them who I was, my name, and all that.

7712. Mr. Blades told whom?—The other two gentlemen who were in the room, and he said I was to be given some money.

7713. What did he say; how did he describe you?—He called me a person from "over sands," and I think he said, a person in whom he had confidence. That was the expression he used, I think.

7714. Did he say that you had come from Barrow?—No, "over sands." That is a term we used, from yon side.

7715. What happened next?—Those three gentlemen consulted as to what would be the amount likely for me to take. The first sum that was fixed upon was 150*l.*; but before I left the room they gave me another 50*l.* At least I found them to be fifties afterwards. They were done up in brown-paper parcels then.

7716. Tied up in fifties?—Yes. Then they told me to go down to a place called the "Blue Anchor." I do not know whether it is a public-house or a beer-house; it is on the Quay; and when I got there I was to inquire for one person called Cole, and another, Moser; and they would tell me what to do. I went into this "Blue Bnchor" and inquired for these two men, and there was a whole lot at breakfast when I got there, and I sat down with them.

7717. How many were there in the room?—I could not say; there looked a good many. It was not a very large room, but it was very full after breakfast was over.

7718. Did they say anything or make any observation on your coming in?—No. After breakfast was over, I do not know whether it was Cole or Moser, but one of them drew me aside. They had, I suppose, an idea who I was, and I believe the first question they asked me was whether I was prepared to pay them before they voted.

7719. What did you say to that?—I said no, I was not.

7720. (*Mr. Hill.*) Pay them or the voters generally?—The voters.

7721. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you mean the voters in general or those two?—The voters in general.

7722. Those in the room?—It might be more than those to pay the voters.

7723. Was any list given to you?—I had a list like this, but I made no use of it.

7724. Were any names marked in the list that was given to you?—No.

7725. You said you were not prepared to pay them before they had voted?—Yes.

7726. What was said next?—They said if I was not prepared to pay them before, they would scarcely get one to vote for them. They said they had already lost three on that account. There is an instance connected with that; shall I repeat it?

7727. Yes?—These three men that had been lost had come and asked to be paid before they voted. They were refused, and they immediately went over to the other side and got 10*l.* with which they came back and shook it in their faces and said, "If you cannot trust us, the other side can."

7728. That is what they told you?—It is only hearsay mind. I said I could not pay the voters before they voted without fresh orders, and then

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they asked me what money I had got. I told them, and they said it was not enough.

7729. 200*l.*?—Yes. They said I had better go back to the Quay and get fresh orders. I did go back, and saw Mr. Blades, and told him this, and I was taken into his room again, and they gave me another 100*l.*, and told me to go back and use my discretion.

7730. Was anything more said to you?—No, nothing that I recollect. I went back as quick as I could.

7731. Who were the men you found in the room then?—The same three men.

7732. At what time was this?—It would be, I suppose, between 7 and 8 as near as I can tell. I went back, and these men, Cole and Moser, showed me into a room in another house, not the "Blue Anchor."

7733. Did you go back to the "Blue Anchor?"—Yes. I think I met them somewhere about the door.

7734. (*Mr. Hill.*) They took you into another house?—Yes, not far off—a few doors off—it looked like a beer-house, or something of that kind.

7735. The "Blue Bell," in all probability?—I do not know. I know none of the houses there.

7736. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you do when you got into this other house?—They showed me into a room, and I was shut up in this room.

7737. Upstairs?—Yes, and by-and-bye they brought a man in, and he told me what I was to give him.

7738. Who was he brought in by?—By one of these two men I think, but I would not be quite sure.

7739. They were going to act as sort of porters at the door?—Yes, they were door-keepers of course. They were one by one ushered in in that way. I asked them all their names when they came to the table where I was sitting, and put it down in pencil on a piece of paper, and what I gave to each opposite I paid all the money away there in that way but about 30*l.*

7740. Can we have the names and the amounts?—No. I have no names, and no particular amounts. I destroyed the paper.

7741. What became of that paper?—It was merely in pencil. I do not know what became of it.

7742. Was it a piece of paper like that?—No, it was merely a piece of plain white paper on which I wrote with pencil.

7743. You cannot tell us any one you paid?—Not any one in particular.

7744. When was that paper destroyed?—On that day.

7745. When?—On the day of election.

7746. When?—I cannot tell what I did with it, or how it was destroyed; it was not destroyed for any special purpose.

7747. Did you account for the money you had spent to anyone?—Yes.

7748. To whom?—It was to a man Mr. Blades sent to me at the door of the "Queen's." Before that I met Mr. Blades in the street accidentally, and I told him I had some money left, and asked what I was to do with it.

7749. Did you tell him how much you had left?—I did not name to Mr. Blades how much.

7750. What did he say?—He said he would tell a man to look out for me, and he would take it from me.

7751. Was that after the election was over?—Yes, in the afternoon after the election was over.

7752. Did you go down to the Quay to see him?—No, I was in the street, and he came to me and asked me if I was Mr. Slater, and I said, "Yes."

7753. Who was he?—I do not know the man, but he seemed to be a working foreman, or something of that kind; a foreman over some mechanics, or something of that sort.

7754. How was he dressed?—I cannot positively say, but I think he had on a blue square coat, and I do not know what his trousers might be.

7755. What aged man was he?—Upwards of 50, I should think, from his appearance.

7756. What had he got on his head?—A hat, I think; an ordinary hat.

7757. Not a wideawake?—No.

7758. This man came up to you?—Yes, and he told me that Mr. Blades had sent him to take the money of me that I had left. I had an account made out ready in pencil on a slip of paper, and gave it to him. I went into the "Old Sir Simon" to cast up my account afterwards.

7759. You gave it to him?—Yes.

7760. How much?—I cannot say positively how much, but it was over 30*l.* by a sovereign or two, but I cannot swear positively to the amount. It was not 35*l.*

7761. Did you take any acknowledgment of his having taken that money back?—No, nothing.

7762. No receipt?—No, nothing.

7763. (*Mr. Hill.*) You gave him the account at the same time?—Yes, I gave him the pencil account I had made out.

7764. (*Mr. Newton.*) At the "Old Sir Simon?"—Yes.

7765. I must take you back to this house on the Quay. You say the accounts were lost, and therefore you cannot tell us the amounts. You can have some recollection of what sums you paid?—Yes, I can; they were principally in sums of 10*l.* I very generally paid 10*l.* for each vote. I should think perhaps there would not be above three, or four, or five that was less.

7766. How many 10*l.* do you suppose you gave away?—According to what I paid away there must have been 26, 27, or 28 10*l.* There was one got 11*l.*, but that was an accident.

7767. You miscounted it?—No, he had been paid a sovereign before, and they did not tell me when he came, or else I should only have given him 9*l.*

7768. (*Mr. Hill.*) He only got 10*l.* from you?—Yes.

7769. (*Mr. Newton.*) What was the highest price you paid that day?—10*l.*

7770. You never paid one higher than 10*l.*?—No, never one higher.

7771. What was the lowest sum you paid?—I cannot say positively; I gave a Mr. Moser something, but I think it was for expenses; I do not think it was for a vote.

7772. Was that Jacob Moser?—I do not know his name.

7773. Was it the same Mr. Moser you met at the "Blue Anchor?"—Yes.

7774. What did you give him?—I do not know, but he had some money. He was out of pocket.

7775. 1*l.* or more?—I think it would be more than 1*l.*, but I do not think it was much more than 1*l.*

7776. That was for expenses?—Yes, for money he said he had been out of pocket.

7777. Did you give Cole anything?—Not that I am aware of; I think not; I will not swear that, because I do not know positively whether I did or did not.

7778. You are not certain about Cole?—No, I am not positive; I did give somebody a sovereign for expenses.

7779. You never answered the question I put to you just now. What was the lowest price you paid for a vote?—I cannot tell you; I believe I paid one man 4*l.*

7780. For his vote?—Yes, I think so; at least he said it was for his vote.

7781. How much do you think you paid Moser on the whole?—I do not know; I have no recollection of paying him anything except this little sum I have named.

7782. We had him here yesterday?—So I suppose, but I do not recollect paying him anything more.

7783. Have you seen what he has said?—No, I have not.

7784. Just try and recollect?—I cannot. My son told me yesterday what he had said, and I said, "I do not recollect it."

7785. What did your son say he had said?—He told me that Moser had been saying I had been giving him money, and I said, "I do not recollect it;" and he said he thought Moser said he had been receiving more than I had been talking of.

7786. Moser said he received 23*l.* or 25*l.*?—I have no recollection of giving it to him; I know I gave him something.

7787. It is a pity you were not here yesterday, because you might have heard Moser examined; and he told us yesterday the different hours at which he got the money from you?—I do not know anything about it.

7788. He said that at 12 o'clock he got 23*l.* from you?—I was never there at 12 o'clock.

7789. What time did you leave?—I left at 9 o'clock, as soon as I had done paying; it might be after 9.

7790. Was it before 10?—I cannot swear to the exact time.

7791. Was it before 10?—I left as soon as ever I had done paying, and I should think it was before 10.

7792. When you left, did you pay any more money again that day?—No, not a penny.

7793. That you are prepared to swear?—That I am prepared to swear.

7794. You did not receive any more money?—No, nor pay any.

7795. Something may turn upon this hereafter, so be careful?—I am telling you as far as I know.

7796. I will put the words to you. Jacob Moser was asked, "What money did you receive from Mr. Slater, &c." (*Reads a passage from the shorthand writer's notes*). He distinctly says that you gave him two separate sums of 23*l.* and 12*l.*?—As late as 12 o'clock in the day?

7797. He distinctly says he received from you 23*l.* and 12*l.*?—I cannot swear what money I gave him; I know I gave him some, but I do not recollect giving him so much as that.

7798. I have made a mistake, I see; it was in the morning: he said that you gave him two separate sums of 23*l.* and 12*l.*, the one a quarter of an hour after the other?—I do not know what I gave him.

7799. Be careful?—I am careful. I am going to tell you nothing but the truth; I am determined to do that.

7800. Did you pay Moser two sums of 23*l.* and 12*l.*?—I do not know that I did.

7801. That is your answer?—I know I paid him money, but I do not remember paying so much.

7802. If he has said so he has not spoken the truth?—I will not say that.

7803. You must remember whether you paid him?—No, I do not.

7804. What do you mean by saying that you only gave him 1*l.*?—I said I thought it was a small sum.

7805. What do you mean by saying that you only gave him 1*l.*?—I did not say so; I said it was a small sum.

7806. Do you call 35*l.* a small sum?—I do not know what it was.

7807. Do not fence with the question?—I do not want to do so; anything but that.

7808. You must recollect whether you paid him 1*l.* or 35*l.*?—I do not.

7809. What do you mean by telling me just now that you paid him just 1*l.*?—I said that I paid him a small sum; I thought not much over 1*l.*; I did not speak positively upon that point at all.

7810. You cannot give me any reason for having told me just now what you said?—No, I cannot.

7811. Will you swear that if Moser says he did receive these two sums from you he swears to that which is not true?—No, I will not.

7812. What sum did you give Cole?—I do not know that I gave him any.

7813. Tell me the name of any man to whom you gave anything except Moser?—I do not know any other name.

7814. Moser is the only man's name you know?—Yes, he is.

7815. To how many men did you give 5*l.*?—Not many 5*l.*; I gave very few less than 10*l.*

7816. Did you bargain with them?——No; not with one.

7817. Who bargained with them?—I did not.

7818. How did you know when they came in what you were to give them?—I asked each man what they were to have. The door-keepers would have told me if I had done wrong, I suppose.

7819. Could the door-keepers hear what you said?—Yes.

7820. In fact, the door-keepers fixed the price?—Very likely: I do not know who fixed it.

7821. You mean Cole and Moser by the door-keepers?—Yes; I think they were the door-keepers. I do not know whether they were always there.

7822. But they were there sometimes?—Yes.

7823. How long did this last, this paying away?—Well, I should not think an hour. An hour would be the outside, however.

7824. What time should you say you left?—I should say I left before 9 o'clock; I think so.

7825. I will tell you what another man has said. A man named Hadfield said that you were there between 9 and 10 o'clock?—It might be; I do not know exactly what time I left, but I know it was early.

7826. Did you ever see a man named Hadfield there?—Not that I know of.

7827. Or a man named Barsby?—No; I knew nobody but those two men that I have named; and them I only saw that morning.

7828. Did you pay odd sums away of 7*l.* and 8*l.*?—No; only in that room. There were very few less than 10*l.*; but how many there were I cannot say. There were a few sums paid less than 10*l.*

7829. When you left where did you go to?—I went into the "Queen's."

7830. What time would it be when you got to the "Queen's."—I cannot speak to the time exactly. I know it was early in the forenoon.

7831. How long did you stay at the "Queen's?"—I stayed there till after the election was over, in one room.

7832. Whose room was that?—It was a room facing the Town Hall, where the votes were issued by the mayor.

7833. Was that the same room which you had been into in the morning?—No; it was not.

7834. A committee room?—No; it was a private room.

7835. Was it Mr. Fenwick's room?—No.

7836. Take care what you say?—No; it was not Mr. Fenwick's room.

7837. What did you do after you left the "Queen's?"—I went into the "Sir Simon's" to make up my accounts that I have spoken of.

7838. Did you stay at the "Queen's" till the election was over?—I did.

7839. When was it that you saw Mr. Blades?—It was some time after. I met him in the street after the election was over.

7840. When?—I cannot say when or where it was.

7841. Was it when you made up your accounts, or after you had made them up?—It was after I had made them up.

7842. Why did you not give them to Blades then? I do not know; he did not seem inclined to take them. What he said to me was, that he would tell a man to see me.

7843. Did you see Mr. Fenwick that day in the "Queen's?"—No.

7844. You knew him?—Yes; I knew him.

7845. Did you see him at all there?—I saw him in the street; but I never spoke to him in my life.

7846. Did you see Mr. Schneider that day?—Yes.

7847. Where?—I saw him frequently when I met him in the street. I never saw him in any particular place, only walking about.

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7848. Did you speak to him?—After the election I did, and congratulated him on his success.

7849. Did you tell him what you had been doing?—No.

7850. You took it as a matter of course?—Yes.

7851. Did he know what you had been doing?—No; I do not suppose he knew what I had been doing.

7852. You took it as a matter of course that he knew what you had been doing?—I never gave it a thought at all.

7853. If you had been paying this money away for an hour you would speak to him upon the subject, would you not?—No; I spoke to him through friendship to my master.

7854. But you told him, did you not, what work you had been doing?—No, I did not; and I have never told him to this day.

7855. Did not he ask you to come over here in the first instance?—No, he did not; he never mentioned it. I had not seen him for months before.

7856. You understand what I mean?—Yes, I do.

7857. Mr. Schneider did not ask you to come over here and pay these voters?—No, he did not; he never mentioned it.

7858. And you have never told him to this day what you had been doing?—No.

7859. Have you talked this matter over with anybody since?—I fancy I have; but I do not know particularly who I have talked it over with.

7860. Just tell us somebody with whom you have talked it over?—I do not know.

7861. Mention some one name?—I have talked it over with Mr. Hosking many a time.

7862. This paying away of money?—Yes.

7863. It has been one of your stock stories during the winter, has it not, how you sat at the receipt of custom?—No; I did not care that much about it to repeat it so often.

7864. Tell me somebody else that you mentioned it to?—I do not know particularly.

7865. Just tell us another name?—I cannot tell you anyone in particular.

7866. You have told us of Hosking?—I have talked it over with Baines.

7867. Which Baines?—T. C. Baines.

7868. He is a clerk, is he not?—No; it is the other one, not the clerk. I mean Jenkins; I believe he went by that name.

7869. You have talked it over with Jenkins Baines?—Yes; in fact I came to Lancaster with him for one; he came with me in the same carriage.

7870. Did he tell you what he was coming to Lancaster for?—No; not for any particular purpose; but he said he was an old electioneerer, and he was coming to see.

7871. Who else was with you besides Hosking and Baines?—There was a man called James Garden.

7872. Who is he?—He is a builder in Dalton; he was with me for one; there were five of us in company.

7873. Now give me the name of another?—John Case, a tinman, of Ulverston. He came over to see the election, the same as I did. He is a master tinman, a tinman and brazier.

7874. Where at?—Ulverston.

7875. You came over together?—Yes, we did.

7876. Is Garden in the employ of Schneider and Hannay?—He works for them occasionally.

7877. And what is the other man; he works for them, does he not?—He does a good deal of business with them in his way; he is a gasfitter.

7878. And Baines we know does work for them?—Yes.

7879. Then you came over to look after the election?—No; we did not know we were going to do anything when we came.

7880. You came to see it?—To see it.

7881. Did you talk the matter over in the carriage?—We talked over what stirs there would be.

7882. What was said about money?—Nothing.

7883. Was Mr. Schneider's wealth talked about?—Yes.

7884. In what way?—In connection with the iron trade, mines, and iron works.

7885. Was it said that he ought to get in because he was a very rich man?—No.

7886. Was anything said about Mr. Lawrence's wealth?—Not that I am aware of. I did not hear anything said about it.

7887. You did not hear the subject at all mentioned?—No.

7888. Was anything said about bribing?—In what way?

7889. Was anything said about bribing?—I told you about the three witnesses; that is all I know.

7890. I am speaking of the time when you came over in the carriage?—Nothing. I did not know at that time that there was such a thing as bribery.

7891. You were quite innocent?—Quite innocent. I never was at an election before.

7892. And you did not know what bribery meant?—No. I might know what the word meant.

7893. What did you get for all this trouble?—Nothing.

7894. You got no remuneration?—No.

7895. Did you go and ask leave of the company to come over here?—No.

7896. You took French leave?—Yes.

7897. But they knew you were coming?—Nobody knew in particular that I know of.

7898. You and the others left without leave?—We did not all leave together, we only met accidentally.

7899. You took French leave, you say?—Yes.

7900. And you got no money, and no remuneration for all this trouble?—No, not the slightest.

7901. Do you know whether Jenkins Baines got anything?—He is his own master.

7902. And Case also would be his own master?—Yes.

7903. And Garden?—Yes.

7904. What was Hosking?—He is manager, and I suppose he took French leave the same as me.

7905. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When you and your companions came over to Lancaster, did you keep together?—Well, Mr. Hosking and me and John Case kept together.

7906. You all went to the "Sir Simon" together? Yes, we did, we all slept in one room.

7907. Then they were present when Blades came in the morning?—Yes, they were; they were in bed, Mr. Hosking and me were in one bed and Case was in another.

7908. Do you know what became of Hosking and Case?—No, not after I left.

7909. At what time did you leave the "Sir Simon?"—As near as I could tell it would be between 6 and 7; that is as near as I can tell.

7910. When did you meet Case and Hosking again that day?—John Case came to me at the "Queen's," and Hosking I did not see again till after the election was over.

7911. Did Case tell you what he had been doing?—No, he did not.

7912. Did Hosking tell you what he had been doing?—No, not anything in particular.

7913. Did you tell him what you had been doing?—I think I told Mr. Hosking.

7914. Did you keep together till you left Lancaster?—I think we were separated at times, but we went home together at night to Ulverston.

7915. At what time did you leave Lancaster?—I think the train leaves about 7, it was the regular evening train that we went by, the 10 minutes to 7 train I believe it is.

7916. Did either Case or Hosking come to you in the room you were in on the Quay?—No.

7917. They did not know where you were till you told Hosking in the evening?—No.

7918. When you were in this room on the Quay, I mean the second room, how did you pay the voters?—

I was sitting at a table and they all came in to my right hand.

7919. Had you a book and papers before you?—I had the slip of paper I have alluded to; that was all; I put it down in pencil.

7920. Each person who was to receive money came separately into the room?—Yes, and I asked each man himself what he was to have, and he told me.

7921. Did they bring you a ticket, or a slip of paper?—No, nothing.

7922. Was there at any time more than one person in the room besides yourself?—I do not know that there was, only the door-keepers; I do not know that there was any more than one in, but that I will not swear, I was sitting with my back to the door, and I could not see who was in at times when my back was to the door.

7923. Were the door-keepers inside the door?—One was inside occasionally.

7924. Did you give money to anybody except to voters?—Not that I am aware of.

7925. You have told us that you had paid away 25 sums of 10*l.*?—Yes.

7926. More or less?—There would be more than 25 sums.

7927. But sums of 10*l.*?—About that.

7928. Can you tell us about how many sums of 5*l.* you paid?—I cannot speak positively to that. I have not the slightest recollection.

7929. Can you tell how many broken sums of money less than 5*l.* you paid?—I paid only a few; I do not know what number. There were very few less than 10*l.*

7930. Did you pay any sum more than 10*l.*?—No; I did not pay any more than 10*l.*

7931. You are now speaking clearly that you paid no sum over 10*l.*?—Not that I am aware of; I do not recollect it if I did.

7932. 30*l.* odd is a very large sum out of 200*l.*?—300*l.*

7933. 30*l.* is a very large sum out of that, and you made up your accounts immediately after the election?—Yes.

7934. Can you not say positively whether you paid away a sum over 30*l.*?—There is not 30*l.* wanting, is there?

7935. That is not the question. You have been told already that a witness has sworn that he received of you 35*l.*?—I do not recollect anything at all about it. That is Moser that you are alluding to; I do not recollect that.

7936. Is your mind quite a blank upon the subject?—It is that far. When my son told me last night about this, I said I did not recollect anything at all about it.

7937. Did you pay the same man twice or three times?—The same voter?

7938. The same person; I do not know whether voter or non-voter?—Not that I am aware of.

7939. Can you give us any notion of the whole sum that you paid away?—I paid a little under 270*l.*, but how much I cannot positively say. The sum I gave up was over 30*l.*, and therefore it must have been under 270*l.*

7940. Are you aware that you paid away money to any persons except those who were mentioned to you to be voters?—I did not pay any money away except to what were voters, or what I took to be voters. Mind that, what I took to be voters.

7941. Did you pay money to anybody except to a man who, one of the door-keepers told you, was a voter?—Only those people that were sent to me. I did not ask them whether they were voters or not.

7942. (*Mr. Newton.*) Just tell me again how this was done?—A man was sent into the room to me and I asked him his name generally, and put it down on a piece of paper.

7943. You said, "What is your name?"—Yes; and I said, "How much money do you want?" And then he answered what he had bargained for.

7944. And then you ticked that off?—No; I wrote his name down in pencil.

7945. On this list?—On this list of my own.

7946. And they might not have been voters for all you know?—I took them to be voters. I asked very many of them who they were going to vote for, and they generally said, "Schneider and Fenwick;" that was the answer they gave me. I asked every one of them who he was going to vote for.

7947. (*Mr. Hill.*) Whom did you see over night when you came to Lancaster?—Nobody particular, only what I have told you.

7948. How did Mr. Blades know that you were at the "Old Sir Simon's?"—I do not know that.

7949. Were you surprised then when he came into your bedroom in the morning?—We were surprised when he knocked at the door.

7950. How did Blades know that you were there?—I do not know. He might have seen me the day before.

7951. How did he know that you were at the "Old Sir Simon's"?—I cannot answer that question. I do not know.

7952. Did he knock at the door when he came?—He knocked at the bed-room door, and as he knocked he walked in and said, "I want one of you."

7953. Did he mention your name?—No, he did not.

7954. Did Blades know you by sight?—He did.

7955. How do you know that he knew you by sight?—I had seen him frequently before.

7956. Where had you seen him?—At Furness Abbey, and at Ulverstone, and at different places. His business leads him over there.

7957. And he has been doing work at the Barrow Works, has he not?—At Mr. Schneider's works?

7958. Yes?—That I do not know; but I believe not.

7959. You have seen him and have often spoken to him upon the subject of this election?—Yes, frequently.

7960. You know him very well?—Yes, very well.

7961. You came over here to the "Queen's," and went and saw him there over night?—No, not over night.

7962. Where did you see him over night?—I do not know that I saw him at all except on the nomination day in the street.

7963. Do you mean to say that you never spoke to him in an hotel on the nomination day?—I do.

7964. You saw him on the nomination day and never spoke to him at the hotel?—Not that I am aware of.

7965. Did anybody come with him to the "Old Sir Simon's" in the morning?—Not that I know of.

7966. I ask you again to tell me who, to the best of your belief, had told Blades that you were sleeping at this house?—I do not know, unless it was Baines.

7967. Had Baines been having some talk with Blades?—Baines had left us then; he did not stay with us.

7968. Where did Baines come to?—I do not know, only from what I see in the papers.

7969. Baines knew where you were staying?—Yes.

7970. Then to your belief Baines would have told Blades where you were?—He might have done so.

7971. You say that there were in the room with you, Case and Mr. Hosking?—Yes.

7972. Who else?—Nobody else.

7973. You have told us you could not agree which of you should go, and that it fell on your lot to go; what do you mean by saying that it fell on your lot to go?—I consented to go, that was all.

7974. Who urged you to go?—Mr. Hosking.

7975. Why did he dislike to go himself; what was the reason why he declined to go?—He suspected what was going to be up, I believe.

7976. Had you any doubt, either of you, what was going to be "up?"—We suspected.

7977. Had you, either of you, any doubt what it was for that you were wanted?—I judged what I was wanted for.

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7978. And that was the reason why Hosking declined to go?—I do not know; he did decline to go.

7979. In what position is Captain Hosking?—They are termed captains over mines; it is a Cornish term.

7980. He is in a good position?—Yes, he is a very respectable man.

7981. That being the reason why Hosking declined to go, you yourself thought that it might suit you to go, and you went?—I had no such object in view; I think myself quite as respectable as Mr. Hosking.

7982. But you agreed to go?—I agreed to go.

7983. And you knew very well what you were going to do?—I judged.

7984. You went from there, first of all, into the "Queen's Hotel?"—Well, I suppose it is the "Queen's;" I did not go in at the front door.

7985. You went into the "Queen's," and there you say you received a sum of money from somebody, you do not know who, but some gentleman in the room?—Yes.

7986. Have you seen that person since?—Not that I am aware of; only Mr. Wearing has been pointed out, but not the other.

7987. Was Mr. Wearing the man who gave you the money?—No, he was not; it was laid on the table, and I picked it up.

7988. Do you know Welch by sight?—I do not.

7989. Have you never seen him?—I have seen him, but I do not know that I should know him again.

7990. Who have you been to see this morning since you arrived in Lancaster?—Nobody.

7991. Have you not spoken to anyone since you came?—I have never opened my lips until I came to this court.

7992. At what time did you come to Lancaster?—I arrived a little after 11.

7993. Who has been to Barrow to talk this matter over with you?—Nobody.

7994. You have not spoken to Henry Welch since the election, to the best of your knowledge?—No, I have not.

7995. Nor to Blades?—No; I saw Blades in London, but I did not speak to him.

7996. Were you in London on the business of the petition?—I got a Speaker's warrant, but was not summoned any further.

7997. You were out of the room and did not hear the evidence that was given before the committee?—No, I did not.

7998. But you have read it, no doubt?—Yes.

7999. Are you the Mr. Slater that is referred to in the evidence?—If there is a Slater referred to in the evidence I am, no doubt; I suppose so.

8000. Were you told at the "Queen's" the plan that would be pursued when you got down to the "Blue Anchor?"—No; that morning I was.

8001. Which do you mean?—I have stated before that Mr. Blades told me to go to the "Blue Anchor," and that I would meet with two persons, one Cole and the other Moser, and that they would tell me what to do.

8002. Did he tell you the plan that would be pursued as to paying voters?—No, not a word.

8003. Did he tell you the number of voters that would have to be paid?—No.

8004. Not when the money was given?—No.

8005. From what part of the room did the brown-paper parcels come to your hands?—There was a large table in the middle of the room, and there seemed to be a lot of them.

8006. A lot of brown-paper parcels?—Yes.

8007. Did you see a black bag there?—No, not to my knowledge.

8008. Did you see anything brought out of a cupboard there?—No.

8009. Will you swear that?—I will; I know nothing about it.

8010. Did you see Wearing bring any parcel into the room?—No.

8011. How long did you remain at the "Blue Anchor?"—Only just while I got a little refreshment—breakfast.

8012. How long were you away from the "Blue Anchor" before you got to the "Blue Bell?"—I do not know; I was as quick as I could be; not many minutes.

8013. Did you take a fly up?—I ran some of the way.

8014. You did not go in a cab?—No.

8015. Did you recognize the faces of the persons who came into the "Blue Bell" as those who had been breakfasting with you at the "Blue Anchor?"—No.

8016. Where any of them the same persons?—I could not speak to one.

8017. Surely you can tell us the name of some one out of all that lot?—No, I cannot speak to one.

8018. Do you mean to tell me that you do not remember the name of a single person who came in there?—I do.

8019. You had a list before you?—I had this list before me, but I did not use it.

8020. By whom was that list given to you?—I do not know where I got it; I think it was given to me at the "Blue Anchor" or at the "Blue Bell; I think so, but I am not certain.

8021. Who would give it to you at the "Blue Anchor," if it was given to you there?—I do not know; either Mr. Cole or Mr. Moser, but I cannot speak to that.

8022. Do you believe that you got it at the "Blue Anchor," and not at the "Queen's?"—I cannot speak to where I got it.

8023. Do you really mean us to believe, standing there, that you were sent upon this business with certain instructions, and that you do not now know from whom you received those instructions?—I received no instructions except what I have told you.

8024. Were not the instructions that you received to pay the persons who were down on the list that was given to you?—No.

8025. Then what was the list given to you for?—I do not know; I do not know whether I got it that day or not, but I had it with me.

8026. If you did not get it that day, when did you get it?—On the previous day.

8027. From whom?—I cannot give the slightest idea.

8028. If you got it at all you must have got it from some one?—I think I got it that morning, either at the "Blue Anchor" or at the "Blue Bell."

8029. Do you doubt at all that that list was given to you on the previous evening?—I do not know whether I had it or not then.

8030. If you did get it on the previous evening from whom could you have had it?—I do not know.

8031. It is possible that you might have had it on the previous evening, is it not?—Yes.

8032. If it is possible that you might have had it on the previous evening, from whom could you have had it?—I do not know.

8033. If it is possible that you could have had it on the previous evening, there must be some person from whom you could possibly have received it?—My strong belief is that I got it down at that place.

8034. If you received it on the previous evening you must have been spoken to about it on the previous evening?—It was never mentioned.

8035. If it was given to you on the previous evening then it was given to you simply as a piece of waste paper?—I cannot tell you whether it was or not.

8036. If it was given to you then it was given to you without instructions?—There is a great "if" in it; I tell you I do not know when or where I got it.

8037. You have told me it is possible that it might have been given to you on the previous evening?—It might have been.

8038. If it might have been given to you on the previous evening what instructions were given to you with it?—My strong belief is that I got it that morning down on the Quay.

8039. Why is that your strong belief?—Because I do not recollect anything about it before.

8040. If you received it on the Quay, from whom did you receive it?—Only from one of these two men.

8041. You received it then either from Moser or from Cole?—I must have done so, because I spoke to nobody else.

8042. So that if Moser or Cole did not give it to you you must have received it on the previous evening?—I swear I do not know who gave it to me.

8043. And you cannot swear whether you received it on the previous evening or on the election day?—I will not swear either way.

8044. You cannot swear then that you did not receive it on the previous evening?—No, nor that I did.

8045. But possibly you may have received it on the previous evening?—I have not the slightest recollection of it.

8046. Is it possible that you did?—I do not know what other answer I can give you than I have given.

8047. Is it within the bounds of possibility that you may have received it on the previous evening?—It is possible, but I do not know that I did.

8048. If you did receive it on the previous evening where should you have received it?—That I do not know.

8049. At the "Old Sir Simon's?"—No.

8050. At the "Queen's?"—No, I was never much in the "Queen's."

8051. Could you have received it at the "Queen's?"—No.

8052. Could you have received it at the "Old Sir Simon's?"—No.

8053. Then at what other places could you have received it?—I called at Mr. Atkinson's and other places.

8054. Did you receive at Mr. Atkinson's?—No.

8055. Where did you see any lists like that for other districts?—I never saw any but that.

8056. Where did you first see it?—I think in the room where I was down on the Quay.

8057. In the breakfast-room?—No, the other room where I was paying.

8058. Was it in the room when you were shown in there?—That I will not swear, but I think not.

8059. Was there a pen and ink on the table, or anything put there ready for you?—I think not, that I will not swear; but I think not.

8060. To your belief you received that list from Moser or from Cole?—I think so; but mind, I will not swear it, nor will I swear from whom I did receive it.

8061. Can you tell me whether you put it into your pocket before you went to the Quay?—No, I cannot.

8062. If you had had it the previous evening, should you have shown it to Hosking and Case, the two other persons who were with you?—I do not know. I do not recollect doing so.

8063. Were you ever at all from them on the previous day?—Yes, on the nomination day I was with a friend of mine from Cockerham at the "Bear and Staff;" Mr. Harrison.

8064. Were you ever by yourself on that afternoon?—I was walking about the streets by myself to get out of the way of the eggs that were going.

8065. Were you ever by yourself in any house?—No, not by myself. I was only in two houses, Atkinson's, the gunsmith, and the "Bear and Staff."

8066. Who was at Atkinson's?—My wife.

8067. Who else?—Mr. Harrison's wife.

8068. And who else?—Nobody.

8069. Did your wife come over with you from Barrow?—No, and I did not speak to her that day either, though she was in the town.

8070. You saw her at Atkinson's?—No, she was there, but I did not see her.

8071. Where did you see Mr. Schneider that morning?—Nowhere.

8072. You never came across him in the street, or saw him anywhere on the nomination day?—I never saw him at all.

8073. Do you mean to say that after the election was the first time you had seen Mr. Schneider on the polling day?—To speak to him.

8074. Now look at the list that is before you, and tell me which of those names you can remember to have seen before?—I do not know whether that is the same list.

8075. Do you mean to tell me that you do not know what list it was that was given to you?—I do.

8076. And you never looked at it?—I might have looked at it, but I do not know what list it was.

8077. Can you not tell me what the names were that were in it?—No.

8078. Then if Cole or Moser gave it to you, they gave it to you for no purpose?—I do not know what they gave it to me for.

8079. Was it pinned together as these papers are?—It was fastened together, but I do not know whether with a piece of string or a pin.

8080. Or with one of those little brackets?—I think it was a little metal bracket.

8081. What was the last time you saw this piece of paper on which you wrote down the names?—I do not know when I did see it the last time; I have no recollection of it in particular.

8082. Did you see it after you left Lancaster?—No.

8083. Did you ever see it after the election day?—That I do not know; I could not if I did not see it after I had left Lancaster.

8084. Did you ever see it after you had given up the 30*l.*?—I cannot say that.

8085. Can you not say whether you saw it after you went to the "Old Sir Simon's?"—It was destroyed.

8086. Do you mean to say that you destroyed it yourself?—Yes.

8087. Then why did you not say so before?—You did not ask me the question.

8088. Do you think that is a proper way of giving evidence, knowing all the while that you had destroyed it to refuse to tell us what had become of it?—I have not refused. I told you that I had destroyed it. I want to give you truthful answers if I can.

8089. I very much doubt it?—I see you doubt it. You think I do not, but I do. I have nothing to keep back.

8090. (*Mr. Newton.*) If you mean to speak the truth, you had better tell us at once all you know, and not keep back anything?—I came here to tell the truth, that is my object, but I believe that you, gentlemen, want me to tell something that is not true.

8091. (*Mr. Hill.*) You made a second copy of this paper?—Not the names, only the cash account. I added it up, and made a cash account, and gave it to the man.

8092. Having copied it twice over, you can say distinctly that you never did pay these sums of money we have put to you of 23*l.*, and 12*l.* to Mr. Moser?—I did not copy it. I merely added up the figures, and put them down in one sum. I wish to tell you the honest truth, and if Mr. Moser says it was so, I will not swear it was not.

8093. Had Mr. Moser at any time when you saw him on that day a list of persons in his hand who were to be paid?—Not that I am aware of.

8094. How did they know at the "Queen's" the number of voters who were to be paid?—That I know nothing about; they gave me this money, and I was to take it to the "Blue Anchor," and these men would give me instructions.

8095. When you received the first 200*l.*, you did not know for how many voters it was intended?—No.

8096. From whose information did you arrive at the conclusion that the sum which had been given to you was insufficient?—Cole, and me, and Moser, I think, had some conversation together as to how much money I had, and I said I had 200*l.*, and they said in an off-hand way, that that was not enough, and that I had better go and get more.

8097. Did you say nothing more when you went

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back to the "Queen's," than that they had told you in an off-hand way that 200*l.* would not be enough?—No.

8098. Did not Moser tell you what sum they were asking for votes?—Somebody did.

8099. What did they tell you?—That they were asking 10*l.*, and that they had bargained with some for 10*l.*

8100. Then you having 200*l.*, if you were told that that was not enough, and that the price of a vote was 10*l.*, must have been aware that there were more than 20 voters to be dealt with?—I might have thought that, but I did not think about it.

8101. You knew that there were upwards of 20 persons to be paid?—I might have thought so.

8102. You must have known that when you went up and asked for another 100*l.*?—I did not ask for it particularly, but Mr. Blades listened to what I had to say.

8103. Did you not say that there were a great number of persons to be paid, and that 200*l.* was not enough?—No.

8104. Did they not talk over the matter, and consider how many voters there were to be paid?—Of course there was conversation going on among them, but I do not recollect what passed. I believe Mr. Blades' remark was, "We had better give him another 100*l.*"

8105. But nothing was said about the number of men to be paid?—No.

8106. Did you see any lists either in Moser's, or in Coles' hand?—Not that I am aware of.

8107. Can you not recollect whether the thing was being done in a business-like way or not?—I do not recollect anything at all about that. I was merely put into the room, and these men were sent in, and I gave them what they asked for.

8108. Each man came in?—Yes, and I asked his name.

8109. He gave his name, and told the price?—Yes.

8110. And Moser and Cole stood at the door to listen to what he said, and to see that what he said was correct?—Yes.

8111. That was the plan?—Yes.

8112. Moser and Cole heard and saw all that took place between you and the voters?—I will not say that they were always there, but the chief part of the time they were. I had my back towards the door, and could not see everthing that was going on behind me.

8113. To the best of your belief, however, those two men heard and saw all that took place?—That is my impression.

8114. Was there any other person introducing voters, or taking a leading part besides those two?—Not that I am aware of. They were the only two men that I had any dealings with at all.

8115. When you first saw Blades on the day of the nomination what conversation took place between you? I do not know where I did see him.

8116. What conversation took place between you?—None, that I am aware of, I do not know that a syllable took place between us.

8117. Not at all that day?—Not at all that day.

8118. Have you no recollection what you said to Blades that day?—Not the slightest.

8119. Do you recollect at all what you talked to Jenkins about as he came over in the train with you that morning?—I do not recollect anything in particular.

8120. We have heard that Jenkins was an old electioneerer?—Yes, he said he had seen many dodges.

8121. And he put you up to a dodge or two?—No, not one; and I am glad to say that I did not do any dodges, only what I have told you.

8122. Did he talk to you about paying away money?—No.

8123. Did he know where he was to go to?—No, I think not.

8124. Do you know anything about Morecambe?—No, I know nothing about it, except that I think I have been there once, or I may have been twice.

8125. Did you never come across the ex-tailor, Mr. Wilson?—I do not know him at all.

8126. He is not in your line?—No.

Adjourned for a short time.

8127. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understand you wish to make some correction in your evidence?—Yes, I made an error as to the amount of the money, that is as to when I got the money; I stated that I got 200*l.* in the first instance, whereas I only got 150*l.* at first. I have been with Mr. Cole, and he has refreshed my memory.

8128. You have been with him since when?—I have been with him now.

8129. That was the first time you were at the "Queen's?"—Yes; Mr. Cole says that I made a mistake as to the way in which I had got the money; I went down at first from the "Queen's" with 150*l.* to the "Blue Anchor."

8130. (*Mr. Hill.*) Cole has told you this?—Yes; but I recollect it myself quite well, now.

8131. But you make this correction in consequence of Cole reminding you of it?—Yes; must I state the case through.

8132. If you please?—I told you about going to the "Queen's" and getting 200*l.* in the morning; but I only got 150*l.* Then I went down to the "Blue Anchor," and did just what I have stated in my evidence; I went back to the "Queen's" and got only 50*l.* instead of, as I said before 100*l.* I only got 50*l.* the second time myself.

8133. Did anybody go with you?—No, I found I was getting short, and Mr. Cole went for the other 100*l.* I have spoken of; it does not alter the sum.

8134. You found the money running short, and so Cole went for another 100*l.*?—Yes.

8135. So that it amounts to the same thing?—Yes.

8136. Is it merely the difference as to how it was brought to the "Blue Anchor?"—Yes. I merely made the statement in order that he might not contradict me.

8137. (*Mr Barstow.*) Is there anything else that you wish to correct?—No, not that I recollect.

8138. (*Mr. Hill.*) How many men had you paid before Cole went up for more money?—I do not know; I do not know how many I did pay.

8139. Had you begun to pay the men before Cole went up?—That I cannot speak to.

8140. You say "After I got back to the "Blue Anchor" I found I was running short so Cole went for the other 100*l.*" By the words "running short" do you intend us to understand that this was during the course of payment?—I think I was paying at the time he went up.

8141. Have you any doubt about it?—Well, not much, I think he brought it into the room where I was paying however, so that I must have been paying.

8142. You have no doubt about it?—No, I think I have no doubt about it.

8143. (*Mr. Newton.*) You were still paying when he came back?—Yes, I was still paying when he came back; he brought it into the room where I was.

8144. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did Cole remind you as to your having only received 150*l.* the first time and not 200*l.*?—Yes, he reminded me when I was out, and I can recollect the circumstance very well now. I told him that I had great difficulty in getting the next 50*l.*

8145. How many men did you pay before you dipped into Cole's 100*l.*?—I do not know.

8146. How many men had you paid when Cole came back?—I do not know.

8147. Did you send word by Cole how many more persons there were to be paid?—No; only that I wanted another 100*l.*

8148. Did you send Cole into the room to say that you were running short?—I cannot tell you whether I did or not; I suppose he had been in the room, and

we had been talking about it. I do not know how otherwise it could be.

8149. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How does Cole know anything about the way in which you got the money ?—I told him where I had got it, and where to go to.

8150. How should Cole know what you had ?—I told him what I had when I went down, he is one of the men that I inquired for when I went down.

8151. As soon as you saw Cole you told him what money you had ?—Yes, he says I told him that I had only 170*l.* that must be a mistake.

8152. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did not Cole tell you the number of voters that there would be to be paid ?—Not that I am aware of; I have not the slightest recollection of anything of the kind.

ARTHUR COLE sworn and examined.

Arthur Cole.

8153. (*Mr Hill.*) What are you ?—A painter.

8154. Where do you live ?—In St. George's Quay.

8155. Are you a Liberal ?—Yes.

8156. In what service were you engaged at the last election ?—I was not engaged at all.

8157. Were you active then ?—I assisted.

8158. You assisted as captain ?—Yes.

8159. In what district ?—The St. George's district.

8160. Was the last election the first election you had been engaged in ?—No.

8161. Had you been active in elections the greater part of your life ?—No.

8162. Which was the first election you were engaged in ?—I think the election of Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Saunders.

8163. Had you the same district then that you had last time ?—Yes; just the same.

8164. Did you poll as many men in your district then as you did last time, or about as many?—Yes; I think as many; about the same; perhaps a little less.

8165. When did you first begin to canvass and to busy yourself in the matters of the last election ?—I objected in the first instance to have anything to do with the matter.

8166. That was not doing anything. My question is, when did you first begin to do anything?—Perhaps a week or 10 days before the election.

8167. Who pressed you first of all when you objected ?—Mr. Hadfield.

8168. You then accepted your duties?—Well, no; I had no duty.

8169. You accepted the opportunity of working ?—It turned out that the captains who were placed upon that district could do nothing among the voters, not being so well known to them as myself.

8170. You accepted the work then ?—I accepted the work rather than lose the cause.

8171. And accepting the work, you required some of the sinews of war to go to work with ?—Not at all.

8172. What money did you first receive?—I received nothing.

8173. Did you never receive any money ?—I received 10*s.* from Mr. Hadfield during our canvass.

8174. Is that George Hadfield ?—Yes.

8175. What else did you receive ?—I received upwards of 10*s.* from the same party.

8176. After the election ?—No ; before.

8177. A few days after the first receipt you received ten shillings more ?—Yes.

8178. What other sums did you receive?—Nothing.

8179. Do you mean to say that 1*l.* was all the money that you fingered during the election ?—That was all.

8180. Had you no expenditure in the way of refreshment ?—Only to that amount.

8181. Then the whole of the sovereign was spent upon the refreshment of voters ?—I presume so.

8182. Where ?—On the Quay.

8183. You were well acquainted with the voters in St. George's Quay district ?—Yes.

8184. Do you know all of them by name and most of them personally ?—I do not think I do; I knew most of them by sight.

8185. I suppose that means that you could attach names to them ?—No; I might know a person by sight, and yet not know his name.

8186. However, you do know most of them ?—Yes.

8187. And the reason why you were selected was because the other captains did not know them?—Just so.

8188. Will you tell me, if you please, who were the voters that received money in the St. George's Quay district at the last election ?—I cannot do that.

8189. Tell me the names of some of them?—I think there were two or three Gregsons.

8190. Were they freemen ?—Yes; of Pothouses.

8191. Was there Thomas Gregson?—Thomas Gregson was one.

8192. John Gregson, junior, Pothouses, labourer; James Gregson, Pothouses, labourer; they both voted for Lawrence ?—Yes; James Gregson voted for Lawrence.

8193. Then there would be Mathew Gregson, of the Pothouses, smith ?—Yes; Mathew Gregson.

8194. He was one ?—Yes.

8195. There was a third Gregson; would that be Ben Gregson, of Edward Street, cabinet-maker ?—No.

8196. Just look at that printed list that is before you?—There is Thomas Gregson, a stonemason, he is one.

8197. Did not Ben Gregson vote for you ?—I do not know Ben Gregson.

8198. He is a cabinet-maker, living in Edward Street ?—I do not know him to my knowledge.

8199. Go on, if you please, in your own way, and be as accurate as you can ?—There was William Parker, of Pothouses.

8200. Who is the next ?—There is James Gregson and William Gregson; they voted on the other side.

8201. Now run through the names, and tell me about each of them as you go along ?—William Richmond, of Bridge Lane; he is a wood-dealer.

8202. Who is the next ?—Richard Baines.

8203. What is the name of the public-house ?—I think it is the "Hatters' Arms;" I am not quite sure. Then there is James Ellershaw; that is another voter.

8204. Of Bridge Lane, innkeeper ?—Yes.

8205. He is a householder ?—Yes.

8206. Do you recollect what is the name of the inn ?—No, I do not.

8207. What is the number on the register ?—1107.

8208. What is the next man ? Tell me any name that you have any doubt about ?—There is John Laytham.

8209. He is a freeman, is he not ?—I believe he is, in Lune Street.

8210. What is his number ?—No. 541. I am not quite sure whether he voted off the Quay or not; but he is in that district.

8211. He voted all right ?—Yes; but whether he voted off the Quay or not I do not know.

8212. What do you mean by "voting off the Quay?"—Whether he went and polled from the Quay, or whether he was out of the country.

8213. Who is the next ?— There is William Whitaker.

8214. What is he ?—He is a farmer; No. 1376.

8215. A householder ?—Yes.

8216. Who is the next ?—I think that will be all.

8217. It cannot be all ?—That is all that I can pick out of this list.

8218. That is only eight; Slater operated for 26, 27, or 28 ?—I daresay there would be that quantity altogether; probably from 24 to 27.

8219. Where are we to find the names of the others? —I do not know.

8220. What list would they be in; where did they come from ?—I think there were some from Skerton.

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8221. What list would you like to have put into your hands ?—I do not know.

8222. You know those who were at breakfast ?—No, I do not.

8223. What list would you like to have to look at next ?—There were parties there that I had no acquaintance with.

8224. You heard their names, and you heard them mentioned to Mr. Slater ?—No, I did not.

8225. You were selected as knowing them all, you know ; we must have more than these eight?—There are parties that did not vote.

8226. But I am referring to those who went into this room at the "Blue Bell ?"—I do not know who went in.

8227. But you were at the door, you know ?—No.

8228. Did you hear what Mr. Slater said ; he told us that you were there ?—Yes ; I heard him say so.

8229. Do you mean to tell us that what Mr. Slater says is not true ?—I mean to say that Mr. Slater did not know what he was talking about.

8230. You were not at the door ?—I was not.

8231. Had you nothing to do with it ?—I was with the voters in another room.

8232. Were you in the breakfast-room at the "Blue Anchor ?"—I was.

8233. And you saw the voters there?—There were some of them there.

8234. Were those the same voters who went in to be paid by Mr. Slater afterwards ?—Yes.

8235. You saw those voters afterwards at the "Blue Bell ?"—Perhaps not all of them.

8236. We are right, are we not, in calling the house the "Blue Bell ?"—Yes.

8237. In what room were they at the "Blue Bell?" —The voters when I saw them first were in the front room.

8238. How many were there there ?—I cannot speak to that.

8239. About how many ?—Perhaps there might be 20 altogether.

8240. Did you know most of those that you saw there ?—Not all of them.

8241. Did you know most of them ?—Very likely I should know most of them.

8242. You knew more than half of them at any rate. Now then give me the names of the others. Were these eight you have mentioned all there ?—I cannot speak to that.

8243. How many of these eight that you mention were there ?—Perhaps there might be five or six ; I cannot exactly tell you.

8244. Now give the names of the remainder of the persons who were in this room at the "Blue Bell," and you shall have any list you like to look at to refresh your memory ?—There were two men out of the Church Street district, I believe.

8245. What were their names ?—There was one person of the name of Hornby. I am not acquainted with the district.

8246. Was he a painter ?—Yes ; James Hornby.

8247. Who was the other person ?—A person of the name of Masheder, I think was the other, St. Mary's Place.

8248. James Masheder ?—I think Richard.

8249. Is he a cordwainer ?—Yes.

8250. Those men Hornby and Masheder were there. Who were the others ? Give me the name of another ? —I think there was a man of the name of Smith, from Skerton.

8251. He would be a freeman ?—Yes.

8252. Was it Robert Smith ?—His name is Robert.

8253. Now give me another ?—I do not think I can give you the name of another.

8254. Would you like to have the polling-list to see ?—No, it is of no avail.

8255. First think over the persons you had to do with at the last election ?—I cannot remember any other.

8256. Were there any other Mashiters ?—No.

8257. Anybody else from Skerton besides Smith ? —There was a party or two with him, but they were strangers to me.

8258. Were they voters ?—One was, but I do not know his name.

8259. Was he from Skerton ?—Yes.

8260. Was he one of those in the "Blue Bell ?"—Yes, he was there that morning.

8261. There was another person from Skerton ?—Yes, a person whom I do not know.

8262. Had you seen him at any other time but that time when you met him in the "Blue Bell ?"—Never before to my knowledge.

8263. Did you never hear his name ?—No, not to my knowledge.

8264. Were those two persons Robert Smith and the unknown man, the only two from Skerton ?—Yes, I think so. There was a man of the name of Tomlinson a tailor. He is perhaps on the list for some other place about the town.

8265. Is that Thomas Tomlinson ?—No, he lives in Bridge Lane at present.

8266. A tailor ?—Yes.

8267. He lives in Bridge Lane ?—Yes he did at that time.

8268. Who else was there out of the district ? You did not get anybody out of Penny Street ?—No, not to my knowledge.

8269. Damside ?—In fact I had nothing to do with getting them.

8270. I do not mean getting them, but seeing them there at the "Blue Bell ?"—I really cannot speak to it.

8271. Just try and recollect another name besides Tomlinson ?—I have exhausted my memory upon that subject.

8272. I do not think you have quite ?—Yes, I think so.

8273. Take your memory back to the 12th of July and fancy that you are standing there in about the door of one of the rooms of the "Blue Bell." You had had a breakfast at the "Blue Anchor ?"—I had not.

8274. You had seen them at breakfast. If I asked you to name who were there, whom should you mention besides those you have already mentioned ?—I do not think I could name another.

8275. Just try and take you memory back. There is Mr. Williamson ; he has some works ?—Yes.

8276. What are Mr. Williamson's works ?—He is a table baize manufacturer.

8277. He has some voters in his employ has he not ?—Yes.

8278. First think of the persons that Mr. Williamson employed ?—I think I have already told you three or four of them.

8279. There were another or two, were there not ? —I do not remember.

8280. Try and recollect ?—I was one myself you know.

8281. You did not go into the room to Slater ?—No.

8282. You saw some go in ?—I believe there were some in.

8283. It is no use being fastidious ; we know very well what was going on ?—I do not know that I was particularly interested in this matter at all.

8384. Who else went into the room, just try and think ?—I think I have told you all.

8285. Suppose you were promised a five-pound note for every person you name that was there, and you had done your best to recollect who were there, whom should you give as besides those you have named ?—If it had been done at the time it would have been a lasting impression.

8286. But I mean now ?—No, I really could not do it.

8287. Try and recollect ?—I think I have told as near as I can.

8288. I will tell you whom we have got. We are along way short of the number. Thomas Gregson, Matthew Gregson, William Parker, William Richmond, Richard Baines, James Ellershaw, John Laythan, William Whittaker, James Hornby, Richard Masheder, Robert Smith, John Tomlinson, and the unknown

man. Who else was there?—There is Richard Jemmison. He was on the Quay.

8289. You have a capital memory, one of those memories that does not flash upon the thing at the moment, but you recollect a thing when you come to work well at it?—He was a voter but he was not on the Quay that morning.

8290. He was one of those at the "Blue Bell?"—No, I think not.

8291. Why did you mention him?—Because he is in the district.

8292. What made you think of him?—I do not recollect his being there. I just saw his name.

8293. What made you think of him?—He was one of the worthies.

8294. What do you call "worthies?"—Fond of a glass of beer.

8295. Was there a club there called the "worthies?"—No.

8296. What are the "worthies?"—Those that are fond of beer election times.

8297. They are called the "worthies?"—I call them that.

8298. Whom else have you got amongst the "worthies" besides Richard Jemmison?—I do not know any others.

8299. Are the "worthies" on the Quay confined to one?—No. I do not suppose they are.

8300. Tell me another or two; look to your list again?—No, it is no use, I have looked it over.

8301. Give me another?—I cannot.

8302. Is Richard Jemmison the last person you have a recollection of either in or out of the district?—He is in the district.

8303. Is he the only one you can name to me either in or out of the district?—Yes.

8304. What was your work with regard to the "Blue Anchor" first of all. You met the men at breakfast?—Yes.

8305. Who sent the invitations to breakfast?—I do not know.

8306. Who else was busy about this business besides you and Moser?—I had nothing to do with Moser.

8307. You knew Moser was looking after this district?—He was about there.

8308. Who else was looking after the district besides you and Moser?— Mr. Hadfield and I canvassed the district.

8309. Did Hadfield go round with you?—I believe he went by himself in the first instance along with Moser.

8310. What part did you take?— I took no part particularly, only going along with Hadfield. Hadfield called upon me to ask me whether I would assist him in canvassing the voters in that district.

8311. You canvassed with Hadfield?—Yes.

8312. Therefore Hadfield also canvassed with you?—Yes, certainly.

8313. How many voters did you and Hadfield call upon?—I cannot speak to the number.

8314. You saw most of them?—We called upon those we thought would vote.

8315. You called upon all the likely persons?—Yes.

8316. And those were by no means in the minority in the St. George's Quay district?—No.

8317. You called upon a great many voters with Hadfield in the St. George's district?—Yes.

8318. Did you arrange with them at that time as to the price?—No, not at all.

8319. Was anything said about the price?—No, not then.

8320. When did you first hear as to what was the price?—On the morning of the election.

8321. From whom did you hear about the price?—I really do not know.

8322. Was it from a voter or from a captain?—I do not know. I heard it after I was called out of bed in the morning. I really cannot tell the party.

8323. People say that you can recollect things best in the early part of the morning: so you can tell us. From whom did you hear it?—I cannot tell the person who named it in the first instance.

8324. Do you not know the person's name?—I cannot recollect the party.

8325. Where was it—at your own house?—No, on the Quay somewhere.

8326. What was said about price by this unknown person?—I think they were saying something about 7*l.*

8327. The price was said to be 7*l.*?—Yes, that is what I heard when I got up in the morning.

1328. What was the first thing you did on that same morning?—I went up with Mr. Hadfield I think to the "Blue Anchor." There were a good many people about there; voters and non-voters, a majority of non-voters, and I understood that the price was considerably higher on the other side.

8329. On the Lawrence side?—Yes, I understood so.

8330. Who reported it was 7*l.*, or did all of you have it in your mouths together?—No, it was named promiscuously.

8331. You understood that on the Lawrence side it was higher?—Yes.

8332. Did you hear what was the current price?—No, not at that time.

8333. Go on. Tell me exactly what took place?—I heard afterwards that they would not vote under 10*l.*

8334. When did you hear that?—Immediately after. It might be 7 o'clock in the morning perhaps, or perhaps earlier.

8335. You heard that they would not vote Lawrence under 10*l.* Did you hear what price they would vote Fenwick and Schneider? Who told you they would not vote Lawrence under 10*l.*, or do you mean they would not vote at all under 10*l.*?—Yes, that is it.

8336. Who told you that?—I think some of the voters themselves.

8337. Were some of those persons whom you had got already down as persons likely to vote?—I think so.

8338. You kept a list of them?—Not at all.

8339. Did you keep it all in your head? Did you recollect who were your likely persons?—No.

8340. How did you know them?—I knew the parties I had called upon.

8341. How did you know them?—I knew them by sight.

8342. Some of those persons came up and told you they would not vote under 10*l.*?—They did not tell me.

8343. They told some one in your hearing?—It was rumoured about in the place.

8344. How many of those voted for you, and how many turned round?—I do not know the number.

8345. About?—From 20 to 24 probably voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

8346. Of those whom you had canvassed?—I had not canvassed the whole of those who voted.

8347. You say that some 20 or 24 of those whom you had canvassed voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—No, nothing near so many as that of whom I had canvassed, but there were parties from other districts that were on the Quay.

8348. Who were those you met on the Quay? You recollected their names without putting them down you know?—I really cannot tell you.

8349. I shall begin to think you have a convenient memory instead of a good one?—It is not a convenient one at all.

8350. Tell me who they were. You recollected them at the time?—There were several parties in the room at the time.

8351. Give me their names?—There were several parties.

8352. Tell me some of them?—I could tell you three of them, that went away.

8353. They did not vote?—No, they did not vote.

8354. Those are scarcely the persons whom I want to get most from you. Tell me some of those who did vote?—There were the Gregsons.

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Arthur Cole.

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8355. I do not want those whose names I have got before ?—I do not know any others.

8356. Are those 20 or 24 people whose names you recollected well at the time and whom you do not recollect now?—I can recollect only a portion of them.

8357. You told me that there were 20 or 24 of those whom you had canvassed, and who had been reported to you whose names you recollected at the time, but whom you do not recollect now?—No.

8358. You kept no list and never ticked them off? —No.

8359. Who did do that?—I think Mr. Hadfield had a book with the names in.

8360. Did you see it?—If there was a book at all I should see it.

8361. Did you see the book with the names in, in Hadfield's possession ?—I think I saw a list of voters.

8362. You have had to do with elections before. Are not elections worked by having street lists and marking down those persons of one way of thinking ? —I think it would be a street list.

8363. Have you any doubt?—No.

8364. You had no street list ?—No.

8365. Never had one supplied to you ?—No.

8366. You knew them well enough without having a street list ?—Very likely.

8367. Now go on. I feel I am taking the wrong tack with you. Go on and give straightforward answers ?—I shall have a pleasure in doing so.

8368. After you went from the Quay where did you go to ? You say you saw these persons on the Quay, and heard that they would not vote under 10*l.* ?—I went to the "Blue Anchor."

8369. Who came to you in the "Blue Anchor ?"— I do not know that anyone came to me; I went to them. I went amongst the lot that was there.

8370. And discussed with them the price at which they would vote ?—I do not know that I discussed with them.

8371. You spoke to them?—Yes, I spoke to them, certainly.

8372. About the price ?—Yes, the price was named.

8373. Who was the spokesman of the "Blue Anchor" party ?—I do not know.

8374. Did they all talk to you ?—More or less.

8375. Was there not one man who spoke more about the price than the others ?—I do not know that there was.

8376. Were they all sticking out for one price?—Yes.

8377. They were all in a band as you say here ?— Evidently so.

8378. The price named to you was 10*l.* ?—Yes.

8379. Give me the name of one of those persons who named the price ?—I really cannot do that.

8380. Was it any of those different names you have mentioned to me ?—I cannot say.

8381. Was it one of the Gregsons?—I cannot say.

8382. What was the next thing that was done ? Did you agree to the 10*l.*?—It was arranged that they should have 10*l.*

8383. Who arranged it ?—I believe there were two or three parties in the room at the time.

8384. Who were they ?—I myself for one, having nothing to do with the matter; I was no captain or anything of that sort.

8385. Who else ?—And Hadfield, I presume.

8386. Who agreed to the price ?—I do not know.

8387. Was it you ?—No.

8388. Was it Hadfield ?—I do not know.

8389. Are you sure it was not yourself who agreed to the price ?—Yes.

8390. Did you say to Moser and Hadfield that you thought that was an exorbitant price ?—No, I do not know that I did.

8391. Did you say you thought it was too much ?— No, I do not think I did.

8392. Did you think it was too much ?—Yes, I did.

8393. Did you express your thoughts ?—No.

8394. Did Moser at all try to beat them down ?— No, I do not recollect it.

8395. Do you not recollect Moser saying it was too big a price ?—No.

8396. Did Hadfield ?—No.

8397. Did Hadfield say they would never get that price ?—No.

8398. Did Moser tell them it was more than they would get ?—I do not remember it.

8399. What was the next thing done when you agreed to give them 10*l.* ?—It was agreed and there was no money to pay them with.

8400. How many had you agreed with then—from 20 to 24 ?—No, there was not that quantity there at that time.

8401. How many were there ?—Perhaps there might be a dozen.

8402. What was the next thing that was done ?—I really do not know.

8403. After you had agreed upon the price what was the next thing done ?—I do not know.

8404. Did you know who was to come down to bring the money ?—I did not.

8405. You say you had arranged the price and there was no money to pay them ?—Yes.

8406. Whom did you look to for the money ?—I thought Moser being the captain would have the money.

8407. Did you say so to him ?—No.

8408. Did you say, "Where is the money Moser ?" —No ; I think I did not exchange half-a-dozen words with Moser. I had nothing to do with them.

8409. You knew him well ?—I know him.

8410. Did you, all of you, sit down to breakfast ?

8411. Did you sit down to breakfast ?—I was there.

8412. Did you sit down to breakfast ?—I do not know whether I sat down or stood.

8413. Is that the kind of answer you intend to give me ?—I do not know whether I sat down or not. I was carving the ham.

8414. You recollect that ?—Yes.

8415. As you have such an excellent recollection of the breakfast, as you recollect carving the ham, can you tell me how many you carved for ?—I cannot tell you that—perhaps a dozen or 15.

8416. And they all took ham ?—I cannot speak to that.

8417. When did Mr. Slater come into the breakfast room ?—Mr. Slater came when I was at the head of the table.

8418. What o'clock was that ?—I think it would be about 7 o'clock in the morning.

8419. You were at the head of the table—he was at the bottom of the table ?—I do not know.

8420. You were presiding ?—I was there.

8421. You were presiding ?—Yes.

8422. Where was Moser ?—I do not think Moser was there.

8423. Where was Hadfield ?—He was there about somewhere ; I do not know whether he was at the breakfast, or not.

8424. You had a ham at the head of the table, and you were carving it ?—Yes.

8425. And then Mr. Slater came in ?—Yes.

8426. When Mr. Slater came in did he speak to you ?—No.

8427. Did you know him ?—No.

8428. Did you know whether he was a Liberal or Conservative ?—I did not know what he was.

8429. Was anything said about him when he came in ?—No, nothing.

8430. Where did he sit himself when he came in ? —At the side of the table, I think.

8431. At your right hand, did he not ?—No, not near me.

8432. Did you hear him inquire for you, or for Moser ?—No, I did not.

8433. He merely came in, and sat himself down ?— Yes.

8434. Can you tell me whether Moser was in the room at that time ?—I cannot say.

8435. How long did Mr. Slater sit at the table ?— He, perhaps, might be there five minutes.

8436. So he might. You know how long he was there?—Five minutes.

8437. Did he eat any breakfast, do you know?—I believe he had a cup of coffee and a piece of ham.

8438. And then he went out?—A person asked me to cut him some ham, and after that Mr. Slater came round to me and asked whether my name was Cole, and I answered, "My name is Cole."

8439. You have given me all this trouble because you did not choose to give me an answer to my first question. You were asked whether Slater inquired for you?—He did not inquire for me in my hearing.

8440. He asked you whether your name was Cole, and you said it was?—Yes.

8441. Go on; is not that inquiring for you?—He said he wanted to speak to me.

8442. When he said that, where did you go to?—I went downstairs.

8443. Did Moser go with you?—No.

8444. Was Moser downstairs?—I believe there was nobody but Slater.

8445. Where did you and Slater go to down stairs?—I think it was in the lobby.

8446. What did Slater say to you in the lobby?—He said he came there to pay the voters.

8447. Did you tell him that you expected him?—No.

8448. Did you tell him it was high time that somebody came?—No.

8449. What did you say to him?—I asked him how much money he had, and I understood him to say that he had 70*l.*

8450. He tells us that that was not so?—I told him it was of no use, and I told him he had better go up to the committee room, and see if he could get some more money before we commenced to operate; he went, and he came back, and if I remember right, he told me that he had got 50*l.* more, and had some difficulty in getting that, and I said I thought by the number of voters that was there, it would not be sufficient.

8451. Did you tell him the number?—No, I do not think I did.

8452. How many were there there?—There, perhaps, might be 20 or 24.

8453. He came back, and then you went with him into the "Blue Bell?"—No, I was standing outside "Queen's;" he went into Mrs. Dixon's instead of Miss Hodgson's.

8454. Who had arranged for him to go into the "Blue Bell?"—I believe it was his own mistake.

8455. Do you mean to say that he went into a house by mistake, and found a room ready for him?—No.

8456. What do you mean?—I mean to say that I saw him go into Mrs. Dixon's.

8457. And you followed him?—Yes.

8458. He had then got only 290*l.*?—I do not know what he had got.

8459. He had been up for the other 50*l.*—Yes.

8460. Did you show him into any room in the "Blue Bell?"—No.

8461. Who else was there?—I do not know.

8462. Was Moser there?—I did not see him.

8463. Do you know that he was not?—I do not know.

8464. How did Slater find his way up to the "Blue Bell" at all?—I do not know.

8465. Do you mean to say that Mr. Slater walked into that house, where, to the best of your belief, he had never been before, and found a room, by accident, ready for him?—I saw him go up the steps out of the street.

8466. Did you see him go into the room upstairs?—No.

8467. Did you go into that room at all?—Yes, I did.

8468. When did you go?—Immediately after.

8469. When you went up was he sitting down?—I do not remember.

8470. You heard him say he was sitting with his back to the door?—Yes, I did hear him say so.

8471. Was that so?—I was only in the room once. I cannot say.

8472. You found him upstairs in a room with nobody else. Did you say, "You have made a mistake Mr. Slater; you have come to the wrong place?"—He was in Miss Hodgson's before going for the 50*l.*

8473. Which is Miss Hodgson's?—The "Blue Anchor."

8474. I am not upon that. That is where you were at breakfast?—Yes.

8475. You say you found him upstairs at the "Blue Bell?"—Yes.

8476. Do you mean to tell us that Mr. Slater went in there by mistake?—Yes, I think he did, being a stranger.

8477. Being a stranger you mean to say he went into a strange public-house and found a room for him ready?—That is all I know about it.

8478. Did you say, "Mr. Slater, you have made a mistake?"—No.

8479. What did you say?—I merely said, "What money have you got?"

8480. Did you say, "What the devil are you doing in the 'Blue Bell?'"—No.

8481. Did you say anything to him about the mistake he had made?—No, I did not.

8482. You left him to sit down upstairs in the room in the "Blue Bell?"—He was in the room when I went up.

8483. You merely said, "What money have you got?"—Yes.

8484. What did he tell you?—I think he told me he had got 50*l.* more.

8485. That made altogether 200*l.* What did you do then?—I thought it was too little for the number of voters there.

8486. What did you do upon that?—I said I thought I could go and get some money, as he said he had a little difficulty in getting it..

8487. You went to the "Queen's?"—Yes.

8488. Who did you see at the "Queens?"—There was Mr. Welch, Mr. Wearing, and Mr. Blades.

8489. You got from them 100*l.*?—Yes.

8490. What o'clock was it?—That would be about 8 o'clock, or a little after.

8491. Had the polling begun?—No, it had not.

8492. Then it was before 8 o'clock, the polling began at 8?—Yes, I think so, it was before that.

8493. Who gave you the money?—I believe Mr. Welch handed it to me.

8494. Had you told him what money you wanted?—I took a note from Mr. Slater.

8495. Do you know what that note said?—No.

8496. You saw Mr. Slater write it?—I did.

8497. In the room at the "Blue Bell?"—Yes.

8498. You knew very well what the contents of it were?—No, I did not.

8499. You knew what the subject of it was?—I told him I would take a note for him, and if I could get him any money it was to be debited to him, and not to me.

8500. That is what you call saying that you thought you could get him some money if he could not?—

8501. You mean that though the contents of the note were that the money was to be debited to him, and not to you, by that it is to be understood that you thought you could get some money when he could not?—He said he had a difficulty in getting it.

8502. You thought you could get it?—Yes.

8503. And therefore you took a note asking them to debit the money to him?—Yes.

8504. Why should they debit it to him, and not to you?—Because I did not want to have anything at all to do with money matters.

8505. The previous 200*l.* had been debited to him?—Yes, I believe so.

8506. He got it?—He got the 100*l.* I brought.

8507. And he had got the previous 200*l.*?—Yes.

8508. Then what do you mean by saying that this further 100*l.* was to be debited to him and not to you?—Because he went and got 50*l.*

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8509. That was debited to him also?—Yes.

8510. What do mean by saying that this 100*l.* was to be debited to him and not to you; there had been none debited to you?—No, not a halfpenny. I took the note, and asked for 100*l.* There was no specified sum in the note, and I asked for 100*l.* Mr. Blades asked what we were doing on the Quay, and I said that they would no nothing without 10*l.*, he said, "Nonsense, you can do it for 7*l.* if you like;" and I told him, "You had better come and try it on." And he said to Mr. Welch, "Will it be right to give Mr. Cole this 100*l.*," and he said "Yes."

8511. The money was given to you?—Yes, 100*l.*

8512. Did you tell them there would be about 30 voters?—No, I did not.

8513. Why did they give you another 100*l.* instead of another 50*l.*; 10*l.* was the price of a voter, and you had got 200*l.* already?—I asked them for 100*l.*

8514. You told them the price was 10*l.*?—Yes.

8515. 300*l.* divided by 10 makes 30 voters?—Yes.

8516. You expected 30 voters?—Not so many.

8517. Twenty-five?—From 20 to 24. Three went away to the other side.

8518. You got back with this extra 100*l.*?—Yes.

8519. What did you do with it?—I gave it to Mr. Slater.

8520. Was that in two parcels of 50*l.*?—Yes.

8521. Did you find Mr. Slater paying money when you got back?—No; I do not think he had commenced paying when I got back with the 100*l.*

8522. Was Moser there?—I do not remember seeing Moser when I came back.

8523. Was Hadfield there?—Yes, I believe he was.

8524. Where was Hadfield when you got back?—I do not remember; he was about the house somewhere.

8525. Did you see Hadfield in the "Blue Bell?"—Yes, I did.

8526. Did you see him in the room upstairs with Slater?—I did not.

8527. Was Slater alone when you went up to him?—Yes, he was.

8528. Were there any voters standing on the stairs?—There were people on the stairs.

8529. Voters?—Voters and non-voters, very likely.

8530. You knew the voters by sight better than anybody else did; had any of those voters, to the best of your belief, been in the room at that time?—I do not know that they had.

8531. Did you see any money on the table before Mr. Slater when you got back?—I did not.

8532. Did you see the 200*l.*?—No.

8533. Did you at any time see the 200*l.*?—I did not.

8534. If Slater has said here that there were several voters paid before you went away for this extra 100*l.*, he has made a mistake?—Yes; he has made a mistake, evidently.

8535. Did you see the voters coming down with the money after they had been paid?—No.

8536. Did you see them begin to go up after Slater had received this extra 100*l.*?—Yes.

8537. How soon after?—Immediately after.

8538. Who took the message down to them to go up?—They went up to vote as soon as they were paid.

8539. Who took the message down to them to go up as soon as this money was received?—They were already up.

8540. In the same room?—On the same landing.

8541. Who gave them the message to go into the room to Slater?—I do not know.

8542. Be careful. Do you mean to tell me it was not you?—It was not me.

8543. You tell me that you had brought this money; you had been alone in the room with Slater, and now I ask you who told the voters to come up?—I do not know.

8544. Who told them? You were alone with Slater, and you must know?—I was not alone.

8545. Now speak the truth; who took the message down to the voters to tell them to go in?—I do not know.

8546. Did they go in of their own accord?—I do not know.

8547. Were you there?—Yes.

8548. Did you see the first one go in?—No.

8549. What became of you after you had taken this money to Slater?—I stopped where the voters were.

8550. Did you see any of them go into Slater's room?—Yes.

8551. By whose orders did they go in?—I do not know.

8552. Who went first?—I do not know.

8553. Who went next?—I do not know.

8554. Did you see any of them go in?—Yes.

8555. Tell me the names of any of those who went in?—I cannot say.

8556. You shall; I have made up my mind to that?—I would do it if I could.

8557. Tell me the names of any of those who went in?—The Gregsons, of course they were there.

8558. You saw the Gregsons go into Slater's room?—Yes.

8559. Where were you when they went in?—In the front room.

8560. That was the room where the other voters were?—Yes.

8561. Who else did you see go in?—I really do not know.

8562. Did you see Parker go in?—Parker was there.

8563. Did you see Parker go in?—No.

8564. Did you see anybody else besides the Gregsons go in?—I saw several parties, but I did not take notice of them.

8565. Did you see any person whose name you have given me here to-day besides the Gregsons go into Slater's room?—I do not know whether I did or not, although I was there.

8566. We have got quite enough against you to have you indicted, and if you do not get a certificate for telling the whole truth, you certainly will be indicted, and unless you tell the whole truth you certainly will not have a certificate?—I will tell the truth.

8567. Now, go on, and then my brother Commissioners and myself will consult whether you shall have your certificate, or whether we shall leave you to the mercies of the criminal court. You are the first man we have had to threaten. Who else was there besides the Gregsons?—I was there present when all the voters went in. I was in the other room.

8568. (*Mr. Newton.*) What do you mean by saying you did not see Parker go in?—I saw Parker and the Gregsons go in.

8569—72. What did you mean by saying you did not see Parker go in; what do you mean by telling two different stories in two minutes?—I beg your pardon.

Do not beg my pardon, beg Mr. Hill's pardon.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) I have got down on my note, "I was in the front room, and did not see Parker go in."

(*Mr. Newton.*) It is a question in my mind whether you ought not to be committed directly; you are prevaricating.

8573. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have got from now to the end of your examination for repentance. Tell me, without referring back to what you have already said, the truth. You say you did see Parker go in?—Yes.

8574. Did you see the others go in?—Yes; I saw the others go in.

8575. You were standing in an adjoining room?—Yes.

8576. Did you see Moser at that time?—Moser was about there at the time.

8577. Did you see them come out?—No.

8578. Did you see any of them come out of the room?—No, I think not.

8579. Did you not see the Gregsons come out?—No, I was in the front room. I saw them go in.

8580. What became of them when they came out?—They would go and vote.

8581. (*Mr. Newton.*) If you could see them go in, could you not see them come out?—I did not notice them.

8582. (*Mr. Hill.*) They came out of the room, and then they went downstairs?—Yes, to vote.

8583. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did they come out of the same door?—Yes.

8584. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you remain in the room until they all had been in?—Yes.

8585. How long were they all going in?—Perhaps they would be three quarters of an hour.

8586. Could you hear what took place when they went into Slater's room?—No, nothing.

8587. You saw each one as he passed out of your room to go into Slater's room?—Yes.

8588. Who fixed the order how they should go into Slater's room?—I do not know.

8589. Did they all make a rush to go at once?—No.

8590. Who went first?—I do not know.

8591. Did they go in alphabetically?—No.

8592. In what order did they go in?—I do not know.

8593. I think you can tell me?—No, I cannot.

8594. Did you count them as they went in?—No.

8595. Who did?—I do not know.

8596. Was there anybody there to count them; did Moser count them?—I do not know that he did.

8597. Did you remain there until they had all finished going in?—I did.

8598. After they had finished going in and all had gone downstairs, where did you go to?—I stopped with Mr. Slater after they had all gone.

8599. You went into the room to him?—Yes.

8600. Did you see his list?—No.

8601. Did you see a piece of paper before him?—There was some paper on the table.

8602. How long did you and Slater remain there?—I think while he balanced his cash.

8603. Was anyone else in the room?—No.

8604. Did not Moser come into the room?—I believe Moser did come in.

8605. Now be careful; who else came, if anybody?—No one else.

8606. Was Moser in there while he was balancing his cash?—No, I think not.

8607. Explain the process which he went through in balancing the cash?—He merely put the money on the table and counted it.

8608. Counted the money that was left?—Yes, and he said he would attend to that afterwards.

8609. Did he add up the numbers of those that were paid?—No.

8610. Did he add up the number of those that had been paid?—No.

8611. Then what do you mean by balancing his cash?—Counting up the money that he had left.

8612. Do you call that balancing, adding up what was left?—I should not do so.

8613. You used the phrase?—He had got some papers on the table.

8614. Did you ever in your life use the phrase "balancing the accounts" for adding up the account only on one side?—No.

8615. Then why do you use it now?—He had some slips of paper on the table, counted up the money, and put them in his pocket, and said he would attend to it afterwards.

8616. Did he put the slips of paper with the names on of those he had paid into his pocket?—Yes, I think so.

8617. Did he add those up?—I do not know.

8618. How many packets had he untouched?—I did not observe one.

8619. Just think?—I do not remember there being a packet on the table; there were some loose papers on the table, and gold.

8620. Brown paper?—Yes, and some few slips of paper.

8621. Were those loose papers the brown paper which had formed the packets in which the coin came?—Yes.

8622. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were those the slips of paper which he put into his pocket?—No those which he put into his pocket were those with the names on.

8623. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you see one single packet untouched?—No.

8624. To the best of your belief, is Mr. Slater right in saying that he spent about 270*l.*?—I should think not that amount.

8625. If they came in packets of 50*l.*, and no packet was left untouched, it would be so. Was there gold about?—Yes.

8626. To the amount of 30 sovereigns?—There might not be so much; there might be 15 or 20, and there might be less.

8627. There was not more than 30?—I should think not.

8628. And there might be only 15 or 20?—Yes.

8629. You say distinctly there was no packet untouched on the table?—Not that I saw.

8630. What was said between you and Mr. Slater at that time?—I asked Mr. Slater where he came from and he told me from over sands, I think he said; and I said I thought he was a north countryman; and he said, "Yes," and I said, "So am I;" and he asked me where I came from.

8631. Never mind that; what was said about the election?—Nothing was said about the election. I left him immediately after that, and went up into the town.

8632. Was there nothing said about how much he had spent?—No.

8633. Nor about the number he had paid?—No.

8634. Nor about whether the coin had held out or not?—No.

8635. You had yourself raised the question as to the money not being enough; do you mean to say after this was all over you never discussed with him how near he had gone to the amount?—No.

8636. You never said a word to him?—No.

8637. To the best of your belief, what sum of money did Thomas Gregson receive?—I believe he would get 10*l.*

8638. What did Matthew Gregson receive?—He would get the same.

8639. Do you believe that William Parker would have the same?—I believe they would all have 10*l.*

8640. All those you have mentioned?—Yes, I believe so.

8641. (*Mr. Newton.*) Hornby and Masheder, and those people?—Yes.

8642. What do you believe Jemmison got?—I do not know.

8643. Was he one of your club?—There was no club.

8644. Was he one of the same lot, the ten-pounders?—I do not think he was there that morning.

8645. What made you give me his name?—I simply saw it on this list of names.

8646. There are several on that list that you did not see there?—Yes.

8647. Why did you pick him out?—Because he voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

8648. Are there none others there who you did not see who voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—No, I think not, beyond those I have named.

8649. There must be some others; have you got the list before you?—There is William Richmond, he was one.

8650. You have given me his name?—And Tomlinson?

8651. That I have.—Richard Baines?

8652. That I have.—Ellershaw?

8653. That I have.—I think there was a Thomas Newton, a tinman, whose name I did not give to you.

8654. Would he get 10*l.*?—I daresay he would; Reuben Pimm, but he did not vote from off the Quay, although he lived there.

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8655. Did he go into the "Blue Bell?"—No.

8656. What have you got to say about him?—Nothing. Then there is Laytham, I have named him; William Parker, I named him; and I have named Jemmison, but I do not think he was on the Quay that morning.

8657. What money did Jemmison get?—I do not know.

8658. Did he go into the "Blue Bell?"—I do not remember seeing him there. Then Thomas Gregson and Mathew Gregson, I have named them; and there was Parker and a person of the name of Collinson that left our party.

8659. Was he paid?—They came back and showed that they had got 12*l.* a-piece.

8660. Was he paid at the "Blue Bell" before he went away?—No; he left our voters while Mr. Slater was away at the "Queen's," him and two Gregsons.

8661. They were paid by the other side?—Yes.

8662. Who were those two Gregsons?—James Gregson, a painter, and William Gregson, a tin-plate worker.

8663. Were there any others of those who were in the "Blue Bell?"—I have told you of all I can think of.

8664. I will tell you how many I have given you?—I will tell you what I will do; I will make out a list by to-morrow, if that will do.

8665. You cannot recollect the name of the unknown man from Skerton?—No.

8666. Who can tell us?—Robert Smith will be able to tell you.

8667. Who is he?—The man I named from Skerton.

8668. From what will you make out the list to-night?—I have nothing to go by; I will ascertain.

8669. Can you make it out?—I think I can; I will do my best to do so.

8670. Who shall you go to to get the information from?—I shall make inquiries.

8671. From whom shall you inquire?—From some of the voters on the Quay.

8672. From some of those you have named?—Yes. I will do that for you against to-morrow.

8673. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who stood at the door of the room between the two rooms?—I believe his name was Hardacre.

8674. What is his christian name?—Richard.

8675. Is he a voter?—No, I think not.

8676. Is he the man who wrote down the names?—Not to my knowledge.

8677. He stood at the door?—Yes, I think he was there.

8678. Did he bargain with these men for what they were to receive?—I do not know; he opened the door and let them in.

8679. Who bargained with them as to what they were to receive?—I do not know.

8680. Yes, you do?—I do not know.

8681. Who bargained with them?—I believe there was no bargaining; it was arranged that they were to have 10*l.*

8682. Did they all receive the same sum?—I do not know.

8683. Yes, you do; you know perfectly well?—No, I do not.

8684. Do you know a man of the name of Butcher?—I do know a man of the name of Butcher.

8685. Was he there that morning?—No.

8686. Was a man of the name of Warbrick there that morning?—Not to my knowledge.

8687. William Warbrick?—I think not.

8688. Was there a man named Stephen Winder there?—Yes, I believe there was a person of that name there.

8689. Which Butcher was there?—I know a man of the name of Butcher.

8690. Which Butcher was there?—There was not a man of the name of Butcher there.

8691. Was there anybody of the name of Warbrick there; I will put it to you again?—No, I think not.

8692. Stephen Winder you say you think was there?—Yes.

8693. What did he receive?—I do not know.

8694. Why should you not know, when you knew about these others?—I knew 10*l.* was the amount named.

8695. That is no answer; why should you know what the others received when you do not know what Winder received?—I do not know what any of them received. I knew 10*l.* was the amount fixed.

8696. Then why do you make an exception to Winder?—I do not make any exception; I presume he would receive it.

8697. Did Winder go into the room?—I did not see him go up there.

8698. Was he one of those upstairs in the room?—Yes, I believe he was.

8699. Why should you know what the others received when you do not know what Winder received?—I do not know that they had received 10*l.*; I say it was arranged that they were to have 10*l.*

8700. Then why did not Winder receive the same amount?—I am not sure but that he did receive the same amount as the others.

8701. You think he did?—I have no doubt, but I do not know that he did.

8702. Do you know a man named John Tomlinson?—Yes, that is the person I have named.

8703. Of Bridge Lane?—Yes.

8704. Do you know Bulfield?—No. I know a man of the name of Bulfield.

8705. Thomas Bulfield, a tailor; he is dead now?—He was not on the Quay.

8706. He is dead now?—Yes, I believe so.

8707. Was he on the Quay that morning?—No, I think not.

8708. How was it that Barsby came to give you money that morning?—Barsby never gave me any money.

8709. Did he not give you money to pay the voters?—No, never.

8710. You gave money to Barsby?—No, I did not; I never had any money to give.

8711. You got money from Mr. Slater?—I did not.

8712. Barsby told us yesterday that you gave him 5*l.*?—I did not.

8713. To pay Tomlinson with?—I never did.

8714. Did you give 5*l.* to Barsby?—I did not.

8715. How many doors were there in this room in which Mr. Slater sat?—One.

8716. They came back into the room where you were?—No; they went downstairs after they were paid.

8717. I do not understand it. You say you were in the front room?—Yes.

8718. How many doors were there to the back room where Mr. Slater sat?—One door.

8719. Then they came back to the room where you were?—No, they went downstairs. They came out into the passage.

8720. Then there were two rooms and two doors?—Yes.

8721. How many slips of paper did you see on the table with names written on them?—There might be two or three.

8722. Those he put into his pocket?—Yes.

8723. What sort of paper was it?—White paper.

8724. Do you know a man named Watkinson, Bridge Lane, brush manufacturer?—Yes.

8725. What did you give him?—Nothing.

8726. Was he one of those upstairs?—I do not think he was there at all; he might be.

8727. (*Mr. Hill.*) Just think, now that the name is put to you, because I forgot to put it to you?—I saw his name on the list, but I do not think he was there.

8728. Richard Watkinson, brushmaker?—Yes.

8729. Was he not up there?—No, I think not.

8730. By to-morrow morning will you make out for the Commissioners a list of the persons you have omitted?—Yes, with pleasure; so far as I can.

8731. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When you were in the room with Slater was Moser ever in the room with you?—I believe Moser came in after the men had gone to vote.

8732. You, he, and Slater, were in the room together?—Yes.

9733. Was anyone else with you?—Nobody to my knowledge.

8734. Did you see Slater give Moser any money?—Yes, 1*l.*, I believe.

8735. No more?—No.

8736. When was that?—After all the voters had gone.

8737. At what time would that be?—I should think it would be 9 or soon after.

8738. Did you see Slater give anyone else money?—No.

8739. Did you see Slater give Barsby any money?—No.

JACOB MOSER recalled and further examined.

Jacob Moser.

8740. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you been in Court during the examination of the last witness?—Yes.

8741. Please to recollect what I told the last witness, and do not let me be obliged to say it again to you. We have heard, and you have also heard, the evidence that has been given to us with regard to what took place on this election morning; first of all, where did you first see Mr. Slater that morning?—I saw him at the "Blue Anchor."

8742. Was the first you saw of him at the breakfast there?—It was previous to the breakfast.

8743. You saw him before he came into the breakfast-room?—Yes.

8744. Where?—It was in the lobby of the house.

8745. Did you send him into the breakfast-room?—No, I did not.

8746. How came he to go into the breakfast-room?—He was invited by some one, but who it was I cannot say.

8747. Was anyone there who knew him?—There was Mr. Hadfield there, he introduced me to Mr. Slater.

8748. Did Mr. Hadfield, to the best of your belief, take him into the room?—He would be the most likely man, but whether he did or not I cannot say.

8749. Were you in the room during the breakfast?—Yes.

8750. After the breakfast was over what was the next thing you saw of Slater?—We all adjourned into the next house, the "Blue Bell."

8751. Did the last witness go with you?—He was there, but I do not know whether he went out along with us.

8752. He came into the "Blue Bell?"—Yes.

8753. And Slater was upstairs?—Yes.

8754. Who took Slater upstairs?—I cannot say.

8755. It was one of you, I suppose?—I did not take him up myself; he went up along with Mr. Hadfield, I think, but I am not positive.

8756. Did you follow upstairs?—Yes, I did.

8757. You went into a room upstairs?—Yes.

8758. And there there was a talk about whether the money was enough?—Yes, I heard it.

8759. Who was that talk between?—Between Mr. Cole, Mr. Slater, myself, and Mr. Hadfield.

8760. What was the result of that talk?—The result was that Mr. Cole went up to the committee room at the "Queen's," to see Mr. Welch to receive more money.

8761. He brought back 50*l.*?—I cannot say how much.

8762. He brought back some money?—Yes.

8763. Where were you while Cole was away?—I was downstairs.

8764. Keeping the men together?—I had nothing to do with the men in the large room upstairs, because I was told distinctly that they would look after them and arrange with them.

8765. Which is the large room?—The large front room.

8766. Upstairs?—Yes.

8767. In the "Blue Bell?"—Yes.

8768. Where Hadfield and Cole were?—Yes.

8769. Hadfield told you not to bother yourself about the upstairs part but to keep downstairs?—Yes; he said, "Do not bother yourself about the men upstairs in the front room;" and I gave Hadfield a list of the men I had arranged with, the same men that I gave you the names of yesterday.

8770. Those were William Vickers, the two Butchers, and Warbrick?—Yes, and Stephen Winder.

8771. You only paid 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to him?—Yes, but I had agreed with him. He got 7*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Barsby afterwards.

8772. Was that the whole list you gave?—There was Tomlinson, he received 5*l.* from Mr. Barsby.

8773. You still say that Tomlinson received 5*l.* from Mr. Barsby?—Yes.

8774. Was he on the list that you gave to Hadfield?—Yes.

8775. And Hadfield sent those persons up to Slater?—Yes.

8776. So that Tomlinson got, in addition to this 5*l.*, another 10*l.*?—No, he did not go into the room along with Mr. Slater, he came downstairs to me; he agreed with me on the stairs, and he went to vote.

8777. From whom did Barsby get the money?—From me, I believe.

8778. And from whom did you get it?—From Mr. Slater.

8779. How did you get it from Mr. Slater?—I went into the room and asked him for it. I told him what I had agreed.

8780. You know that this is contrary to what Slater has said?—I did not ask him for 5*l.*, I asked him for an amount for several voters.

8781. What amount?—12*l.*, I think.

8782. The first sum you gave us yesterday was 23*l.*, and the second 12*l.*?—That was for two or three more voters.

8783. What sum did you receive from Mr. Slater first?—Something like 23*l.*

8784. Did you tell him what it was for?—Yes.

8785. Did you give him the names?—Yes.

8786. You gave Mr. Slater the names of the persons to whom the money was to be given?—Yes.

8787. I want to know whether when you went into the room you asked for a lump sum of 23*l.*, or whether you asked for three several sums?—No, not for three several sums, the lump sum. I told him the names and the amount I required.

8788. You gave him both the lump sum and the items; you asked him for a lump sum, and gave him the items?—I asked him for a sum for Tomlinson, Whittaker, and the two Butchers; but with regard to Warbrick, I did not know of him. I got 5*l.* afterwards for him.

8789. The first sum of 23*l.* would be for Whittaker and the two Butchers; you did not know of Warbrick?—No.

8790. Who would the others be to make up the 23*l.*?—There was Tomlinson and Winder.

8791. To make up the 23*l.* there were the two Butchers, Tomlinson, and William Whittaker?—Yes.

8792. Then you got 12*l.*, for whom was that?—In the first place, I cannot say it was exactly 23*l.*, as it was agreed that Whittaker should have 10*l.*, and I got him for 8*l.* afterwards.

8793. Did Slater give you the whole sum?—Yes.

8794. He gave you 25*l.*?—Yes, I think it would be about that.

8795. You got Whittaker for 8*l.*, what did you do with the other 2*l.*?—I took it back, and a man came

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down for me to go and vote two or three more. I told him what I had remaining, and got the rest to give to this Warbrick and two Butchers.

8796. You had given it already to the Butchers, your 25*l.* went to cover the two Butchers, Tomlinson, and William Whittaker ?—I could not say for a fact which I voted first now.

8797. You are quite sure you received that amount ?—Yes.

8798. You received a total sum of 35*l.* from Mr. Slater ?—Yes.

8799. And amongst the others you paid Winder ?—No, I did not; Barsby paid him, though I got the money for him.

8800. And Tomlinson, too ?—Yes.

8801. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you give Barsby any other money ?—No, I did not.

8802. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have heard the names given to us by Cole, can you tell me the names of any of the other persons who were there that went into the room; you did not see them go in, but you saw them going upstairs ?—I do not think I could tell you the names of those men. I had nothing to do with them. They did not live in my district. They were principally men from different districts gathered together there, so I did not interfere with them at all. I should scarcely know a man of them.

8803. Did you know the Skerton men ?—No, I did not.

8804. You saw them at breakfast ?—Yes, but they were not all at breakfast at one time, they kept coming in.

8805. Cannot you tell us the name of anyone that you can recollect ?—There was Thomas Binless.

8806. Cable Street, painter ?—Yes; and I believe Richard Jemmison was at breakfast.

8807. You cannot say whether they went into the "Blue Bell ?"—No, I cannot.

8808. What is your belief about that ?—I have no doubt they would go, but I did not see one go into this room.

8809. You have no doubt that Thomas Binless and Richard Jemmison were amongst those who went into that room ?—Yes, but he did not receive 10*l.*

8810. What do yo think Thomas Binless got ?—I think he only received 5*l.*

8811. What makes you think that ?—Because I had arranged with him for 5*l.*, thongh I did not pay him.

8812. He might have got 10*l.* in spite of your having arranged for 5*l.* ?—Yes, he might.

8813. You have not heard him complain since that you tried to drive a hard bargain with him ?—I saw him afterwards, and asked him whether he was satisfied with what he had got, and he said "Yes."

8814. You have no doubt he was paid there ?—I think he was.

8815. He said he was satisfied ?—Yes. He was a man that did not want much pressing, and I do not think he would be very hard.

8816. What do you think Jemmison got ?—I cannot tell. He would get the same as the rest, I believe.

8817. Do you believe he got 10*l.* ?—Yes.

8818. What makes you think he got 10*l.* ?—He was amongst the others.

8819. He was one of that lot, in fact ?—Yes.

8820. You have no doubt that he went in with them ?—I cannot say that he went in, because I did not see him go in.

8821. You did not see the others either ?—No, I did not see one go into that room.

8822. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you stand at the door ?—No.

8823. You were not the door-keeper ?—No, a man named Hardacre was the door-keeper.

8824. Had you ever seen Mr. Slater before ?—No.

8825. What was he called ?—I forget the name that was introduced to me.

8826. Was he called by any other name ?—It was some name, but I could not tell you what.

8827. Was it "Slater ?"—I could not be sure. I cannot recollect what name was introduced to me.

8828. You were not in the "Blue Bell?"—Yes, I was.

8829. You were downstairs, but not in the big room upstairs ?—No.

8830. Who was the door-keeper besides Hardacre ?—There was only him. He was told not to allow anyone to go into the room but these voters.

8831. Who told him that ?—Either Mr. Hadfield or Cole, I cannot say which. I did not tell him, but I know that he was told.

8832. Mr. Hadfield was present the whole time ?—Yes, the whole time.

8833. And he was a great deal more than two or three minutes in the room with Slater ?—Yes.

8834. He was at breakfast with him ?—Yes.

8835. And in the room with him afterwards ?—Yes.

8836. Who paid for the breakfast ?—It was paid along with the bill Mr. Hadfield gave you yesterday, 18*l.*

8837. (*Mr. Hill to Mr. Slater.*) What name did you go by ?—None but my own.

8838. Did you know Mr. Hadfield before ?—No, I never saw him before, his name was never mentioned to me.

8839. He knew well enough what you had come for ?—That I do not know.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

NINTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Wednesday, 5th September 1866.

PRESENT:

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON.

MR. HILL.

NINTH DAY

E. Cutts.

5 Sept. 1866.

EDWARD CUTTS sworn and examined.

8840. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—A cabinet maker.

8841. Where do you live ?—Chapel Street.

8842. On the occasion of the last election you were active on the Liberal side ?—Yes.

8843. In what district were you stationed ?—St. Leonard Gate.

8844. We do not call that a district. Is that Bridge Lane ?—No, Edward Street district, I fancy.

8845. I hope you will give your evidence as well as your principal did. You assisted King ?—Yes.

8846. What money did you receive ?—Two half-sovereigns.

8847. Is that all ?—That was before the election.

8848. From whom did you receive that ?—Mr. Welch.

8849. Where did you receive it ?—In the street, by the side of his shop.

8850. What next did you receive ?—I received 8*l.* on the election day.

8851. From whom ?—From Mr. King.

8852. What else ?—That is all.

8853. 9*l.* altogether ?—Yes.

8854. What did you do with this money you received ?—That was for myself, for my services and vote, 8*l.*

8855. The 1*l.*, I suppose, was to spend in treating ?—Yes.

8856. Is that all the money you received ?—Yes.

8857. You paid no one for their vote ?—No, I had nothing to do with any money.

8858. Is that all the evidence you have to give us ?—Yes.

8859. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you assist Mr. King in writing out his list that he gave us yesterday ?—The list of voters ?

8860. Yes, of the voters that he paid ?—Yes.

8861. Were you in Court yesterday ?—Not when he was examined.

8862. Mr. King gave us a list, and he thought it right to tell us that some of it had been made out with your assistance ?—Yes.

8863. That was so ?—Yes.

8864. You refreshed Mr. King's memory ?—Yes.

8865. The only money that you paid was 1*l.* for refreshments ?—Yes.

8866. You did not pay any voter ?—No.

8867. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you anything to do with Cole or Moser at the last election ?—No.

8868. You live in Chapel Street ?—Yes.

8869. When did Mr. King refer to you to refresh his memory ?—Perhaps about a fortnight ago.

EDWARD PROCTER HUTCHINSON sworn and examined.

E. P. Hutchinson.

8870. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you ?—A grocer.

8871. Where do you live ?—In Moor Lane.

8872. You are a voter ?—Yes.

8873. And a freeman ?—No, a householder.

8874. You are the father of Hutchinson, Mr. Welch's boy ?—Yes.

8875. Of what district were you captain ?—No district whatever.

8876. What district did you look after ?—I had no district to look after. My name was not mentioned as a captain anywhere.

8877. And you were not a captain anywhere ?—No.

8878. Did you go to Heysham before the election ?—I did not.

8879. What money did you receive for the election ?—I received 150*l.* from Mr. Welch on the morning of the election day.

8880. Is that all the money you received ?—No ; before the election I received 10*s.*, 2*l.*, and 2*l.* again.

8881. Who from ?—From Mr. Welch.

8882. 4*l.* 10*s.* ?—Yes.

8883. How long was that before the election ?—The last would be perhaps a week before the election.

8884. Was that all the money you received ?—Yes.

8885. From Mr. Welch or anybody else ?—Yes.

8886. How did you spend that 154*l.* 10*s.* ?—Shall I begin by deducting expenses first before the election ?

8887. Yes ?—I spent that in giving it to different voters.

8888. How much ?—It would be 1*s.* at a time. I could not give the particulars of it.

8889. Where at ?—If I looked out at the shop door at a time like that, there would be somebody wanting something.

8890. And you would give them 1*s.* ?—Yes, if they asked for it.

8891. What did they say ?—That they were dry this morning and wanted something to drink.

8892. Why should they come to you ?—They knew I was connected with Mr. Welch, and knew that I had money.

8893. How were you connected with Mr. Welch ?—I am a servant of Mr. Welch's.

8894. The electors, knowing that, used to come to get something to drink from you ?—Yes ; I was at various public-houses.

8895. Give us the names of the public-houses ?—I was at the "Yorkshire House" once.

8896. Where else ?—I was at Crook's inn, in Brock Street. I cannot give the name of the house ; and I was in George Lund's, in Pitt's Lane, but he is down for Leonard Gate now.

8897. Did you spend money in those houses ?—Yes, I did.

8898. How much besides what you gave away ; how much do you suppose you paid away altogether before the election ?—I think I had about 1*s.* 6*d.* left when the election was over.

8899. Before the election how much did you pay away in refreshments and treating ?—I really could not tell you.

8900. Give me the amount of money you paid for votes, and then we shall see what you paid for refreshments. Give me a list of all those voters to whom you gave money ?—I paid the Heysham voters.

8901. Why did you pay the Heysham voters ?—Money was given to me to pay them.

8902. Money from Mr. Welch ?—Yes.

8903. You do not call yourself a captain at Heysham ?—No, not at all.

8904. You did not go there ?—I was never there during the election, not once.

8905. The Heysham voters were put under your charge ?—I had to pay them.

8906. Give me a list of them ?—There is Richard Casson, I gave him 8*l.*

8907. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is he a freeman ?—Yes, they are all freemen.

8908. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who is the next ?—Richard Casson, junior, 8*l.*, James Caton, 8*l.*, William Jackson——

8909. Where does he live ?—I do not know whether he is in the Heaton or Middleton list, I am sure.

8910. Is it William Jackson, Middleton, farmer ?—I think so, but I would not be sure.

8911. What did you pay him ?—8*l.* ; William Jackson, junior, Middleton, husbandman, 8*l.* ; Ralph Jackson, Middleton, farmer, 8*l.* ; James Sharples, Heysham, shoemaker, 9*l.* ; Thomas Taylor Thompson, Middleton, 8*l.* ; Thomas Woodman, stonemason, 8*l.* He voted Fenwick and Lawrence.

8912. That is rather dear for one vote ?—He had to vote for both. Thomas Woodman, labourer, 8*l.* ; Thomas Bryan Overend, Heysham, husbandman, 9*l.* ; John Harrison. He voted direct against us ; he voted for Lawrence.

8913. Is that John Harrison, Middleton, farm servant ?—Yes.

8914. He voted the other way ?—Yes.

8915. How much did you give him ?—8*l.* That is all the Heysham voters.

8916. Is that all the money you paid ?—That is all the money I paid for Heysham voters.

8917. Heysham and Middleton ?—Yes.

8918. What did you pay for other voters ?—I wish to state that those voters at Heysham I never saw before, and the possibility is that I might be mistaken in one of these names ; but, to the best of my belief, I have given it correctly.

8919. How do you mean you might be mistaken ?—Not knowing them personally, and having taken it from the list, as I had no paper or anything to go by.

8920. From what list did you take it from ?—The voters' list.

8921. The register ?—Yes.

8922. Then this is merely to the best of your recollection ?—Yes, it is.

8923. You have accounted for 98*l.* ; there are some other voters that you bought ?—No, I did not buy them. Robert Shackleton came to me during the forenoon of the election day, and asked for 10*l.* for a voter named Cunningham, who had come over from Ireland that morning. He had brought him over from Morecambe.

8924. Where were you then ?—In the "White Lion."

8925. Did you give it to him ?—Yes, I did. I gave it to Robert Shackleton.

8926. Is that Thomas Cunningham ?—It was for him, but I did not give it to Cunningham myself.

8927. What else ?—I gave 3*l.*, 1*l.* each to three voters' wives.

8928. What were their names ?—There was Mrs. Overend.

8929. Is that the wife of T. B. Overend ?—Yes ; and Sharple's wife, and I believe the other was the daughter of Jackson, but I really cannot tell you exactly

8930. (*Mr. Hill.*) The daughter of Ralph or William Jackson ?—William Jackson.

8931. William Jackson, senior or junior ?—William Jackson, senior.

8932. (*Mr. Newton.*) That was all independent of their votes ?—Yes.

8933. 3*l.* each ?—No, 3*l.* amongst them, 1*l.* each.

8934. What else ?—That is all the money I paid during the election.

8935. That makes 111*l.* What else did you pay ?—I paid nothing else during the election.

8936. What became of the remainder ?—I gave it back to Mr. Welch.

8937. How much ?—39*l.*

8938. When did you give this back to Welch ?—On Saturday night, after the election.

8939. Then you would pay about 4*l.* in refreshments and treating ?—Yes.

8940. Would that 4*l.* include refreshments during the election and before the election ?—Yes.

8941. And giving away shillings here and sixpences there ?—I spent no more. I was not actively engaged in the election.

8942. I do not know what you call being actively engaged ; there are 10 voters you bought. I do not know whether you call that actively or not ?—No ; that was matter of business.

8943. You did not go about beforehand canvassing ?—No, I did not canvass anybody.

8944. Had you seen any of these voters before ?—Any of the Heysham voters ?

8945. Any of those Heysham and Middleton voters ?—No, not one of them.

8946. None at all ?—No.

8947. They all came to you ?—Yes, they all came to me.

8948. You were at the "White Lion ?"—Yes.

8949. Did they tell you their names ?—Yes.

8950. Had you got any list of their names before you ?—I had the list at the time, and I gave it to Mr. Welch.

8951. Who gave you the list ?—The Heysham list of voters do you mean ?

8952. No. Who gave you the list of the voters that you were to pay ?—I had not a list before the day. The men were brought in to me and they gave me their names. They were brought in to me and I paid them.

8953. Let us be clear about this. You were at the "White Lion ?"—Yes.

8954. In a room, I suppose ?—Yes.

8955. Was anybody else in the room with you assisting you ?—No. I believe my son was in a little bit.

8956. Is that the son who has been examined here ?—Yes.

8957. Had you a list ?—I had the Heysham list before me.

8958. Had you a Middleton list before you ?—Yes.

8959. From where did you get that Heysham and Middleton list ?- I got it from the committee room.

8960. When ?—On the morning of the election.

8961. Who gave it to you ?—I really do not know.

8962. Was your list marked in any way ? Was Casson's name or Caton's name marked ?—As I paid the voters I took their names down.

8963. Did you know that these people were coming to you ?—Yes, I did.

8964. Had you got a list of the names of the people who were coming to you ?—Yes, at the time.

8965. Independent of the polling list ?—Yes.

8966. Where did you get it from ?—From the committee room.

8967. You got a list of all the voters you were to pay ?—Yes.

8968. Did you get that list at the same time you got the other list ?—I had no voting list at the time.

8969. You merely got a list of all these voters here—Casson, Casson, junior, Caton, Jackson, and so on ?—Yes.

8970. That was given to you ?—Yes.

8971. Was it written in pencil or in ink ?—In ink.

8972. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was it a written list or a printed list ?—It was a printed list that I had.

8973. (*Mr. Newton.*) I want to know how did you know you were to pay Caton, Sharples, Thompson, and all these voters ?—Because money was given to me to pay them with.

8974. But there were other people on the register besides those that you paid ?—There were nothing except Heysham and Middleton voters.

8975. But there were other people on the Heysham and Middleton list besides those that you paid ?—Do you mean that I paid everyone that was paid from Heysham ?

8976. No. I want to know how it came to pass that you paid these people, whether you had a list given to you of who you were to pay, or whether you were to pay the whole lot that came to you ?—I was to pay the whole lot that came to me that were Heysham voters.

8977. How did you know the people you were to pay ?—I did not know them personally.

8978. Supposing I came in and said I was Overend, from Heysham, would you have paid me ?—Yes, I would.

8979. Are we to understand that ?—Yes, you are. I did not know Overend.

8980. Anybody who chose to come in and say they wanted money got it ?—I suppose there was somebody at the door.

8981. Who was that somebody at the door ?—Lawrence Crook would be there.

8982. You knew perfectly well what I wanted to find out ?—I did not, indeed.

8983. Was anybody allowed to come into the room without Lawrence Crook's permission ?—It should not have been.

8984. You did not say anything to them about the price ?—Yes, I did.

8985. Did you bargain with them ?—Yes, I did. 8*l.* was the price given me for all the voters.

8986. You gave two men 9*l.*?—Yes.

8987. Why was that ?—They claimed 1*l.* each for labour, which I gave to them.

8988. What do you call labour, wages for the day ?—Yes, I suppose so.

8989. (*Mr. Hill.*) Assistants ?—Yes.

8990. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who else stood at the door besides Lawrence Crook ?—Mr. Wise.

8991. What Mr. Wise ?—Thomas Wise.

8992. Where does he live ?—He lives at Horseshoe Corner.

8993. Is there anybody else ?—No, not that I am aware of.

8994. Did they give these men a card or a ticket, or anything to bring into you ?—No, they did not.

8995. You paid all those that morning in this room ?—Yes, I did.

8996. (*Mr. Barstow.*) From what committee room did you get this list ?—I took it from the "Queen's" that morning.

8997. Which is the room you call the committee room at the "Queen's" ?—I can hardly describe it to you. It is a room where Mr. Welch, Mr. Blades, and Mr. Wearing were.

8998. (*Mr. Hill.*) You got the money and the list at the same time ?—Yes.

8999. It was one of these printed street lists ?—Yes, it was.

9000. And there were no ticks upon it or anything to indicate who was to be paid ?—No.

9001. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who gave it to you ?—I really could not say.

9002. Who were in the room when you were there ?—Mr. Blades, Mr. Wearing, and Mr. Welch.

9003. Did one of those three give you the list ?—Yes.

9004. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you gone over the list with one of those three since ?—No.

9005. Have you gone over it with your door-keeper, Crook ?—Yes, I saw him on Saturday.

9006. And went over it with him ?—Yes.

9007. And you and he settled who it was ?—Yes, as near as we could.

9008. (*Mr. Hill.*) At what time of day of the 12th did you get your list and your money ?—About half-past 8, I should say.

9009. Were there a good many others coming up for their lists and their money at that time ?—There was nobody in the room when I was there.

9010. Did you see others going up ?—I did not notice anyone particularly.

9011. Did you see Slater ?—No, I did not.

ARTHUR COLE recalled and further examined.

A. Cole.

9012. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you produce the list you were asked for yesterday ?—Yes.

9013. Who wrote this list ?—One of our clerks.

9014. What is his name ?—William Ayrton.

9015. At whose dictation did he write it ?—Mine.

9016. You can write ?—Yes.

9017. (*Mr. Hill.*) This is a correct list, as near as you can make it, of those to whom you paid money and whose names you were not quite able to give me yesterday ?—Yes. I paid no money.

9018. That you sent into the room to Mr. Slater, or rather that went into the room ?—Yes, that went in.

9019. There are 22 of them ?—Yes, I believe there are.

9020. Are there still one or two left out ?—Not to my knowledge.

9021. Do you believe to the best of your knowledge that this is a true and correct list ?—Yes.

9022. Thomas Gregson you gave us yesterday. He received 10*l.* to the best of your knowledge ?—Yes.

9023. Matthew Gregson ; we have him. William Parker ; you have not given him on the new list ?—He ought to be.

9024. He ought to remain on ?—Yes, of course. He was paid.

9025. He ought to be added ?—Yes, he ought to be added, and I have not got him on this list, which was simply copied over.

9026. He has been left out by accident ?—Yes.

9027. William Richmond ; he is not on your new list either ?—No, he is not.

9028. Was he one of them ?—Yes.

9029. He also ought to be added ?—Yes.

9030. You are quite sure he was there ?—Yes, I am. I named it yesterday.

9031. You have not got him on the list you sent in to-day ?—No, I have not. It took me a good deal of time to come at what I have come at now.

9032. Richard Baines ?—He received nothing on the Quay that morning.

9033. Was he not one of those who went into the room ?—No. I named him only as a voter.

9034. His name must come out ?—Yes.

9035. James Ellershaw ?—I merely named him as a voter, and he was not at the Quay that morning.

9036. He is to come out then ?—Yes.

9037. John Laytham remains on ?—Yes.

9038. And I may take out the query you told me to put against him ?—Yes.

9039. William Whittaker remains on ?—Yes.

9040. Paid by Moser ?—Yes.

9041. James Hornby remains on ?—Yes.

9042. R. Masheder remains on ?—Yes.

9043. And Robert Smith of Skerton ?—Yes.

9044. Then there comes the unknown man of Skerton, who was that ?—That was William Jackson.

9045. How do you describe him ?—I believe he is a spinner, so Smith told me.

9046. Where of ?—I do not know.

9047. A carver ?—I think Smith said he was of Chapel Street.

9048. Of Chapel Street, labourer ?—He said Chapel Street.

9049. A twine spinner of Penny Street ; will that be it ?—No ; he said he was a spinner.

9050. It must be of Chapel Court, labourer ?—Yes. I believe that man voted for Fenwick and Lawrence.

9051. This unknown man from Skerton ?—Yes.

9052. Would it be Joseph Jackson of Skerton, labourer ?—No, it is William Jackson here.

9053. Who can tell us more accurately ?—I do not know, unless Smith could tell you ; the man who told me who it was.

9054. Whoever he was, he voted for Fenwick and Lawrence, did he ?—Yes ; he said it was a mistake.

9055. You put him here William Jackson of Queen Street not Chapel Street ?—He worked at the Queen Street mill ; but I believe he resided in Chapel Street, if I understood Smith right.

9056. Do you know what William Jackson got at all ?—He got 10*l.* Smith told me so.

9057. John Tomlinson ; you put him down here as having got 5*l.*?—Yes, he was paid by Barsby. I believe there is a note put against him.

9058. So I see there is at the side ; then he is to go in for 5*l.*?—Yes.

9059. Thomas Newton ?—Yes.

9060. Stephen Winder ?—Yes.

9061. By Barsby ?—Yes.

9062. 7*l.* 10*s.* ?—Yes.

9063. Paid by Moser ?—Stephen Winder was paid by Barsby.

9064. James Walker ; did he vote for Fenwick and Lawrence ?—No ; I think he voted for Fenwick and Schneider. Smith brought him ; he came along with Smith on the Quay.

9065. To the best of your belief he was one of the 10*l.* ones ?—Yes ; so I was told both last night and this morning, that he was paid that.

9066. Then there is Richard Watkinson ?—He is a brushmaker.

9067. Was he paid by Moser ?—I do not know ; he was down at the house that morning, and the men said they believed he was paid at Mr. Dixon's.

9068. (*Mr. Newton.*) How much ?—They said 10*l.*

9069. Richard Jemmison ?—Yes, he was there.

9070. Of Lime Street, tinman ?—Yes.

9071. 10*l.*?—Yes.

9072. Thomas Woodman ?—Yes, he lives in Germany Street.

9073. Lawrence Lawrence ?—Yes.

9074. Which of the two is it, the junior, or of Bulk, labourer ; there are three Lawrences ?—He is a labourer.

9075. Did he come from Bulk ?—He lives in the town.

9076. They none of them appear to live in the town ?—He lives in the town at present. I do not know where he is on for.

9077. He would be a ten-pounder in all probability ?—Yes.

9078. John Richardson ?—Yes.

9079. What is he ?—He is a labourer.

9080. Of Brewery Street ?—I believe it is Brewer Street.

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9081. William Atkinson ?—Yes ; he is a painter.

9082. Of Edward Street ?—Yes, that is the man.

9083. William Newton ?—Yes.

9084. What is he ?—A painter.

9085. William Wright ?—Yes.

9086. What is he ?—I believe he will be on the list as a plumber.

9087. He is not William Wright of Springfield, householder ?—No, he is a freeman.

9088. Of Adelaide Street ?—Yes, that is the man ; I think he is a plumber by trade.

9089. May he be a brass finisher ?—I always understood that he was a plumber.

9090. Thomas Woodman ?—Yes.

9091. Another Thomas Woodman ?—Yes, the son of the other one.

9092. Is this of Germany Street, wool comber ?—He is the son of Thomas Woodman that I gave in before.

9093. Which one will this be ?—I do not know where he is on for, but he is the son of Thomas Woodman.

9094. He is the son of No. 974 ?—Yes, I think so.

9095. He must be of Germany Street, wool comber? —No, that is the father ; the son is working, I believe, at Barrow ; in fact he came over from Barrow to vote.

9096. Have you given us Bulfield before ?—No. I have him down here.

9097. Bulfield from Barsby ?—Yes.

9098. This you have taken from what Barsby has told you ?—No from his evidence here.

9099. Then there is John Horsfield ?—Yes, that is one I have thought of this morning.

9100. A painter ?—A painter..

9101. 10*l.*?—Yes.

9102. There are two to be added to that list, that will make 25 ?—Yes.

9103. Now about Binless ?—I do not know anything about Binless. I think he was on the Quay, but I believe he was taken away by somebody else.

9104. You know nothing about him ?—I do not.

9105. Have you anything else you want to add ?—Nothing else to my knowledge.

9106. Did you receive any other money than this which you have mentioned to us ?—I received 1*l.*, which I omitted to tell you of yesterday, from Mr. Slater after the voters had left the Quay.

9107. What was that for ?—It was for the day's expenses.

9108. You have mended your evidence so far ; did you, during the election, receive any sum of money besides what you have mentioned from any person whatever ?—Not a half-penny.

9109. That you swear solemnly ?—I swear it solemnly.

9110. Did you see any money besides those sums you have mentioned passing from any one person to another during that election ?—I did not.

9111. Any large sum ?—No, I did not.

9112. Had you yourself anything to do with either of the candidates during that election ?—Nothing at all, only when they called to ask me for my vote.

9113. Had you no personal communication with Mr. Schneider except that ?—Not at all.

A. Tinker.

ALFRED TINKER sworn and examined.

9114. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In July 1865 you were the assistant to Henry Welch ?—I was.

9115. How long had you been his assistant previous to that time ?—About six years and a half.

9116. Were you an attendant in the shop at Cheapside for a month preceding the election in July ?—I was.

9117. For six weeks previous to the election ?—Yes.

9118. You are now, I believe, in the service of Messrs. Crossley and Wright ?—Messrs. Wright, Crossley, and Company.

9119. Of Liverpool ?—Yes.

9120. During the time that you were in Welch's service, some time previous to the 12th of July, do you remember a heavy parcel being left at his shop ?—I do.

9121. About how long before the 12th of July do you think that was ?—About a fortnight.

9122. Can you describe the parcel ?—It was rather a bulky parcel.

9123. How was it wrapped up ?—Wrapped in brown paper and tied with thick string.

9124. Did you take it in your hand ?—I did.

9125. Did it feel heavy ?—It did.

9126. What did you in your own mind at that time conclude it was ?—I did not know at first what it was.

9127. At the time you did not know what it was ?—Not at the time I did not.

9128. What did you do with it ?—I put it on the shelf behind the counter.

9129. Do you know how long it remained there ?—No, I do not.

9130. At what time did you put it there ?—Between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning.

9131. Did you see anyone bring it into the shop ?—I saw Mr. Wright Wearing come in.

9132. What did he do when he came in ?—He had his hands under his coat tails.

2133. What did he do or say when he was in the shop with you ?—I cannot say what he said ; he did not say anything very particular.

9134. What did he do ?—He went up to the end of the counter ; we have a counter which runs across the top of the shop, and he went along the side of this counter and stood with his back to it.

9135. Did he say anything ?—I do not know what he said exactly, but I think he said it was a fine morning, or something of that sort.

9136. Did he say anything beyond usual trivial conversation ?—Nothing.

9137. How soon after he had gone did you notice anything ?—A few minutes.

9138. What was it that you noticed ?—A parcel.

9139. Where was it ?—It was on the counter, on the edge of the counter, by the side of a gas pipe that runs up the corner of the counter.

9140. (*Mr. Hill.*) On the edge of the counter you say ?—On the end of the counter.

9141. Was that counter opposite to the door ?—Yes.

9142. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The same counter to which you observed Wearing go ?—Yes.

9143. Is this the first parcel you remember being left at Henry Welch's shop ?—The only parcel.

9144. Is this the only parcel you ever saw left there ?—The only parcel.

9145. Is this the only parcel you ever heard of being left there ?—Yes.

9146. Have you ever had any conversation with Wearing about the parcel that had been left there ?—I had, the same day.

9147. About this parcel ?—Yes, about this parcel.

9148. Have you ever had any conversation with him about any other parcel ?—No.

9149. Have you read any account of these proceedings ?—Not all of them, I have not.

9150. Did you read Hutchinson's evidence ?—Yes.

9151. Do you remember what Hutchinson said about your leaving the shop on a certain day, and leaving him there ?—Yes.

9152. Do you recollect that day ?—No, I do not, indeed.

9153. Is Hutchinson's account a correct one for all you know ?—To the best of my knowledge it is. I cannot remember the particular day.

9154. Were you in the habit of leaving the shop in

Cheapside to go to Damside Street?—Very frequently.

9155. You knew Wearing very well?—Yes.

9156. Did you, before the election, have any conversation with him about the election?—Nothing very particular.

9157. Had you any conversation with him about money matters relating to the election?—Nothing whatever.

9158. Did you ever ask Wearing whether this was the only parcel of the kind he had ever brought to your shop?—No.

9159. Did you ever hear Mr. Welch speak about any other parcel being left there?—No.

9160. Nor Hutchinson?—No.

9161. Who else was in the shop, I mean serving in the shop, except Hutchinson and you?—Mr. William Welch, his brother, occasionally.

9162. Was no mention ever made of another parcel being left there?—No.

9163. Was any mention made of this parcel?—No.

9164. Nothing was said about it?—Nothing was said whatever about it.

9165. You did not say anything to anyone?—I did to Mr. Wearing.

9166. What did you say to him?—When I discovered the parcel left on the counter I went to Mr. Wearing's shop.

9167. What did you say to him?—I asked Mr. Wearing if he knew anything about a brown-paper parcel that I had just found on the counter.

9168. Well?—He appeared astonished.

9169. Did he express his astonishment in any manner?—No.

9170. He did not say anything?—He asked me why I supposed that he left it, or why I should ask him a question about it.

9171. Did he deny having left it?—No.

9172. What did you say in answer to that?—I told him that before he came into the shop the parcel was not there, and directly he went out I found it was there, and that that was my reason for supposing he had left it.

9173. What did he say to that?—He did not say anything very particular to that.

9174. Did he make any answer?—Yes, he made an answer.

9175. What was his answer?—He wanted to know how I could suppose he left it, and I said I thought he had left it.

9176. Did you say anything else?—Yes. I gave him the same answer that I gave him at first.

9177. And did he say anything upon that?—No. I told him I thought it was money.

9178. Anything else?—No, that was all.

9179. He did not say anything upon that?—No.

9180. When did you arrive here?—Last night.

9181. Where have you been staying?—With Edward Hutchinson, in Moor Lane.

9182. Have you seen Wearing?—Yes.

9183. Have you talked over this matter with him?—No.

9184. Have you seen Mr. Welch?—Yes.

9185. Did you talk it over with him?—No. Mr. Welch told me I should be required here this morning, and the instructions he gave me were that I was to tell the truth, anything I knew.

9186. You depose upon your oath that you know nothing of any paper parcel except the one you have described?—That is the only one.

9187. You have never connived at any other parcel being left at the shop?—No.

9188. You have never left the shop for the purpose of leaving it empty so that a person might come in without being seen and leave a parcel?—No.

9189. Have you ever intimated to any person that the shop would be likely to be empty at a certain time?—No.

9190. For the purpose of having a parcel left?—Never.

9191. I believe to go to Damside Street you must pass Wearing's window?—Yes.

9192. Is Wearing generally in his shop?—I think he is, generally.

9193. You were engaged in the election?—Yes.

9194. In other matters?—Yes.

9195. First of all, what money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

9196. Nothing whatever?—Nothing whatever; not direct I did not receive it.

9197. Directly or indirectly?—I received money indirectly.

9198. How did you receive it?—A party of the name of Hosking.

9199. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is that the person who has been spoken of as Captain Hosking?—Captain Hosking.

9200. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know who he is?—No, I do not.

9201. When did you receive any money from him?—On the morning of the election.

9202. Where was that?—At the "White Lion."

9203. Where is the "White Lion?"—At the bottom of Penny Street.

9204. What sum did you receive from him?—I cannot say exactly; he kept a list himself, and as he gave me the money I gave it to the voters, and he kept a list of what he did give to me.

9205. Were you in a room in the "White Lion?"—I was,

9206. What part of the house was the room?—It was a room very near facing the top of the stairs; it is a room over the door, I think, as near as I can remember.

9207. An upstairs room?—Yes, an upstairs room; it was a bedroom.

9208. What do you mean when you say you received money indirectly?—I mean as the voters were brought to me I got the money from Mr. Hosking, and paid the voters.

9209. You have told us you received the money "indirectly;" explain what you mean by the word "indirectly?"—If I said directly I should have meant from Mr. Welch.

9210. Then do you tell us on your oath that you now mean that "indirectly" means "otherwise than from Henry Welch?"—Yes.

9211. How was this money given to you, was it put into your hand?—Yes.

9212. By Hosking?—Yes, by Hosking.

9213. I may say, "It was placed by Hosking in my hand?"—Yes, or on the table; I could not swear which.

9214. Can you imagine any more direct mode of giving a person money than by putting it into his hand?—No.

9215. Then why did you use the word "indirectly?"—I said "indirectly" because if I had said "directly" I should have meant that I received it from Mr. Welch.

9216. What sum did you receive from Hosking?—I cannot remember the names; I have a few names that I can remember.

9217. I do not ask you for the names; I say what sum?—I cannot remember.

9218. About what sum?—I should think about 70*l.* or 80*l.*, as near as I can remember.

9219. (*Mr. Hill.*) From Hosking?—From Hosking.

9220. You are a shopman, and familiar with the handling of money; to the best of your judgment is that what you received?—To the best of my knowledge it is.

9221. How was it given to you?—It was given to me as I required it.

9222. I asked you how it was given you; in what sums was it?—Eights and ten pounds, I think, as near as I can remember.

9223. Did you see the money in Hosking's hand?—The whole of the money?

9224. The whole of the money?—No, I did not see the whole of the money in his hand.

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9225. Where did he produce it from?—I believe from his pocket.

9226. It was in sovereigns, I suppose?—In sovereigns.

9227. Where was Hosking when he gave you this money?—In the room.

9228. In the room with you?—In the room with me.

9229. Was anyone else with you?—No.

9230. Was anyone at the door of the room?—No.

9231. You did not pay it back to Mr. Hosking, I suppose?—No.

9232. What did you do with the money when it was given to you?—Paid it to the voters.

9233. Then the voters were in the room?—No, they were brought to me; I was called out when I was required.

9234. You were called out?—Yes.

9235. How did you know what to give to them?—I knew from the parties who told me, who brought the voters to me; they arranged with them.

9236. What were the names of those parties?—I cannot tell the names of them; Mr. Hoskin kept the names himself.

9237. But the names of the parties who brought the voters?—Thomas Wise brought them to me.

9238. Who else?—Peter Moore.

9239. Who else?—I think that was all.

9240. Can you tell us the gross number of voters that were brought to you?—I really cannot tell.

9241. Now, come, this was a thing that did not happen every day; how many, do you think, were brought to you?—Perhaps eight or ten, about eight I should think.

9242. Did you know the men?—No, I did not.

9243. You had never seen them?—No.

9244. Six years and over you have been in Lancaster?—They were all strangers to me.

9245. Do you know where they came from?—No; there were two men Peter Moore represented to me as having come from Galgate.

9246. Did he say what their names were?—He told me their names, but I do not recollect the names now.

9247. Had you never seen any of those men before?—No, not to my recollection; Wise and Moore knew them.

9248. Did you hear generally where they came from?—I cannot remember that I did.

9249. Did Thomas Wise tell you where they came from?—He told me their names, but he did not tell me where they came from.

9250. How many did Wise bring you?—I cannot say how many he brought; I should say four or five.

9251. Who came into the room to you and Mr. Hoskin to call you out?—They knocked at the door; the door was locked.

9252. You say "they," who do you mean?—Thomas Wise and Peter Moore.

9253. No one else?—No, not that I remember.

9254. You went with them to the other room where the voters were?—Yes.

9255. What sum did you pay?—Do you mean what amounts?

9256. Yes?—In eight pounds and ten pounds, to the best of my recollection.

9257. You tell us you had never seen Hoskin before that day?—Never.

9258. Who introduced you to him?—Mr. Welch sent me for him.

9259. Where did he send you to?—To the "Old Sir Simon."

9260. Where was Welch when he sent you?—At the committee room, the private room at the "Queen's."

9261. You went to him at the private room?—I went to him the first thing in the morning; about seven o'clock on the morning of the election.

9262. Is this money you speak of the only money you received that day?—The only money; I received money afterwards from Mr. Welch.

9263. On that day?—After the day of the election.

9264. Afterwards on that day?—No; after the election day I received money from Welch.

9265. Had you been engaged in canvassing?—I was.

9266. What district had you canvassed?—Slyne.

9267. Did you go alone there?—I went with Joseph Albright.

9268. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you mean John Albright?—No, Joseph Albright, the chemist.

9269. Not the Quaker, who has been examined before?—No.

9270. What relation is he?—I believe he is a brother.

9271. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you receive any money for the purpose of the canvass?—No.

9272. Did you pay any voters from Slyne?—No, none.

9273. What did you do when you went with Albright?—I went to collect the voters together in the best way we could.

9274. What day was that?—I cannot say what day it was; we went three or four times there. Perhaps it would be a fortnight, or three weeks, before the election.

9275. What do you mean by collecting the voters together?—Getting them together and treating them.

9276. Albright paid for the treating?—No, there was not much money paid at all; there was not much treating.

9277. You have already said that you did not pay, and I asked you if Albright did?—No, I did not say that.

9278. Did you pay for the treating?—We both did.

9279. From where did you get the money to pay for the treating?—It was my own money.

9280. Were you repaid that money?—Yes.

9281. By whom?—Mr. Welch.

9282. When were you repaid that money?—After the election.

9283. How much?—I was canvassing Overton as well.

9284. How much were you repaid?—I think about 3*l.*

9285. What money did you receive after the election?—I received 8*l.* from Mr. Welch for William Jackson, jeweller.

9286. What else?—And 8*l.* for William Harling, of Edward Street.

9287. Were these sums for their votes?—Yes.

9288. Is it William Jackson, junior, St. Nicholas Street, watchmaker?—Yes; he is since dead.

9289. I want to know what is the gross sum that you received first?—I got these sums at different times, as it was required.

9290. I thought, perhaps, you might be able to add the sums together and tell us the amount?—Do you mean the whole I received altogether from all parties?

9291. No; the sum you received from Henry Welch?—19*l.*

9292. That is the whole amount you received?—Yes.

9293. You have accounted for that sum?—No; there is 3*l.* not accounted for.

9294. How do you account for that 3*l.*?—There was another 3*l.* that I paid to Wolfendale, a butcher, in North Road.

9295. Is he a householder?—Yes.

9296. For what did you pay him that?—He had been arranged to have 5*l.* from the captain of the district, and I had promised him 8*l.* the night before the election.

9297. Are you quite sure that is all the money you received from Henry Welch?—Yes, except money for expenses.

9298. How much is that?—About 3*l.*

9299. That sum of 22*l.* is all that you received?—Yes, from Henry Welch.

9300. You never received any other money from Welch at any other time?—No.

9301. That you now swear?—Yes, I do.

9302. What money did you receive from any other person?—None from any other besides Mr. Hosking.

9303. Are we to understand you have received no money except from Mr. Hosking and Mr. Henry Welch?—Yes.

9304. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You tell us you went into the committee room?—Yes.

9305. Did you receive any money there?—No.

9306. Have you read Mr. Henry Welch's evidence?—Yes, I have.

9307. Have you read his answer where he states that he paid you 50*l.* when you came into the room?—Yes.

9308. Then that, I suppose, is wrong?—Yes, that is wrong.

9309. Can you account for his making that mistake?—I cannot, indeed.

9310. Have you had any conversation with him about it?—No.

9311. Have you not mentioned to him that he had made that answer, and that he was incorrect?—No. I believe I did write to Mr. Welch and tell him so.

9312. You might have said that in answer to my question; it is not very long ago?—I remember it now. I wrote to him and told him.

9313. This sort of inaccuracies makes a witness's testimony suspected always. I asked you very pointedly. You did write to Mr. Welch?—Yes.

9314. You wrote to Mr. Welch to say that his evidence in saying he had given you 50*l.* was inaccurate?—Yes.

9315. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did he answer your letter?—Yes, he did.

9316. Have you that letter?—No, I have not.

9317. What has become of it?—I do not know; I fancy it is destroyed.

9318. What answer did he make to it?—I told him in my letter that he was wrong in saying he had given me the money, and that I should be glad to explain the matter; and he said in his answer that he would be very glad if I would do so.

9319. Now you have an opportunity of explaining the matter?—The matter is explained by his giving the money to Mr. Hosking. That is the matter that required explanation.

9320. How do you know that?—How do I know that he gave the money to Mr. Hoskin?

9321. Yes?—I saw him give it to him.

9322. Where?—In the "Queen's."

9323. Did Hosking go with you to the "Queen's?"—Yes, he did.

9324. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you say that you saw him receive it from Welch?—Yes, I did.

9325. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you come away with Hosking from the "Queen's?"—Yes, I did.

9326. And went with him to the "White Lion?"—Yes.

9327. Who gave you your instructions to act with Hosking?—Mr. Welch.

9328. How long were you paying voters in this room upstairs?—Till about 12 o'clock; 12 or 1 o'clock.

9329. You paid the last voter between 12 and 1?—Yes, I believe so, to the best of my recollection.

9330. Did you and Hosking leave the "White Lion" together?—I went out, and when I came back again I found Hosking had gone. I looked for him, but could not find him.

9331. What time did you go out?—I think about 1 o'clock.

9332. When did you return?—In about half an hour, I think.

9333. Have you told us now all you know about that election?—I have.

9334. Did you receive any money for your services?—No.

9335. (*Mr. Newton.*) About this parcel of money. Who was in the shop when Mr. Wearing came in?—I think there was a girl in the shop.

9336. What was her name?—I cannot say, she was a customer.

9337. We have heard from Mr. Wearing what took place, and therefore I need not ask you anything further; but I should like to know when you think it was that it did take place. How long before the election?—Do you mean the money being left?

9338. Yes?—About a fortnight; from 10 days to a fortnight, I should think.

9339. Did you talk to the boy Hutchinson about it?—No, I never mentioned it to him.

9340. Are you on terms with him?—Not very intimate.

9341. He said you were a reserved young man. Were you reserved towards him?—I do not understand his meaning.

9342. Nor do I. Were you reserved towards him? Did you discuss matters with him?—No, I did not discuss with him at all.

9343. Do you remember, about 10 days previous to that, having any discussion about something else being found in the shop?—No, I never heard of it.

9344. You did not on that occasion, 10 days previous to that, go on the Saturday morning to Damside, when you were absent about a quarter of an hour, and discuss with Wearing about the parcel having been left in the shop?—No.

9345. Ten days previous to the parcel that was found in the shop a parcel was left in Mr. Welch's shop as well. I want to know whether you heard anything of that?—No, nothing whatever.

9346. Was it your business to attend to the parcels on the counter?—Partially it was my business. If I saw any parcel, and I did not know what it meant, I should take it up and examine it.

9347. Where should you put it if you found it on the counter with no direction?—I should have left it where it was.

9348. Where did you put this parcel that you found?—On the shelf.

9349. What made you put it there?—Because it was very heavy.

9350. What made you put it there?—I cannot say.

9351. You must say; you must know why you put it there. Was it not because you had seen another parcel of that description put there before?—No. That was the only parcel I saw.

9352. Was not the reason why you put this parcel on the shelf because you had seen a similar parcel there before?—No, it was not.

9353. Had you ever seen another parcel not so large put on that shelf before?—No.

9354. I will ask you the same question as I asked Hutchinson. Did you often find parcels in your shop?—No, I never found one before.

9355. And yet you did not discuss it with the boy?—No, I never mentioned it to him.

9356. Have you read Hutchinson's account of it in the papers?—Yes, I have.

9357. Is the evidence he gave correct or not?—I think he gives evidence about another parcel.

9358. Is his evidence correct or not?—I should say it is.

9359. You do not recollect Hutchinson telling you that there was a parcel left in the shop?—No.

9360. Now, about paying this money that morning when you went to fetch Hosking, what did Mr. Welch tell you?—He told me to go and inquire for Captain Hosking.

9361. What were you to do?—I was to take him to the "Queen's," to Mr. Welch.

9362. When you brought him to the "Queen's" did you go into the room with him?—Yes, I did.

9363. And there you found Blades, Wearing, and Welch?—Yes.

9364. What did Hosking or Welch say?—Mr. Welch told Hosking to go with me to the "White Lion," and

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to give me what money I wanted for voters, and he gave him some money.

9365. You saw Welch give Hosking some money?—Yes.

9366. How much?—I cannot say.

9367. In what form was it?—Rolled up in a brown paper parcel.

9368. How many rolls of brown paper did he give him?—I think there was a large one and a small one.

9369. You say you think there were two parcels?—Yes.

9370. What did Hosking do with those two rolls?—He put them into his pocket.

9371. Which pocket?—His trowsers pocket.

9372. When you got to the "White Lion" did you see him take out those paper parcels?—Not till it was required.

9373. Did you see him take them out?—No.

9374. Did you see them again at all without being broken?—No.

9375. You did not?—No.

9376. The next time you saw money it was out of the brown paper parcels?—Yes.

9377. You did not see him break open either the one or the other?—No.

9378. How do you know that he only got 70*l.* or 80*l.*?—I do not know it.

9379. That is all you know he paid you?—Yes.

9380. He might have got 150*l.* or 200*l.* for all you know?—Yes.

9381. Had you ever seen Hosking before that morning?—No, never.

9382. Do you know whether he was in the habit of going to Mr. Welch's shop?—I never saw him there.

9383. (*Mr. Hill.*) When was it arranged what part you were to take in this election?—Not until the morning of the election.

9384. And at what time in the morning was it arranged?—Between 7 and 8.

9385. Was that before you went to the "Queen's?"—That was while at the "Queen's;" it was arranged there.

9386. Was the arrangement made in the presence of Hosking?—It was.

9387. Were you the only five who were present in the room?—I believe there was no one else there.

9388. It was there arranged that Hosking and you should distribute the money, and that some person should bring the voters to you?—It was not arranged about the voters being brought to us, and we were to pay the money as we could get the voters.

9389. Was anything said to you as to who would bring the voters?—No.

9390. Nothing?—No, nothing.

9391. When did you first speak to Moore or Wise upon the subject?—Moore told me it was necessary that some one should be down at his house with money, as there were a lot of voters in the house who required dealing with.

9392. When was this?—On the morning of the election.

9393. Before you went to the "Queen's?"—Yes.

9394. It was in consequence of that that you went up to the "Queen's?"—Yes.

9395. It was in consequence of that that you went up to the "Queen's?"—Yes.

9396. You had not then spoken to Mr. Welch about the part that you had to take?—No.

9397. I see in this piece of paper which you have given me you have marked down certain monies received from "H.," and certain monies received from "W." Does "H." mean Hosking, and "W." Welch?—Yes.

9398. You received money from Hosking for William Jackson, of Castle Hill, 10*l.*?—Yes.

9399. Who is William Jackson?—I believe he is a collector for the gas company.

9400. A gas rate collector?—Yes.

9401. Do you know that he received that 10*l.*?—Yes.

9402. Why did you not tell us that before; it is only by accident that I asked you for that piece of paper, because I saw you fiddling with it. You paid him 10*l.*, and you received the money from Hoskin?—Yes.

9403. How do you know that Jackson received it?—I got the money from Hosking.

9404. And you gave it to him?—Yes.

9405. Who wrote it on this piece of paper?—I did, after I knew this inquiry was going on.

9406. This is, in fact, to the best of your recollection?—Yes.

9407. Did you make out this list at Liverpool?—Yes.

9408. Before you left?—Yes.

9409. Without any assistance?—Yes.

9410. From your own memory?—Yes.

9411. (*Mr. Newton.*) You were asked whether you knew of anybody to whom you paid money, and you said nobody; how can you expect us to believe you?—I was going to give you the list.

9412. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where does William Jackson live?—At Castle Hill.

9413. Is he a householder?—Yes, I believe he is.

9414. Is he a whitesmith?—No.

9415. Has he died since?—No.

9416. Are you sure his christian name is William?—Yes, I believe his name is William.

9417. However, you paid that money to him yourself?—Yes.

9418. The next person to whom you paid money was James Jackson, a groom?—Yes, of Sun Street.

9419. He is dead since?—Yes.

9420. You gave him 5*l.*?—Yes.

9421. Then there was an old man that you think lived in Leonard Gate, who was brought by Peter Moore, and you think his name was Hartley?—Yes.

9422. John Hartley?—I do not know his christian name.

9423. Is he alive still?—I do not know.

9424. You say you believe he lived in Leonard Gate?—Yes, to the best of my recollection; I heard that when I gave him the money.

9425. Do you think he was a freeman or householder?—I think he was a freeman.

9426. What was he by trade?—I do not know. I did not know the man before I saw him that morning.

9427. Do you not think you are mistaken, and that the man's name was Procter?—I really cannot say; I do not think so. I think his name was Hartley.

9428. What was he by trade?—I do not know.

9429. Had you ever seen him before?—No, never.

9430. You gave him 10*l.*?—Yes.

9431. We will leave that to be supplied by Mr. Peter Moore, or Mr. Wise. Then there were the two Galgate men who were brought by Peter Moore, you gave them 10*l.* each?—Yes.

9432. Then you say, "I paid more men, but cannot "remember how many, receiving the money from Mr. "Hosking for each man separately, and he entered "them, as he paid me the money, in a book?"—Yes.

9433. And then you put down as having from Mr. Welch, as you have told us, 8*l.* for William Jackson, 8*l.* William Horling, and 3*l.* William Wolfendale?—Yes.

9434. And then there is 5*l.* for Turner?—Yes.

9435. You gave it to Turner?—No, I did not give it to Turner; Turner gave it to him.

9436. To whom?—Wolfendale. Turner gave him 5*l.*, and I gave him 3*l.* I had promised Wolfendale 8*l.* before the night of the election.

9437. Now I have a question to ask you as to this parcel. You have told my brother commissioner, Mr. Newton, that you do not recollect having a conversation with Hutchinson?—I never had any with him.

9438. Do you say, positively, that you never had?—Yes.

9439. Or is it that you do not remember it?—I never did say anything to him. I never said anything to him about election matters.

9440. But I am asking you about parcels?—I never said anything to him about it.

9441. Did you know that the parcel left in the shop was on election matters?—I did not know it, but I had a suspicion when I went to think about it.

9442. The parcel you are speaking of is the "Wearing" parcel?—Yes.

9443. Do you remember the day on which you went down to the Damside shop?—I do not remember; I went down so many times.

9444. The day on which you were away about a quarter of an hour, about three weeks before the election, the day on which Hutchinson had to make up some parcels from the waste book?—I do not remember it.

9445. Is this account true given by Hutchinson: he is asked, "When did Alfred Tinker come back to the shop?" and he says, "Some five or 10 minutes, perhaps, after the parcel was left." Then he is asked again, "What did you say to Alfred Tinker about the parcel?" and he said, "I said the parcel had been left in the shop." Then he goes on to describe what Mr. Wright Wearing did in the shop. Do you remember Mr. Wright Wearing coming into the shop on that particular day?—No.

9446. Was Mr. Wright Wearing in the habit of coming into the shop and saying nothing to anybody, and walking out again?—Yes. Sometimes he would inquire for Mr. Welch.

9447. Do I understand you to say that Hutchinson is altogether mistaken in saying that he had a conversation with you about the parcel?—He never said a word to me about it.

9448. Will you swear that, to the best of your knowledge, this was the only parcel that was left in the shop?—Yes, I will.

9449. You read Mr. Welch's evidence?—Yes.

9450. You know that he told us, first of all, that there was only one parcel left, and then afterwards he corrected his evidence as to their being two?—Yes, I remember that.

9451. The first parcel he told us of being 710*l.* 10*s.*, and then afterwards he came and told us that there had been a previous parcel left of 300*l.*?—Yes.

9452. Refreshing your memory by that having been said, do you still say that there was only one parcel left at that shop, to the best of your knowledge?—Only one that I ever knew of.

9453. And you say if there had been a parcel of this sort left upon the counter, and Hutchinson had mentioned it to you, you could not have forgotten it?—No; I should have remembered it.

9454. You will swear, as distinctly as you can about anything, that there never was more than one paper parcel mentioned to you as having been left in the shop?—Yes.

9455. And your memory upon the subject is very fresh?—Yes.

THOMAS PARKER sworn and examined. *T. Parker.*

9456. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You came here from Liverpool?—Yes.

9457. I understand you to say that it would be a great convenience to you to have your testimony taken now?—Yes, indeed it would.

9458. What are you?—I am a cabinet-maker.

9459. At Liverpool?—Yes.

9460. You are aware that your name has been mentioned as being a Conservative captain?—I am not aware of that. I saw it in the paper on Saturday last, but not as being a captain. I think I was termed a "Jenkins."

9461. However, that is what was understood, that you were a captain; is it so?—No, not at all.

9462. Were you in Lancaster during the election?—No.

9463. Are you a Lancaster man?—I served my apprenticeship in Lancaster. I am a native of Cockerham.

9464. Are you a voter?—I am not a voter. I have earned my freedom, but never took it up.

9465. Can you imagine how your name came to be mentioned?—Not at all.

9466. You know nothing of the election?—Nothing whatever.

9467. You have not contributed any money to it?—Certainly not.

9468. What are your politics?—I have the character of being a Conservative in Liverpool.

9469. If you were not here during the election, of course you had nothing to do with it?—No, nothing whatever.

9470. Have you any explanation to make?—No, nothing whatever.

9471. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you not here the Saturday previous to the election?—Yes, as I am frequently. I frequently come on the Saturday night, and go back on Monday morning. I come here to see my friends.

9472. (*Mr. Newton.*) How long did you stay?—I came on the Saturday afternoon, and went back on the Monday morning, a thing I constantly do, perhaps a dozen times a year.

9473. Have you got a house here?—No.

9474. Where do you go?—I stay with my friends. I have a number of friends about the place.

9475. Where did you stay on the Saturday night?—I stayed at the only place I do stay at; namely, the "King's Arms."

9476. Did you stay at the "King's Arms" from the Saturday till the Monday?—Yes.

9477. Were any of the Conservative party staying at the "King's Arms?"—None that I know of more than usual, who come there to have a pipe and a glass of grog.

9478. Did you see Henry Threlfall Wilson there?—No, I think not.

9479. You know him?—Yes, I know him.

9480. And Mr. Lawrence?—Yes, I know him by sight.

9481. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you leave the town on Monday?—Yes.

9482. That you swear?—Yes.

9483. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you receive any money for the purposes of that election?—No.

9484. Did you pay any?—No.

9485. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you go and see Mr. Wilson Barker?—I might see him; I did not go to his house.

9486. Did you see him?—Possibly. I do not know that I did.

9487. Did you have any conversation with him about the election?—None whatever, except the usual casual conversation, the same as other people talk.

9488. (*Mr Hill.*) Is there any other Mr. Parker at Liverpool connected with Lancaster at all?—No. I think it was myself that was suspected.

THOMAS WISE sworn and examined. *T. Wise.*

9489. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—I live at Horse-shoe Corner, at the bottom of Penny Street.

9490. What are you?—I am a railway carriage builder.

9491. We hear that you took part in this election?—Yes, I took some part in it.

9492. Are you a voter?—Yes.

9493. A freeman or householder?—I am a householder.

9494. You were not a captain during the election?—I was engaged to look after the Heysham district.

9495. You were a captain?—If you call it a captain, I was a captain in that sense.

9496. Used you to go over there to canvass?—Yes, I canvassed the whole of the Heysham district myself.

9497. Did anybody go with you?—There was nobody appointed to go with me. I might take some

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one to go with me for company, but there was no one appointed to go with me.

9498. Did "Tinker" go with you?—No; never that I recollect.

9499. How much money did you spend at Heysham?—I think, from the beginning to the end of my canvass, about 4*l.*

9500. That is during the canvass?—Yes, before the election began.

9501. In refreshments, and so forth, to the voters?—Yes.

9502. How much money did you receive altogether for the purposes of the election?—About 4*l.*

9503. You received that?—Yes.

9504. Not more?—No; that would be quite the outside.

9505. This is money that you paid away in refreshments?—There is 1*l.* which I gave to Thomas Overend; he was a sort of confidential man, and he looked after everything whilst I was away, and I paid him 1*l.* for his services.

9506. He helped you in your business in the election?—Yes.

9507. From where did you get this 4*l.*?—I think I got about 2*l.* from Mr. Welch, and about 2*l.* from Mr. Wright Wearing. I am not quite certain of it, but I think so.

9508. Besides the 1*l.* you gave to Overend, what else did you give away?—The first time I went I filled my pockets with sweets for the children. That cost some money.

9509. You did the "children" business?—Yes; and then I gave the women something, and the men something. That is how I spent the first 1*l.* in going round to the different houses.

9510. How did you spend the second?—The second 1*l.* I spent at the "Swordfish;" some had tea, and some ale.

9511. Was it all spent in refreshments?—Yes; amongst the freemen and non-freemen. We could not exactly say to their friends, "Go out." They brought them with them, and I was obliged to treat them, too.

9512. Do you know the "White Lion," Lancaster?—Yes, very well.

9513. Were you there the morning of the polling day?—Yes.

9514. What time did you go there?—I was partly there all night.

9515. The night previous to the election?—Yes. I left about half-past 2 or 3 in the morning to go to Heysham.

9516. To bring up your voters?—Yes.

9517. What time did you get back from Heysham?—I should think I would get back about 8 o'clock or before, about half-past seven.

9518. Did you find anybody at the "White Lion" when you came back?—The house was full.

9519. Of voters?—Voters and non-voters.

9520. Do you know Mr. Tinker?—I know Mr. Tinker at Mr. Welch's.

9521. Did you find him there?—No, I did not.

9522. Did he come afterwards?—Yes.

9523. How long after you had been there?—It would be nearly 10 o'clock before I saw him.

9524. He did not come until 10?—I think it was nearly 10. First I saw Edward Hutchinson.

9525. At what time did you see Hutchinson, the father?—I do not know the son; it was the father I saw.

9526. What time did you see him?—I should think I saw him before 9 o'clock.

9527. Was there a breakfast going on there?—Yes, there was a breakfast; a large quantity breakfasted there.

9528. Did you tell Hutchinson anything?—No. I think Hutchinson went away to look after some money, and I did not see him for a long time after. I did not see him for a long time after the poll commenced.

9529. (*Mr. Newton to Alfred Tinker.*) Did you see Mr. Hutchinson at the "White Lion" that morning?—Yes, I did.

9530. Where did you see him?—I saw him in different parts of the house.

9531. Was he ever in the room with you and Hosking?—Not that I remember; I do not know that he was.

9532. (*Mr. Newton to the witness.*) Did you see Hutchinson pay anybody that morning, any voters?—I cannot say that I did, and I cannot say that I did not; he was in a room by himself, and the voters went in to him one by one.

9533. You were a sort of door-keeper?—No; I do not think I was a door-keeper at all.

9534. You saw the men go into Hutchinson's room?—Yes, I did; I saw them go in and come out.

9535. Had Hutchinson finished paying before Tinker had arrived?—No, I do not think that. I think Tinker assisted him to pay. I know Mr. Tinker asked me once or twice to take the money and go with them to see them vote, and then give it to them after they had voted, and I would not do it.

9536. Was this in the same room that Hosking was in afterwards, or another room?—There were two or three rooms that they went into, but I think they generally acted together, Tinker and Hutchinson.

9537. Was this the same room that Hosking afterwards went into?—I cannot positively say, but I think it was.

9538. Do you know Hosking?—There was another man there who I did not know.

9539. Was he paying?—Yes.

9540. Do you know Hosking?—No, I do not.

9541. Why did you not say so at first?—I am rather deaf, and I did not hear.

9542. You are not a bit deaf?—I beg your pardon; I know better than you do whether I am deaf or not.

9543. Do you know Hutchinson?—No; I do not. I saw a man there.

9544. We will call him the stranger. At what time did the strange man come?—I should think it would be on towards 11 o'clock, as far as I know. I do not think I saw him before.

9545. Who was with him?—I saw no one with him.

9546. Who was with Hosking, this strange man?—He was in a room by himself.

9547. Did you stand by the door?—No; I stood at no door.

9548. Does not Peter Moore keep the "White Lion?"—Yes, he does.

9549. Did he not stand at the door?—No, I never saw him stand at the door; he might do it, but I never saw him.

9550. Who did stand at the door?—To watch the door?

9551. Yes?—If any person stood at the door it would be some of the freemen that would be appointed to do it; but I do not know anything about that.

9552. Did you bring up any voters into the room?—I brought the whole of the Heysham voters to the "White Lion."

9553. Did you bring any voters up to the room where this strange man was?—I cannot positively say; I might do.

9554. Did you?—I think I might do.

9555. Did you bring up any voters to the room where the strange man was?—I think I should do. I was very anxious that they should all get voted, and I should think I would assist to get them all ready.

9556. Yes, you would; that was your district?—I looked after them till they were voted.

9557. Tell us who they were?—I cannot tell exactly. There was Thomas Overend and two Cassons, one Sharples, one Shaw, three or four Jacksons, and there might be one or two more; but I cannot recollect the names.

9558. Shall I help you?—If you can assist me I will tell you with pleasure.

9559. Was there a Thompson there?—Yes, he was one.

9560. Woodman?—There were two Woodmans, but I believe one did not vote for us.

9561. Were there any Mashiters?—No, they were on the other side.

9562. Any Edmondsons?—No, the three Edmondsons were upon the other side; one of them promised to vote for us but he did not.

9563. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you take any of these men that you are mentioning to the poll?—Yes, I did.

9564. Which of them?—I took Overend, the Cassons, Sharples, and one or two more of them.

9565. You took them to the poll?—Yes, and saw them vote.

9566. And saw them paid?—No, I did not see them paid.

9567. Did you bring them back to be paid?—No, they were paid before they voted.

9568. As soon as they were paid you packed them off to the poll?—Yes, as soon as ever I could get them into the carriage.

9569. Did you take a carriage full at a time?—Yes.

9570. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you take any men up to Tinker's room?—I should do that.

9571. Tell me which of the men you took up?—I cannot recollect.

9572. Were you in Court when Tinker gave his evidence?—No. I was at home when the summons came. I had not been in Court but a few minutes before I was examined.

9573. Who did you take up to Tinker's? Take care what you are doing, and tell us the truth. Which of the men did you take up to Tinker's? We have heard what Tinker said not 10 minutes ago?—I should bring up the Heysham freemen.

9574. Tell us the names of those you took up?—Overend, and the Cassons.

9575. No, that was to Hutchinson; I mean to Tinker?—I do not know that I brought anyone particularly to Tinker.

9576. When the strange man was there?—They were both of them buying, and I brought them to both.

9577. While the strange man was there, what were the men's names you brought up?—I cannot tell you.

9578. Yes, you can?—It is impossible.

9579. He says you brought up four or five?—Mention the names, and I will tell you.

9580. That is just what I want to know from you?—I cannot charge my memory with matters like that; it is impossible. I might bring 10 men up. I brought all I could.

9581. You must remember, you know?—I cannot remember. I brought all the freemen in the house that were not voters; I took them as I lighted on them. I did not confine myself to the Heysham district; wherever I could do anything I did it.

9582. What was the number of voters that you brought up to Tinker altogether?—I cannot tell you.

9583. To Tinker and the strange man?—I cannot tell; it is impossible.

9584. How many do you think?—I should bring a good deal of voters altogether.

9585. But to Tinker and the strange man?—I cannot tell. I could not pretend to say, because if I did it would be only leading you astray, and I do not know. I kept no account of it. I had no money to pay them.

EDWARD BRADSHAW sworn and examined. *E. Bradshaw.*

9586. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A tanner and currier.

9587. Where do you live?—At Farrington, near Preston.

9588. Are you a labourer?—Yes.

9589. Were you engaged at the last election?—Yes.

9590. You were captain, in what district?—Galgate.

9591. Have you been engaged in any election before this last?—Yes.

9592. Which one?—The one before.

9593. Those are the two you have been engaged in?—Yes.

9594. Were you captain in the Galgate district in Fenwick and Saunders' election?—No.

9595. What were your duties at that election?—I was there, but I was not a captain.

9596. Did you canvass the Galgate district at this election?—I went round with Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider, that is all, and introduced them to the voters.

9597. To the Galgate voters?—Yes.

9598. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the last election?—Mr. Welch says he gave me about 170*l.*

9599. Never mind what Mr. Welch says, what monies did you receive?—I never counted the money he gave me.

9600. What monies did you receive?—I should think I got about 20*l.* before the day of the nomination.

9601. For preliminary expenses?—Yes.

9602. How long before the election did you receive that?—I received it in different sums, perhaps some time within three weeks.

9603. From three weeks before the election up to the nomination day?—Yes.

9604. What was the next sum you received after those sums that made up the 20*l.*?—I received the 20*l.* at different times.

9605. After the receiving of those sums which made up altogether the 20*l.*, what was the next sum which you received?—50*l.*, on the night of the nomination.

9606. July 11th?—50*l.* Mr. Welch called it. I did not count it myself.

9607. It was given to you as 50*l.*?—Yes.

9608. At what time in the evening was it given to you?—I should think about 6 in the evening.

9609. What was the next sum which you received?—The next sum I received was on the election day.

9610. July the 12th?—Yes.

9611. At what time did you receive that?—It would be, perhaps, a little after 9 o'clock.

9612. Nine a.m.?—Yes.

9613. How much?—50*l.* again; it was supposed to be 50*l.* I never counted it.

9614. It was a brown paper packet?—No, he gave it to me loose on the election day, and in a paper packet the night before.

9615. What was the next sum you received after that?—50*l.* again. I asked for about 50*l.*, but I did not count it.

9616. Was that on the election day, too?—Yes.

9617. What o'clock?—Perhaps 11 o'clock.

9618. Was that from Henry Welch also?—Yes.

9619. Loose?—Yes.

9620. About 50*l.*?—Yes.

9621. Is was given to you as 50*l.*?—Yes.

9622. What was the next sum that you received?—I received some money after the election.

9623. When?—In the course of a few days. I do not know particularly when it was; some time in the week after I think.

9624. How much?—I think there was about from 18*l.* to 20*l.*; I am not quite certain.

9625. Which shall we say?—About 18*l.* I did not count it; it was to pay some bills with.

9626. What was the next you received?—I did not receive any more.

9627. Now, then, how did you lay it out first before the election?—I spent it in treating the voters.

9628. You spent it in refreshments to voters before the election?—Yes.

9629. Where at?—At Galgate; and tips to fellows for doing this thing and another.

9630. What sort of tips?—A shilling and half-a-crown at a time.

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9631. What were those tips given to them for?—It just depended on what they had done; perhaps carrying letters out and such like.

9632. And what else—shillings when they were dry in the morning?—Sometimes, and sometimes only 3*d.*, and sometimes 6*d.*; however, all the 20*l.* not spent.

9633. Sometimes half-a-crown?—I never gave so much as half-a-crown at once. I gave half-a-crown for carrying out letters to voters sometimes.

9634. Where were you to be found during the time of the election?—I live in Lancaster. I only went down in the evenings.

9635. Did they come to you at Lancaster?—Sometimes they came up.

9636. Where did they find you when they went for these threepences, and sixpences, and shillings?—In Wood Street, Lancaster.

9637. Have you a shop in Lancaster?—My father has; at least he had, but he is removed now.

9638. Is he a currier, too?—Yes.

9639. Then the men came to your father's shop in the morning and found you; and these, the men who were on the drink during the election, were supplied by you?—Yes.

9640. In what numbers should you say?—I do not know, I never took particular notice.

9641. Were there 25 or 30 of them?—There are not as many voters as them in Galgate altogether.

9642. Did you only supply Galgate men?—No.

9643. You spent the whole of the money in tips and refreshments in the way you have mentioned, namely, 20*l.*?—Yes; if they went down in a conveyance there was the bar to pay and so on.

9644. Now, then, what voters did you pay at the last election; bring out your list?—I paid No. 644, William Parker.

9645. He seems to have been paid by two or three [illegible]—

9646. What is he?—A joiner, I believe.

9647. A freeman?—Yes, he is sure to be a freeman belonging to Galgate.

9648. How much did you give him?—10*l.*

9649. What is the next?—His brother, John Parker.

9650. What is his number?—643.

9651. What is he?—I believe he is a joiner; I am not certain.

9652. How much did you give him?—10*l.*

9653. The next?—Richard Garth, No. 310.

9654. How much did you give him?—9*l.*

9655. What is Garth?—I do not know I am sure. I did not take much interest in what they were. I think he is a spinner, but I am not certain.

9656. Who was the next?—No. 812, Richard Taylor; he got the same money.

9657. 9*l.*?—Yes, 9*l.*

9658. Now the next?—Robert Threlfall.

9659. How much?—9*l.*

9660. Now the next?—557, Edward Mallinson, junior, 10*l.*

9661. The next?—No. 556, his father, 10*l.*; Edward Mallinson.

9662. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He got 10*l.*?—Yes, the same as his son.

9663. Who is the next?—Thomas Mallinson, No. [illegible]; he got 10*l.* for his vote, and then he had 2*l.* for assisting. I said I would give him 2*l.*; he worked for my father and I said I would give him 2*l.* if he did us well as he could for us.

9664. Who is the next?—603, James Mounsey, 10*l.*

9665. Who else?—John Mounsey, No. 602.

9666. Did he get 10*l.*?—8*l.* 10*s.*

9667. The next?—No. 600, William Mounsey.

9668. How much did he get?—7*l.* 10*s.*

9669. The next?—William Mounsey, shoemaker, No. 605, 10*l.*

9670. Who is the next?—No. 882, John Ward, 8*l.*

9671. Who is the next?—No. 452, Robert Illingworth.

9672. How much did he get?—For his vote and expenses he got 8*l.*; he was an assistant with us.

9673. Including assistance he got 8*l.*?—Yes.

9674. Now the next?—451, John Illingworth, 8*l.*

9675. Is there any assistance included there?—No.

9676. Did he vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

9677. That 8*l.* did not include any assistance?—No, nothing.

9678. Who is the next?—1,149, Thomas Harling, householder; he lives in Lancaster.

9679. Is he a householder?—Yes.

9680. How much did he get?—He got 7*l.* 10*s.*

9681. Who is the next?—Thomas Richardson, No. 700, 7*l.* 10*s.*

9682. The next?—I believe that is all.

9683. That is 173*l.*; in what other way did you spend money besides 20*l.* on the voters?—I paid some bills after the election.

9684. What bills did you pay?—There was Richmond, at the "Commercial Inn," at Lancaster, for voters' dinners, and their wives and sweethearts; they all went together.

9685. How much was his bill?—I think it was about 7*l.* I am not quite certain I did not keep an account. I just handed the bill back, but, as near as I can recollect, it was about 7*l.*

9686. Was that a bill that was in Mr. Tilly's account, do you know?—I am not sure; I think it is a bill that I run up on my own ordering.

9687. What is Richardson's house?—The "Commercial Inn," Lancaster; he might charge the money to me and not say anything about it.

9688. You say it was about 7*l.*?—Somewhere about 7*l.*; it might be a few shillings over or under.

9689. What other bill did you pay?—I paid Mrs. Eleanor Hayes, of the "Eagle and Child."

9690. How much?—That was for breakfasts; it was 7*l.*, I think, as near as I can tell.

9691. What other bills?—The Gerrards', of the "Green Dragon."

9692. How much was that?—That was for drink that had been set down, and refreshments.

9693. How much?—That was about 6*l.*

9694. Who else?—I think that was all I paid, as far as I can recollect. I did not keep an account of anything after.

9695. That is all the money you paid?—I think so, except what I spent on the election day, what I had in my pocket.

9696. How much was that?—I cannot say; 5*l.* or 6*l.*

9697. Out of your own money?—Out of my own pocket, but it was Messrs. Fenwick's and Schneider's money; it was from Mr. Welch anyhow.

9698. Where did you get that 5*l.* from; you say out of your own pocket; was it repaid to you?—It was not my own money; it was money I had in my pocket. I did not count what money Mr. Welch gave me, but I spent it.

9699. You kept it apart from your own money and you spent it?—Yes.

9700. It was money to be spent on Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider's election?—Very likely it was.

9701. When you say it was Fenwick and Schneider's money that is what you mean?—Yes.

9702. You say you had this money to pay bills after the election?—On the election day.

9703. A few days after the election you received 18*l.* to pay bills; that was these bills you have spoken of to the amount of 18*l.* or 20*l.*?—I suppose so.

9704. And we understand that the monies you received from Welch you kept entirely for election purposes?—Yes.

9705. And you spent them entirely for election purposes?—Yes.

9706. You did not pay any money of your own?—No.

9707. Where did you pay these voters whose

names you have given to us?—I paid them at the "Commercial Inn."

9708. Who brought them to the "Commercial Inn?"—I told them to come there after they had voted.

9709. When did you tell them that?—As we were coming up on the car.

9710. You brought them from Galgate in the morning on the 'bus?—Yes.

9711. And took them to poll?—Yes; but we talked about that place as a meeting place several times.

9712. And you arranged to meet them at Richardson's, at the "Commercial Inn?"—Yes.

9713. When did you fix the price of votes?—When I had gone down of a night they would ask me how things were running in Lancaster like, and what they were doing, and I said I did not know very particularly; I said, I suppose they would have what other people had, and they said, well, they expected they would have.

9714. When did you finally fix the price?—I do not know that it was really definitely fixed. I said they could believe me, any of them could, and they said they would partly leave it to me.

9715. Then who fixed the price?—I fixed the price after and paid them after.

9716. You fixed the price after the election?—Yes.

9717. How long after voting did you pay them?—As soon as I could.

9718. How soon?—I paid them with the money I had in my pocket, and then got some more as soon as I could.

9719. What made you make a difference between those to whom you paid 7*l.* 10*s.*, and those to whom you paid 10*l.*?—We had some talk about it; but it was not definitely fixed what money they should have before. I asked them if such a thing would do for them before they voted; but we did not say it should be that sum.

9720. Did these men all belong to any one party together?—They were Liberals.

9721. But was there some one person who acted as spokesman for the lot?—I do not know that there was. I used to talk to them; we would talk together and meet together frequently.

9722. With regard to William Mounsey, why did you only give him 7*l.* 10*s.*?—The less I could get them for the better. If they were satisfied, I was satisfied; it was no odds to me.

9723. You have given the names of four Mounseys, there are five on the list?—I have something to say about that.

9724. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There is one James Mounsey?—Yes. I cannot recollect whether I gave him 10*l.* or not. I recollect seeing him there, but whether I gave him the money or not I am not quite certain; and these sums I have here are what I imagine I have given them. I would not swear it is the amount I gave them to a shilling. I kept no account since the election, but it is just what I have drawn up.

1725. But you say James Mounsey?—Yes. I cannot tell whether I gave him any money or who gave him any money; he was one of the same party, but I do not recollect giving him any money. There were four or five of them, and I got rather confused among the Mounseys, and I do not know whether I gave him any money or not.

9726. Was he in the "Commercial Inn" with you?—Yes; he did not come in the same car with me; we had two cars, and some of them came up with the other party.

9727. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did anybody help you in paying these voters; had you any assistance?—There was some one in the room.

9728. Who was that?—John Pilkington.

9729. Was there a man named Wade?—I never saw him in the "Commercial Inn" that I know of.

9730. Who is Wade?—I believe a tailor.

9731. Was he a captain in your district?—I was the captain.

9732. Was he a sub-captain?—I had nothing to do with him at all.

9733. Just say whether he was or not?—He was not that I know of.

9734. Was he a captain in the Galgate district?—I do not know; I was the captain.

9735. Was he assistant captain?—He was frequently down there.

9736. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know Thomas Harling, of Monmouth Street?—I knew him then. I do not know whether I should know him now, if I met him, or not.

9737. Do you know his house?—No.

9738. If you happen to remember about Mounsey please to let us know?—I was confused among them, and I do not know whether I gave him 10*l.* or not. I would not swear it.

9739. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who was working at Galgate on the Conservative side that you have not mentioned?—There was Mr. Alexander Harrison, a musician, and there were others besides.

9740. (*Mr. Newton.*) Just tell us the names?—I have seen Mr. Lawson there, a land surveyor.

9741. Anybody else?—I have also seen Mr. Rothwell there frequently, and I have seen Mr. H. T. Wilson there.

9742. Anybody else?—No. I have also something to say about Mr. John Illingworth. We wanted to trade with him for his vote, and he would not hear of it; he said he had had 12*l.* offered by the other side, by Mr. Starkey, of Ashton Hall, and there was rabbit shooting when he thought fit to go.

9743. What did you get him for?—We did not get him at all. I asked him if 12*l.* of our money was as good as theirs, but he said he would rather have theirs.

9744. Was he a very truthful man?—I never knew anything different of him, and he is fond of rabbit shooting I know.

9745. (*Mr. Newton.*) 12*l.* and a day's rabbit shooting?—More than a day's rabbit shooting if he thought fit; and I asked him if 12*l.* of our money was as good as theirs, and he said no.

9746. You gave us the name of John Illingworth?—This is the father, I think.

9747. Was it the son who told you this?—It was him himself who told me and another young fellow this is John Illingworth, senior.

9748. It was the younger one that you bribed?—It was the younger one that I bribed, and the other I wanted to, but he would not have our money. Mr. Alexander Harrison, the captain of the Conservative party, gave 7*s.* 6*d.* to a banjo woman to sing and play to the voters.

9749. She did not vote?—No, that does not matter.

9750. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Robert Lawson, land surveyor?—Yes.

9751. You said Thomas?—It is Mr. Lawson, the land surveyor, whether it is Robert or Thomas.

9752. Have you any more important misdeeds of the Conservatives than that; any more banjo women?—No, I think that was the only one I saw.

Adjourned for a short time.

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9753. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We understand you wish to make a special statement?—Yes. I wish to mention a few matters that I have remembered since I was here before.

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9754. We should like you to tell us generally, before we hear you, what the nature of your statement is to be?—Monies that I have given to parties.

9755. You are aware that we shall have to call you again on some future occasion?—It is very likely, I think.

9756. But is what you now wish to say something that will assist us in the inquiry we are about making?—Yes; some of the parties you would not be able to get at, I think, unless I told you.

9757. Proceed, then, if you please?—The first memorandum I made was about Mr. Hoskin, of Barrow, and Tinker, who went to the "White Lion." I think I said before that Tinker took that money to the "White Lion;" but Tinker and Hoskin went together, and I believe Hoskin was the man that took the money. Then I gave Richard Cleminson, of Nicholas Street, about 50*l.* for voters; that is another one; the other was George and William Bradshaw, of Market Street. Bradshaw and Standing is the firm. I think he would have about 20*l.*, but he brought some of it back. You asked me something about Littledale before, and I did not remember; I believe that is it.

9758. The next?—I do not know whether you got Joseph Smith's name down for the Halton district.

9759. Yes, you gave us that?—Did you get the money?

9760. No?—It was, I believe, 30*l.*

9761. Any other?—I gave Wade 15*l.* for two voters at Galgate, and Peter Moore 16*l.* for two voters.

9762. What voters did he say they were?—I do not know.

9763. I do not mean the name, but where they came from?—I really cannot tell; he told me their names at the time, but I do not remember them now. I also paid Akey Welch's wife 10*l.* for her husband.

9764. That was in effect for her husband's vote?—It was. I paid four men on the afternoon of the election, who were workers and voters in Penny Street, 10*l.* each. They came to me for the money about 4 o'clock.

9765. What were their names?—Thomas Anderson, William Bleasdale, Barber, and a man of the name of Pimm; I do not know his christian name; there are a good many of them; there are two families of them.

9766. If I were to read over their names should you be able to tell me?—I do not know them personally; he was an oldish man, Reuben Pimm; John Pimm.

9767. Where does Reuben Pimm live?—At St. George's Quay. I do not know his christian name; he was an elderly man.

9768. Where did he come from?—He was in the Penny Street district. I could get his name from Anderson and Bleasdale, who came with him, and I think the other man was James Tomlinson, but he was not a voter, but was rather an active man, and was paid for working.

9769. (*Mr. Hill.*) Those were 10*l.* each?—They were 10*l.* each.

9770. What was the other non-elector's name?—James Tomlinson.

9771. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understood you to say that you paid all these people with your own hands?—I did, these four men.

9772. But all the others as well?—Yes, that is Smith and Bradshaw.

9773. And Wade and Moore, and Akey Welch?—Yes, and William Stewartson; I think you have not got that. He came up into the room once or twice during the day of the election, and I should give him from 20*l.* to 30*l.*; he came for the money for voters; it would be, I should think, from 25*l.* to 30*l.*

9774. I will take it to be 25*l.*, would that be right, do you think?—I think so; it would be somewhere thereabouts; and I sent 10*l.* to Lawson Swain, who was very ill and was taken up in a fly. Somebody had promised him 10*l.*, and I cannot remember who fetched the money; but it went to him.

9775. He is a householder?—I think he is. That is all the money that I can remember now.

9776. How came you to remember these different sums you have just now told us of?—From Mr. Wearing and I going over the list and reading over all the evidence that had been taken and thinking about it.

9777. Have you any memoranda?—No, not one.

9778. Is there anything else that you wish to add?—Yes. With regard to the money that I had there will be a little mistake in that. I was at Carnforth on business yesterday, and while I was waiting for my train the Ulverston train came up, and Mr. Schneider came up in it; he came up to me, and he said, "Welch, there is a little mistake in your money that you have accounted for." I said, "Is it the 500*l.* that you changed at the bank that would be in that parcel that was found in the room?"

9779. "Is it as to 500*l.* changed by you at the bank?"—That was the substance of it. He said it was 500*l.*; 500*l.* was the difference. The words he made use of was: he said, "I shall tell the Commissioners all about it when I come up, and you had "better explain it before;" and he went on to say: "I had 1,000*l.* from Barrow, 3,500*l.* from Coulston, and a 500*l.* note I changed into gold." He said, "That is the exact money I found, besides the 55*l.* you got in December."

9780. Did anything else pass between you?—Nothing about money matters, except about the election generally. He was going shooting. There was nothing more about that. He said that was the exact money he found, and he should tell the Commissioners when he came up; he did make use of another expression. He said, "It is of no use; if I were to "attempt to fence before the Commissioners I could "not; it is not in me." I have omitted, I see from this memorandum, three names of parties who had money; one of them is Christopher Hudson.

9781. Who is Hudson?—He lives on the Greaves. A man of the name of Wilson, in Cardwell's Yard, and Moloney, a shoemaker.

9782. Do you know Moloney's address?—He was in Market Street, but he has left now, and I do not know where he is. Those three sums were given by me to Colonel Yeadall, and he told me their names; he is not a voter.

9783. What sums were they respectively?—Two tens and a five; 10*l.* to Hudson, 10*l.* to Wilson, and 5*l.* to Moloney; 25*l.* altogether.

9784. Who is Colonel Yeadall?—He is a gentleman, a retired military officer, who lives on the Greaves.

9785. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you any more names on that list that you have in your hand?—No.

9786. Just hand it up. (*The list is handed to the Commissioners.*) Did you understand that these sums were given for the votes of the persons you have named?—He did not tell me the names at the time, but he has told me since.

9787. When did he tell you since?—Last Sunday afternoon. He had told me Hudson's name before, but I did not know of the other two.

9788. Did you understand that those sums were given for their votes?—Certainly. He got 6*l.* besides for a man named Bailey, who had been paid by Knowles Harrison, but the man brought it back again.

9789. (*Mr. Hill.*) Christopher Hudson is a surgeon's assistant in Scotland?—He is.

9790. Where does Wilson live?—It is Cardwell's Yard, Market Street.

9791. And Wilson is John Wilson, a tailor; is that right?—I do not know. I do not know the man.

9792. Did Barrow return the money?—Yes, he did.

9793. To you?—No, not to me, but I got the money.

9794. From whom?—From Mr. Wearing. I believe he brought it to Mr. Wearing.

9795. (*Mr. Hill.*) You do not know Wilson's

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christian name nor his trade?—I believe he is a shoemaker. I do not know the man, but I believe he is a shoemaker.

9796. There is no Wilson down here a shoemaker. The only three Wilsons who voted for Fenwick and Schneider are Robert Wilson, of Penny Street, tailor; George Wilson, of Union Square, tailor, and John Wilson, of Market Street, tailor?—That would be him; it is in Market Street, Cardwell's Yard.

9797. He is a tailor?—I have a sort of indistinct recollection that the Colonel told me he worked for Moloney, that made me think he was a shoemaker; it may not be Wilson at all.

9798. Have you anything more to add?—Unless there are more names on that paper that I have not given you.

9799. I see Richard Welch down, and another name, J. Western?—Yes, 10*l.*; I took them rather crosswise when I gave them to you.

9800. Just take the list again. (*The list is handed to the witness.*)—Hoskin, Cleminson, Stewartson, Bradshaw, four men in Penny Street, Joseph Smith, J. Western (he is in the same line in that paper and I missed his name).

9801. We had not got Western before; who is Western?—He is a man living at Bolton; he formerly lived in Lancaster.

9802. Is it John Western, of China Lane, bookkeeper?—That would be him, but he did not live there.

9803. How did you give him this 10*l.*?—That was an engagement for his services.

9804. Who paid him?—I am not aware whether I paid him myself or not, but he was paid. If I did not give it myself I should give it to somebody to give him.

9805. Then there is some other sum?—Yes, Richard Welch, 4*l.* or 5*l.*; that was a very old man, who ought not to have been brought. I went to see him before the election and asked the doctor if he was fit to be removed, and he said he was not: he is a relation of mine, and I gave orders that he was not to be brought; but somebody went and fetched him in the afternoon and I did not know it.

9806. What relation is he of yours?—He was an uncle of mine; he is dead now; he was my father's brother.

9807. Did they kill him bringing him here?—No, he was better, singular to say.

9808. Which did him good, the journey or the money?—I fancy the shaking did him good; he never got any money himself, but his son's wife got a sovereign, or else 2*l.* and some clothes for him, which would amount to, I think, 4*l.* or 5*l.* that he would get.

9809. He wore the clothes, I suppose?—I really cannot tell.

9810. He knew where they came from?—I do not know, I never saw him at all, it was his son's wife I gave it to.

9811. How much do you put him down for altogether?—4*l.*

9812. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you any other names? Just look through your paper and see?—(*After referring to the paper.*) I think I have read them all.

9813. Are those all the names you remember?—They are all I remember at present.

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9814. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You keep the "White Lion?"—Yes.

9815. I forget in what street?—In Penny Street.

9816. You were very active in the last election, that we know; are you an old electioneerer?—No. I have had nothing to do with electioneering only these last five elections.

9817. First, I will ask you about the money that you have received yourself to pay to others. What gross sum have you received for the last election?—I think about 47*l.*

9818. From whom did you receive that?—I received 3*l.* from Mr. Hartley, in Penny Street, first.

9819. Who is Hartley, of Penny Street?—A grocer.

9820. Christopher Hartley?—Christopher Hartley.

9821. What is the next?—The next was the money that Mr. Welch told you of.

9822. But we want to take it from you?—16*l.* I paid that out of my own pocket, and he paid it to me after the election.

9823. What other sum?—The next was 18*l.* from Mr. Hosking, the man that was in my house.

9824. The same person that was called Captain Hosking?—Yes.

9825. How did you dispose of this money?—I received 10*l.* more from Mr. Robert Shackleton, of Morecambe.

9826. Was that all you received?—Well, I am not sure whether I received 8*l.* from Hoskin or not for John Hartley. I think Mr. Hoskin paid it his own-self. He went into the room to him.

9827. Were you present or in the house at the time?—Yes, I was in the house.

9828. You do not know whether you received it and gave it to him from Mr. Hoskin, or whether Mr. Hosking paid it to him in your presence?—Yes, I am sure which.

9829. Which Hartley?—John Hartley, in Leonard Gate.

9830. Is he a freeman?—I do not know whether he is a freeman or not.

9831. Perhaps it is John Roland Hartley, in Nicholas Street?—I do not know. He is a man that I did not know till Tinker mentioned him, but I recollect taking him upstairs. That is all.

9832. How did you spend this money that you received?—The first 3*l.* I gave to Henry Wilson for the election before. He said he would not go for us unless he got 3*l.* that he had spent the election before.

9833. Who is he?—He is a butcher in the shambles. He would be down for Penny Street, perhaps.

9834. (*Mr. Newton.*) Which way did he vote?—He voted for the Conservatives.

9835. That is Henry Wilson, of Penny Street?—Yes.

9836. You paid him his 3*l.*?—Yes.

9837. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who is the next?—The next was Roger Birkett, 8*l.*, in Quernmore; he is a freeman.

9838. Now the next, if you please?—George Rowlond Knott, a butcher; the next was John Kitchen, a stonemason, of Morecambe, 8*l.*

9839. The next?—James Verden, of Church Street.

9840. How much?—10*l.*

9841. Who else?—Thomas Cunningham, cork cutter, Damside Street. He is a householder.

9842. How much?—10*l.*

9843. (*Mr. Newton.*) He came from Ireland, did he not?—Yes.

9844. Now the next?—That will be all.

9845. What do you mean when you say you paid Cunningham, did you pay him with your own hands?—Yes. I think Edward Hutchinson got the money to pay him with, and gave it to Robert Shackleton, and he could not get him to go, and so I got the money from Mr. Shackleton, and went and paid him with my own hands.

9846. Shackleton could not get him?—No.

9847. Did you spend any other money?—Yes, 6*l.* I spent before the election. Mr. Welch paid me that back after the election.

9848. That you spent in treating, I suppose?—Yes.

9849. Not at your own house?—No.

9850. Your own house was a sort of head-quarters, was it?—Yes.

9851. What sum altogether did you receive in your our own house?—62*l.*

9852. That was the amount of your bill altogether?—No. There was 10*l.* for the house as well.

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9853. That would be 72*l.*?—Yes.

9854. Who paid you that money ?—Mr. Welch.

9855. All ?—Yes.

9856. About what time did you begin to furnish refreshments to voters ?—On the nomination day.

9857. Then none of this is for refreshments furnished before the nomination day ?—No, I think not.

9858. When did you cease to furnish what I may call gratuitous refreshment ?—Well, I do not know. I am sure it would be that afternoon some time, but I could not tell.

9859. The afternoon of the nomination day ?—Yes. I was not at home during the afternoon much.

9860. You did not furnish any refreshments at the candidates' expense after the election day ?—No.

9861. Do you know how this refreshment was supplied ?—No, I do not know. Altogether there were a good few breakfasts.

9162. What I wish to know is whether anyone who came in could have refreshments ?—No, not anyone could not.

9863. But refreshment was not limited to voters ?—No.

9864. What line did you draw between those who could not have refreshment and those who could ?—Chiefly parties brought them. Mr. Wise brought a good few from Heysham, and brought them to our house; and Mr. Hartley, from Morecambe, told them to come to our place.

9865. May we take it that whoever had refreshments required some introduction from some one that you knew ?—Yes.

9866. I suppose refreshments were furnished at your house before the election ?—Yes.

9867. To people concerned in the election ?—Yes.

9868. How were those refreshments paid for ?—They were all paid at the finish, I think, for anything I know.

9869. Were they booked, or were they paid at the time ?—There was nothing booked, only for them two days.

9870. To whom did you book refreshments ?—I booked them to the committee of Mr. Schneider and Fenwick.

9871. Then the refreshments that were furnished before the nomination day were paid for as they were had ?—Yes.

9872. How soon before the nomination day did people connected with the election begin to come to your house ?—They were coming for a fortnight, I should think.

9873. Did they stay there all night ?—No.

9874. They were turned out at 12 o'clock were they ?—Yes. They were turned out at the same time as any other person was turned out.

9875. Can you give us any idea how many people were drinking there at any one time ?—No, I do not know I am sure. There were a good few people that did not belong to the election that came as well ; they paid for their own drink did the people that came for the election at that time.

9876. Did people begin to come to your house as soon as it was opened in the morning ?—Yes, sometimes they did.

9877. And they continued there more or less all day ?—They were backward and forward, but what they got, they paid for themselves.

9878. When one came another went, and so on ?—Yes.

9879. You were paid a very large sum for conveyances ?—Yes.

9880. 160*l.* ?—184*l.* altogether.

9881. I will first ask you how that was paid ?—Mr. Tilley paid me the money. He paid me 160*l.* at first ; he sent it down to my house by his clerk.

9882. I think you say the first sum was 160*l.* ?—Yes.

9883. You gave him a receipt, I suppose ?—Yes, I receipted the bill.

9884. When did you receive the second payment ?—It would be two or three weeks after that.

9885. When did you receive the first payment, how soon after the election ?—I think it would not be above a week or 10 days.

9886. How soon after that did you receive the last?—Perhaps it might be a fortnight or three weeks.

9887. I suppose you keep books ?—Yes.

9888. And this amount was entered in your books ?—That 24*l.* ; that is for canvassing.

9889. That is not what I am asking you about, I did not know anything of that ?—The other was a contract that I made with them for the nomination day and the election day, for horses. That was a contract which was made before for them two days.

9890. But it was entered in your books ?—No, it was not ; not the 160*l.*

9891. How comes that ?—We made a contract for so many horses, and so many carriages, for so much money, so I had no occasion to enter it.

9892. Would you not enter it in your books ?—No. I think it is not entered at all in my books; the other is for canvassing.

9893. How came you not to enter that 160*l.* in your books ?—I had a paper from Mr. Tilly, you know, for the amount. He gave me one paper and kept one himself.

9894. An agreement ?—Yes.

9895. As a matter of keeping your own account, would you not enter this in your books ?—No; if it is entered it would only be entered the full amount, but I am not certain whether it is entered or not.

9896. Have you not entered in your books—received of Mr. Tilly 160*l.*, or whatever the sum was ?—I do not know whether I have entered it in the book or not, but the other is entered. I had a deal of the 160*l.* to pay for horses that I engaged.

9897. (*Mr. Newton.*) You received the money ?—I received the money and paid other parties out of it.

9898. (*Mr. Barstow.*) This 160*l.* is a considerable sum; is it not entered in your cash book ?—I do not keep a cash book.

9899. How was it paid to you ?—It was paid all at once.

9900. How ?—It was wrapped up in a piece of paper.

9910. Was it gold ?—Gold ; it was all gold, I believe, every bit of it.

9902. If it is entered in any book, in what book is it entered ?—It will be in the book that I enter the work that my horses do in.

9903. What do you call that book ?—I do not know; it is a book that I keep on that account, and for nothing else.

9904. It is a book in which you keep an account of your carriage department ?—Yes.

9905. You have a book then, I suppose, in which you keep an account of all your horses and conveyances ?—Yes.

9906. Your disbursements and receipts with respect to your conveyances ?—Yes.

9907. And that you keep at your own house ?—Yes.

9908. It is strange that you should have any doubt about it. Have you any doubt at all that you entered that sum of 160*l.* in that book ?—I am sure I cannot say whether I did or not, but if I did it will be at the top of the other. It will be at the top of a leaf. I put it all down by itself on one leaf, and put it all together.

9909. You put all the election account on one leaf together ?—Yes.

9910. Now we must have that book. Where is it ? Tell us, and we will send for it ?—The mistress knows where it is. It is in a drawer just in the bar, but she will not know which book. It is not the book that we are using now.

9911. But the last year's account ?—Yes. (*A messenger is directed by the Commissioners to procure the book from the house of the witness.*)

9912. Now as to the 24*l.* Is that entered in the same book ?—Yes, it will all be together, if the other be with it, I am sure.

9913. How soon after the election was this account settled and squared ?—I think it would not be more than a month altogether.

9914. Were you engaged at all in canvassing yourself ?—I was down at Morecambe with Mr. Hartley four or five times.

9915. What Mr. Hartley ?—Mr. Hartley, of Penny Street.

9916. You were in your house at the time that Mr. Hosking was in your room upstairs ?—Yes.

9917. You saw the voters go into the room in which Mr. Hosking was for the purpose of being paid ?—I did not see everybody go in. I was not upstairs. I saw people come into the house, and I told them to go upstairs to that room.

9918. I am sure you will tell us if you can. We want to know the names of those who were paid by Captain Hosking ?—I cannot tell how many of them; I might, perhaps, tell you two or three.

9919. Give us the two or three ?—John Cottam was one. He is a householder.

9920. Of Marsh Lane ?—Yes.

9921. Do you know what he got ?—I believe he got 8*l.*

9922. Can you tell us any other name ?—William Sharples, of Galgate.

9923. I have him down as paid by Balls ?—I do not know. He went upstairs, and I heard upstairs that he got 10*l.* I did not see him get it.

9924. Can you give us any other name ?—I do not know, not to be sure. There was a good many up. The stairs were full generally, and I could not remember the names.

9925. I am quite aware of the difficulty, but you have only given us two names ?—There was a deal went up when I was not there.

9926. I daresay you were in and out of the house the whole time, were you ?—No, I went out with the men that I paid, to vote myself.

9927. Do you know John Robinson ?—No.

9928. Or James Robinson ?—No.

9229. What Sharples was the man you paid ? Was he a shoemaker ?—Yes.

9930. Where does he live ?—At Galgate. It was John Pye who brought him to me, and I told him to take him upstairs.

9931. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Just try if you cannot give us another name ?—I do not know that I can. So many went that I am sure I cannot recollect their names.

9932. Do you remember any other man from Galgate ?—No, I do not remember any other from Galgate.

9933. You really say that those are the only two names you can give us ?—They are indeed. I could not mention any more. There might be more, and me not see them, I cannot say.

9934. You have given your evidence so like a respectable man that I am unwilling to believe you are concealing anything ; but two names out of the number is very small ?—I cannot remember any more. There were some that voted before they came to our house. John Preston and a few came in, but I think they had voted before that.

9935. You know the room where Tinker and Hosking were ?—Yes.

9936. And you knew that they were there at the time ?—Yes, I did.

9937. Should you be able, do you think, to furnish us with any names to-morrow, or at any subsequent time ?—I cannot tell. If I know any I will, but I cannot remember any more.

9938. You have told us that your house was full of men who voted ?—It was full of them that had voted and had not voted.

9939. Full of voters at all events ?—Yes. There were more in than voters, perhaps.

9940. Have you never heard any conversation about it since ?—No, I have not.

9941. Two names out of so many are so very few ?—There were so many there that I do not know.

9942. I suppose you knew most of these voters that were in your house ?—No ; there was a deal that I did not know. There was very few that I knew among them. They are not in the habit of coming to my house.

9943. I think most of them seem to know you, to judge by the evidence they have given here ?—There is not so many of them knows me, I think.

9944. Did you yourself take any voters to the room where Captain Hosking was ?—No, I think I took none, only Cottam, upstairs. That was all.

9945. (*Mr. Newton.*) How many paying parties were there in your house ?—There was only Mr. Hosking that I know.

9946. Was not Hutchinson there ?—Edward Hutchinson, he was upstairs.

9947. That was one ?—Yes, and Tinker.

9948. That was two ?—Mr. Wise was up with them after they came from Heysham.

9949. Was there not a third paying party ?—Not that I am aware of.

9950. Only those two ?—No, I did not see any more.

(*The book before referred to is brought by the messenger to the Commissioners.*)

9951. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you enter the account for canvassing in one sum in your book ? I am now upon the sum of money that was paid you for the hire of carriages and was paid you for canvassing. Did you enter that in one sum in your book ?—No. I think it is written up at the bottom with the other. That is all.

9952. You have entered the items ?—Yes.

9953. And then added them together ?—Yes. It will be at the far end of the book, I believe, if you have got the right book.

9954. Will you look at that book, and tell us if that is the right book ; you know your book again ?—This is the last year's book. I do not know whether this is the right one or not.

9955. (*Mr. Hill.*) Can you read ?—Yes.

9956. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you keep that book yourself ?—No, one of my children keeps it. The 160*l.* is not down, I see.

9957. You have no entry of "paid" to this ?—The book is done with altogether. I have got it paid.

9958. You have told us that this sum of 24*l.* is entered in some book ?—It is only entered in that book ; it is not entered in any other.

9959. What do you do with your money when you receive it ?—I generally put it by until I want it.

9960. You do not pay it into a bank, do you ?—No.

9961. What did you do with the sum of 160*l.* when you received it ?—I paid the parties for their carriages, and the other I kept for myself.

9962. (*Mr. Hill.*) I suppose you kept an account of the parties you paid ?—No, I did not.

9963. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Shall you be able to tell us from that book, or from any other book, when that sum of 24*l.* was paid to you ?—It was about three weeks or a month after the election, but Mr. Tilly will have the account.

9964. You say it was paid within a month after the election ?—Yes, I think it was.

9965. When did you send in your account ?—I sent it in about two or three days after the election.

9966. Did you send it all in in one account ?—I am not sure, I think not.

9967. Did you send the two accounts in at the same time ?—No. I had a paper belonging to the other, and I should receipt the paper with the amount on that Mr. Tilly gave me.

9968. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you ever see Captain Hosking before that morning ?—Never in my life.

9969. Who brought him to your house ?—I think Alfred Tinker and him came together.

9970. Did you say anything when they came ?—Nothing at all.

9971. You took it as a matter of course ?—They went into the bedroom there.

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9972. How long do you think they remained there ?—They remained there, I think, till a little after three.

9973. Were there any voters left in the house when he went away that had not voted ?—Not that I am aware of.

9974. You think he had paid them all up ?—I do not know, I am sure.

9975. You were not in Court when Tinker gave his evidence, were you ?—Yes.

9976. Did you ever go and knock at the door when any voters wanted to be paid ?—I only went once, and that was the time I got 18*l.* from him.

9977. To whom did you give that ?—I paid 10*l.* to James Verden, and 8*l.* to John Kitchen, of Morecambe.

9978. You got that money from Hosking ?—Yes.

9979. You accounted for that in the 47*l.* you got before the election ?—Yes, that was the only time I was in the room.

9980. Did Wise ever go and knock at the door ?—I do not know.

9981. Did you ever see Wise take up anybody ?—No, I do not know that I saw him take anybody up. I wish to mention about this 3*l.* that I paid to Mr. Wilson. He promised to vote for us if I would get him this 3*l.*, and afterwards I could not get him. John Swainson, a butcher, told me that there were five of them got 12*l.* each—Henry Wilson, John Swainson, William Gill, Septimus Hodgson, and William Thornton.

9982. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did he tell you who gave them the money ?—Yes.

9983. Who was it?—He told me that William Backhouse said that he gave them 12*l.* each. John Bleasdale was with me at the time he told us.

9984. Have you anything else to tell us ?—No.

T. Wise.

THOMAS WISE recalled and further examined.

9985. (*Mr. Newton.*) You have now had some time to refresh your memory ; can you now tell us any names of those who you took up to Tinker ?—I cannot tell you any names.

9986. Your memory is all a blank ?—I just took them up, and forgot them as soon as I delivered them. I could not have told you the next day scarcely. I took up a good many.

9987. How many do you think you took up ?—Twelve or fourteen. I can tell you one circumstance. After I had done my part with the Heysham votes, I looked about the town to see if I could see anyone that had not polled ; and going through China Lane there was a scuffle at the "Mitre Inn." The Conservatives had hold of a voter there. There was a sort of a fight for him ; "Riley" was his name. I went into the "Mitre Inn ;" the struggle was in the house, and I found we were rather the weaker party, so I raised a little more strength, and we took him away from them.

9988. What did you give him to go and vote ?—I took him to the "White Lion," and after he had recalled a little, I took him to vote.

9989. How much did you give him to vote ?—Nothing.

9990. What is the use of telling us that ; we did not ask you for that kind of information ?—Stop a bit, you come to conclusions too soon. I saw 10*l.* upon a form close beside him.

9991. Beside whom ?—Riley ; and he pocketed it.

9992. Where does George Riley live ?—He lives in Church Street.

9993. Who was in the room?—I can hardly tell you.

9994. Who put the 10*l.* on the form ?—I cannot tell. I saw it beside him on the form.

9995. Was it Tinker's party that did it ?—I do not know that it was Tinker.

9996. Was it his party ?—Yes.

9997. Did Hosking do it ?—I cannot say who put the money there.

9998. Is that the only name you can give me ?—There was a person of the name of Winder.

9999. We have got him. What is his christian name ?—I do not know. He is a sawyer, and works in the Canal Company's yard ; and I think there was another man of the name of Fox.

10,000. What did they get ?—I cannot tell you, I never saw them get anything.

10,001. Did they take up anything from the form ?—No, I do not say that.

10,002. Where did they go ?—To the "White Lion."

10,003. Did they go to Hosking's room ?—I cannot say whether they went to Hosking or Hutchinson.

10,004. They went to one of them ?—Yes.

10,005. Do you know what is the christian name of Fox ?—No, I do not.

10,006. Do you know where he lives ?—I think he lives somewhere about Leonard Gate, I am not positive.

10,007. Do you know what his trade is ?—He works at the Canal Company's yard.

10,008. "Andrew Fox, George Street, labourer," is that the man ?—I do not know his christian name, and I do not know where he lives.

10,009. Is he a householder ?—No, he would be a freeman.

10,010. Do you know whether he lives in Lancaster ?—When I recollect right, I think his name is Procter.

10,011. Is he the man from Galgate ?—No, he works at the Canal Company's yard.

10,012. "Procter, William, Leonard Gate, smith ?"—Yes, that is him. He and Winder were together.

10,013. They went up to Hosking's party ?—Yes. I also took up Jackson from Overton. He is a smith.

10,014. That is William Jackson, junior ?—Is he a smith ?

10,015. Yes ?—That would be him.

10,016. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He voted for Lawrence ?—Yes, I know he did. He got paid at the "White Lion" room, I believe, and then he got paid by the other party also.

10,017. He took it twice ?—Yes, I believe so.

10,018. Whose party do you think paid him at the "White Lion ?"—I cannot say. I did not see any paid.

10,019. Which do you think ?—I do not know whether it would be Hosking or Hutchinson. There would be three paying there, and I cannot charge my memory who paid him. I think he got 7*l.* 10*s.*, but I cannot be certain.

10,020. Now tell us another or two ?—I cannot tell any more now ; I am called upon so suddenly that I cannot recollect.

10,021. You have had the whole day to it ; you have been sitting in Court for the last two hours ?—I was not thinking any more about it.

10,022. That is what you were put there for. Just try and see if you cannot recollect some more ?—No, I cannot recollect any more.

10,023. You have given us four, cannot you give me another ?—I cannot tell you any more, not at present.

10,024. Could you tell us any more to-morrow ?—If I could I would. I promise you, if I can recollect any more, I will come and tell you without any more trouble at all.

10,025. Come and tell us to-morrow if you recollect any more ?—I will with pleasure.

10,026. (*Mr. Hill.*) How old are you ?—Sixty-seven.

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JOHN PILKINGTON sworn and examined. *J. Pilkington.*

10,027. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Galgate.

10,028. What are you?—A book-keeper.

10,029. Were you assistant captain at Galgate?—Yes.

10,030. When did you work at the election?—About a fortnight previous to the election.

10,031. Going about canvassing and drinking?—No.

10,032. Canvassing?—No.

10,033. What did you do?—Just merely went with the voters to the houses.

10,034. Did you stand them drink?—Yes, a little.

10,035. I suppose you did not get the drink for nothing?—No, I paid for it.

10,036. You paid for it yourself?—Yes.

10,037. How much did you pay for drinking and refreshment before the election?—Perhaps about 2*l.* 13*s.*

10,038. Is that all?—That was all.

10,039. How much money did you receive?—3*l.*

10,040. Altogether how much money did you receive?—3*l.* altogether.

10,041. Is that all that you have received?—Yes.

10,042. From anybody?—Yes, that was all I received altogether.

10,043. From whom did you receive that?—From Mr. Henry Welch.

10,044. When?—About a week after the election.

10,045. Then you got a matter of 7*s.* in your pocket?—No.

10,046. How did you spend that?—I paid 6*s.* for the busses going to Galgate and back again with the voters.

10,047. Do you know of any Conservative captains in the Galgate district?—Only those mentioned by Mr. Bradshaw.

10,048. Did you get anything for your trouble?—No, nothing; there would be just a balance, perhaps, of 3*d.* or 4*d.* out of the 3*l.*; that is all I got.

10,049. Did you see any money paid for any votes?—In Galgate?

10,050. Yes?—No, I did not.

10,051. Did you see any money paid for votes anywhere?—I saw Mr. Bradshaw pay the Galgate voters.

10,052. (*Mr. Hill.*) You saw Bradshaw pay the voters that you brought up in the busses?—Yes; I was with Bradshaw.

ROBERT ILLINGWORTH sworn and examined. *R. Illingworth.*

10,053. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A mechanic.

10,054. Where do you live?—At Galgate.

10,055. Are you a Liberal?—Yes.

10,056. Were you engaged at the last election?—Yes.

10,057. As an assistant captain in the Galgate district?—Yes.

10,058. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the last election?—8*l.*

10,059. From whom did you receive that?—Mr. Bradshaw.

10,060. When did you receive it?—About three days after the election.

10,061. What other monies did you receive?—None.

10,062. Did you receive nothing for refreshments of any sort?—No.

10,063. Was 8*l.* the whole of the money you received?—Yes.

10,064. How did you spend it?—I received it for my vote and assistance.

10,065. And you voted Fenwick and Schneider in consequence?—Yes.

BENJAMIN MILLS affirmed and examined. *B. Mills.*

10,066. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your occupation?—A grocer.

10,067. Where do you live?—In Ullswater Road, Lancaster.

10,068. You were engaged on the Liberal side at the last election?—Yes.

10,069. What money did you receive?—33*l.* from Mr. Henry Welch.

10,070. In what district were you engaged?—At Quernmore.

10,071. When did you receive 33*l.*?—13*l.* on the nomination day, and 20*l.* the day of the election.

10,072. How did you spend it?—4*l.* to Thomas Kelsall, the other captain, for expenses.

10,073. Was that preliminary expenses?—I do not know whether it was preliminary or not.

10,074. The next?—James Birkett, of Wyresdale, farmer, 3*l.*

10,075. What was that for?—His vote and day's wage. Joseph Kelsall, Quernmore, 3*l.*

10,076. What is he?—A husbandman. 10*s.* to a person at the White Lion, who said he would not go and vote unless he had it for the expenses of his son coming to vote; I believe his name was Casson; he is an Heysham voter.

10,077. Who next?—10*s.* to Thomas Kelsall, junior, West View, for his expenses. I paid the account for dinners, &c., at the "Commercial Inn." I do not know whether it was a little under or over 4*l.*; but I will say 4*l.* I gave the voucher to Henry Welch.

10,078. What was the next payment?—Expenses of going to Quernmore, and treating here at Lancaster, 3*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, that is for the conveyances, and horses, and treating; and 14*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* I returned to Henry Welch.

10,079. Is that all the money you spent?—Yes, so far as I know.

10,080. I think we have not got the Conservative captain in your district?—Thomas Cranston, steward for Mr. Garnett, late member for this borough. He was very active offering 4*l.*, 6*l.*, 8*l.*, and 10*l.* for votes. So, I think, I got mine pretty cheap.

10,081. (*Mr. Hill.*) We will hope Mr. Garnett does not know of it?—It is rather doubtful, I think.

10,082. He was very active?—Yes, very active.

10,083. Is there anyone else?—Richard Parkinson.

10,084. What is his address?—Cast Mill, Quernmore. I believe they have a warehouse in Lancaster.

10,085. Are those all the Conservative captains?—I have heard of Lieutenant Whalley being up there.

10,086. Do not mention names unless you are sure, or else we shall have a repetition of what we have had to-day—bringing a voter from Liverpool for nothing is no joke?—I have heard of his being there and treating the voters and asking for votes. I should not mention it unless I had heard something about it.

10,087. He was very active?—I do not know. I heard of him treating voters and asking for votes for Mr. Lawrence.

10,088. Is there anyone else?—Not that I am aware of.

10,089. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did Mr. Welch give you anything for your trouble?—4*s.* 6*d.* he returned.

THOMAS KELSALL affirmed and examined. *T. Kelsall.*

10,090. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A grocer.

10,091. Where do you live?—Moor Lane.

10,092. What part did you take in the election of 1865?—I was an assistant at Quernmore.

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10,093. What money did you receive ?—*6l.*

10,094. From whom ?—*2l.* from Wearing and *4l.* from Mills.

10,095. What is Mr. Mills's christian name ?—Benjamin.

10,096. That is all you received ?—Yes.

10,097. How did you spend it ?—First, I gave *5s.* to Henry Gorst.

10,098. Is he a voter ?—Yes.

10,099. What did you give him *5s.* for ? Was he to give his vote for that ?—It was for expenses. It was a fortnight before the election. We were going up canvassing in Quernmore, and he went along with me, and I gave him *5s.* for spending money.

10,100. For a day's assistance ?—Yes.

10,101. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is it Henry Gorst, Church Street, Lancaster ?—Yes ; he went to the other side.

10,102. (*Mr. Newton.*) To whom else did you pay any money ?—No one, except for the horse we had borrowed.

10,103. How much did you pay for that ?—*3s.*

10,104. Did you buy any votes ?—No.

10,105. What did you do with the remainder of the money ?—There was drink.

10,106. How much did you keep for yourself ?—I took it twice ; *1l.* from Wearing one day, and *1l.* another.

10,107. Just attend to me. You say you got *6l.* ; *2l.* from Mr. Wearing and *4l.* from Mills. How did you spend that *6l.* ?—I gave Joshua Kelsall *5s.* after he had voted, and Joseph Kelsall *10s.* ; and a person I employed with whom I was acquainted in the town, and he made himself generally useful, *15s.*

10,108. What is his name ?—Chambers.

10,109. What was your next payment ?—The remainder was spent, I think, generally in drink during the 14 days.

10,110. You spent the remaining *5l.* in drink and refreshments ?—Yes, for anything I know. We made ourselves generally free with voters, and some acquaintances as well, during the 14 days.

10,111. How long have you been in Court—all day ?—Yes.

10,112. I think you are rather thirsty now, are you not ?—No, I am not very thirsty. I did not drink at all myself. I remember giving Roger Birkett *1s.*

W. Dowthwaite.

WILLIAM DOWTHWAITE sworn and examined.

10,113. What are you ?—A silk spinner.

10,114. Where do you live ?—In Nelson Street.

10,115. Are you a labourer ?—Yes.

10,116. What part did you take in the last election ?—Looking after the voters.

10,117. In the Dalton Square district ?—No, in Monmouth Street.

10,118. That is part of the district which we have called Dalton Square district ?—Yes.

10,119. Are you a voter ?—No.

10,120. What money did you receive at the last election ?—None but *10s.* for two days' wages.

10,121. Is that all you know about the election ?—That is all the money I got or all I saw.

10,122. Did you assist Liver ?—No.

10,123. Did you assist poor Nixon, who is dead ?—Yes.

10,124. What was Nixon doing at the last election ?—He was looking after the voters.

10,125. Did you see him take any voters to be paid ?—Yes.

10,126. Where did he take them to ?—To his house.

10,127. What was Nixon ?—He was a landlord.

10,128. Of a public-house ?—Yes, a jerry-shop.

10,129. How many voters did Nixon take to his house to be paid ?—I cannot tell exactly.

10,130. Five or six ?—Yes, all that.

10,131. Ten or a dozen ?—No.

10,132. Six or seven ? Come, out with it ; do not give me all this trouble. A man of your years, and, I hope I may say, understanding, can arrive at a number without my putting it to you as if you were a child. How many was it ?—I cannot say.

10,133. Was it eight or nine ?—Five or six, I think.

10,134. Now give me their names ?—There were two Nelsons.

10,135. What were their christian names ?—I do not know.

10,136. What part of the world did they come from—Dalton Square, Lancaster ?—No, Upper Bulk Street.

10,137. Was one of them "William Nelson, Upper Bulk Street, plumber ?"—I do not know what occupation he followed.

10,138. He lived in Upper Bulk Street ?—Yes.

10,139. Was his christian name William ?—I cannot say as to that.

10,140. Was the other a coachsmith who lived in Upper Bulk Street ?—The other was his son.

10,141. Was he a coachsmith ?—I do not know what their occupation was.

10,142. Did he live in Upper Bulk Street with his father ?—I do not know that either.

10,143. Did he live in Upper Bulk Street ?—I do not know.

10,144. Who were the others ? I shall have to send for the man with the bunch of nettles if you do not go on ?—I do not recollect.

10,145. Who else was there besides the two Nelsons ?—There were two who received, but not at his house.

10,146. Who were they ?—Brewer and son.

10,147. William Brewer, and William Brewer, junior ?—Yes.

10,148. Where did they receive ?—At their own house, so he told me.

10,149. What did he say he had given them ?—He did not say what he had given them.

10,150. You know pretty well what it was ?—*8l.*, I believe, each.

10,151. How do you know it ?—I heard that was the sum agreed to. I did not see it paid.

10,152. You heard them agree to take *8l.* ?—Yes.

10,153. Did the Nelsons get *8l.* each, too ?—I do not know that.

10,154. Did you not hear that agreed to ?—No.

10,155. Did not Nixon tell you ?—No.

10,156. You know they were paid ?—Yes.

10,157. Who were the other two, besides the two Nelsons and the two Brewers ?—I cannot remember.

10,158. Try ?—There was one Palmer, but I do not know what he got.

10,159. Is that "Robert Palmer, Bulk Street, labourer ?"—Yes.

10,160. Where was he paid ?—I do not know. He was in their house at the same time as the others were.

10,161. In Nixon's house ?—Yes.

10162. Who else was present when these men were being paid ?—There was no one present but themselves ; they were paid upstairs.

10,163. Can you think of any other besides these five ?—No. I think them was all that received money in our district.

10,164. You think they were ?—Yes.

10,165. Do you know what money Nixon had to pay them with ?—No, I do not.

10,166. You got *10s.* for wages, and that was all you got ?—Yes.

10,167. Did you spend any money of your own on the purposes of the election ?—No ; I had not any to spend.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TENTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Thursday, 6th September 1866.

PRESENT:

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON.

MR. HILL.

JOHN BAGOT sworn and examined.

10,168. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Wood Street.

10,169. In Lancaster?—Yes.

10,170. What is your occupation?—A watchmaker.

10,171. Were you active in canvassing on the Liberal side at the last election?—Yes, and at many elections.

10,172. What district did you particularly look after?—Overton, Heaton, and Sunderland.

10,173. Any other?—I used to go occasionally to Morecambe and Heysham just on my rounds.

10,174. I think you also were busy in some district in the town, were you not?—Yes.

10,175. What part of the town?—Any part wherever the members went.

10,176. But you had not any particular district?—No.

10,177. You mean you went canvassing with the members?—Yes.

10,178. First of all, what money did you receive in gross?—The first money I received was 10*s.*

10,179. Perhaps you can tell us the gross sum you received altogether?—5*l.* for electioneering.

10,180. Was that all you received?—For electioneering expenses.

10,181. But for any other expenses?—No, only my own.

10,182. And that you tell us is the whole amount you received?—That is the whole amount I received for election expenses.

10,183. But for anything else?—I received 6*l.* after the election from Mr. Welch, and 6*l.* from Mr. Tilly. That was after the election was over; it was for my trouble.

10,184. You received, then, altogether 17*l.*?—17*l.*

10,185. How did you spend this money?—I used to go down to Overton and Heaton and treat the men.

10,186. How much did you spend in treating the electors?—5*l.*

10,187. 12*l.* remains; what became of that?—Oh, I put that into my pocket.

10,188. You are a voter?—Yes.

10,189. We may say for yourself 12*l.*?—Yes.

10,190. (*Mr. Hill.*) That was paid into your hands by Henry Welch?—It was a week after the election.

10,191. (*Mr. Newton.*) And when was it paid by Mr. Tilly?—A few days after that.

10,192. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you do anything else except visit the country districts and go about with the members canvassing?—No.

10,193. Can you tell us the name of any Conservative captain at Overton, Heaton, or Sunderland?—Gorst had been there a fortnight before ever I went there.

10,194. Any other?—And Jackson, from the "White Horse," and Pilling, from the "Feathers."

10,195. Where is the "Feathers?"—In Market Street.

10,196. What district had he?—He is in Market Street.

10,197. Where was he busy at the election?—He was down at Overton side. He was in opposition to me.

10,198. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did Mr. Tilly give you this money for?—I was engaged for so much a week. I was engaged a month for them.

10,199. How much a week?—10*s.* 6*d.*

10,200. (*Mr. Hill.*) Not 10*s.* 6*d.* a week?—No.

10,201. 10*s.* 6*d.* a what?—10*s.* 6*d.* a day.

10,202. (*Mr. Newton.*) By Tilly?—No, Mr. Tilly did not engage me.

10,203. Who did?—Mr. Welch.

10,204. Then Welch paid you?—He paid half.

10,205. And Tilly paid the other half?—The other half.

10,206. How long before the election did you begin to work?—I started the day after Mr. Lawrence spoke in the Palatine Hall. I was engaged a month and a day. Then Mr. Clark said they always wanted wages in Overton. When I first started they never would come from Overton without wages; in Mr. Martin's time they would not. They always have had wages; they never will come without.

10,207. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have a son, have you not?—Yes.

10,208. John Bagot, junior?—Yes.

10,209. He was employed upon the staff then?—He was.

10,210. In the country?—Yes.

10,211. Is he a voter?—He is now.

10,212. Was he then?—No.

10,213. How much did he receive?—I cannot tell you that.

10,214. More than 10*s.*?—I cannot tell what he received. Then they had one of our's bottled at Snatchem's; they took him from Lancaster, the Blues did. He never had polled for Blues in his life before.

10,215. It was 6*l.* 6*s.* you got from Tilly, was it not; not 6*l.*?—I cannot tell.

10,216. Who was the man they had bottled at Snatchem?—James Woodman. Then I had a nephew that also promised us one; but Mr. John Hall went and put the screw on.

10,216*a*. (*Mr. Newton.*) How many did you get in that way?—Four.

JOHN HUNTINGTON sworn and examined.

J. Huntington.

10,217. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—An innkeeper.

10,218. Where at?—The "Prince William Henry," in Penny Street.

10,219. Did you take an active part in this election?—Yes.

10,220. Had you taken an active part in elections previously?—No, I had not.

10,220*a*. This was the first one?—Yes.

10,221. How long have you been living at the "Prince William Henry?"—We have been there about a year and a half.

10,222. Then you were not in Lancaster at the election in 1864?—Yes, I was; but I had not a vote.

10,223. Are you a householder?—Yes.

10,224. What was the district that you had to look after?—Bolton.

10,225. Were you captain there under Stackhouse?—No; I was not a captain that I know of. They sent to us as we used to live there, and I knowed a good many people there.

10,226. You used to go and look after voters with Stackhouse?—Yes; he was there sometimes; not always, I think.

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10,227. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election altogether?—48*l.* 10*s.* for house-rent and refreshments.

10,228. Who paid you that money?—John Bleasdale.

10,229. How much did he pay?—48*l.* 10*s.*

10,230. He paid you the whole sum?—Yes.

10,230*a*. When did he pay you?—I cannot say; it would be six or seven weeks after the election, I think.

10,231. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much was your house, 10*l.*?—Yes.

10,232. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who engaged the house? Did Mr. Allinson engage it?—I do not know whether it was John Bleasdale or Allinson who engaged it.

10,233. But one or the other did?—Yes.

10,234. And the rent was 10*l.*?—Yes.

10,235. The remaining 38*l.* 10*s.*, then, was for refreshments, was it?—Refreshments and what I spent.

10,236. What did you spend yourself?—I spent 4*l.* in liquor and 1*l.* in conveyances.

10,237. Was the liquor spent in your own house or in other houses?—At Bolton and Slyne, and 1*l.* I paid for conveyances.

10,238. Who were the conveyances for?—One was for William Heald, and one was for our own. I charged 10*s.* for our own.

10,239. That was for bringing up the voters to poll?—No; it was before. It was for going to see voters.

10,240. How do you make out the other 34*l.*; what is that for? You have told us you got 10*l.* for the room and 4*l.* for the spirits and liquor at Bolton and Slyne, and 1*l.* for conveyances. What else?—There was breakfasts and refreshments at our own place.

10,241. All the remainder?—Yes.

10,242. Do you know a man named Bennison?—At Bolton?

10,243. Yes?—Yes.

10,244. And Baxter?—Yes.

10,245. Do you know a man named Talbot?—No; what is he?

10,246. Richard Talbot, Marton Street, iron founder?—I do not know him.

10,247. And Joseph Talbot, of Marton Street, iron founder?—No.

10,248. Do you know any Talbot?—I know Mr. Talbot at Lane House, but that is in Westmoreland.

10,249. Did you pay any voters for polling?—Not one.

10,250. To whom did you send in this bill of 33*l.* 10*s.*?—Fenwick and Schneider.

10,251. Who did you send it in to? You did not send it in to them?—I sent it to Henry Welch.

10,252. In whose name is it made out?—Mr. Fenwick and Schneider.

10,253. Did you keep any books?—I do not think they did.

10,254. Do you keep any books?—Books? No.

10,255. None at all?—No.

10,256. Then how do you know the bill was 33*l.* 10*s.*?—Our folk kept the account.

10,257. Where is the account?—I cannot tell you anything about it. I never was at home at the time.

10,258. Who kept it?—My wife, very likely.

10,259. You must know perfectly well who kept it?—My wife, no doubt. I had very little to do with it.

10,260. Does she keep any accounts?—I cannot say.

10,261. Does she keep any books?—About the election?

10,262. No; about your house?—No books at all. We get ready money always.

10,263. You have no scores?—No.

10,264. No writing upon the slate?—No.

10,265. Was it all paid at once?—Yes; they paid it all at once.

10,266. By money, or by a cheque, or how?—Money.

10,267. What sort of money?—Sovereigns.

10,268. All in sovereigns?—Yes.

10,269. Where was it paid?—At our own house.

10,270. Did Bleasdale come down and pay it?—Yes.

THOMAS KIRBY sworn and examined.

T. Kirby.

10,271. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—An ironmonger.

10,272. Where?—Horseshoe Corner, Lancaster.

10,273. Are you a Liberal?—Yes.

10,274. And were you engaged actively on your own side at the last election?—Yes.

10,275. Where?—In the Market Street district.

10,276. As captain?—As sub-captain, under Mr. Bradley.

10,277. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the last election?—I received 5*l.* 10*s.*

10,278. Was that the whole you received?—The whole sum I received, except what Mr. Bradley accounted for.

10,279. From whom did you receive it?—I received 4*l.* from Mr. Henry Welch at two different times.

10,280. Before the election?—Before the election.

10,281. What was the next sum you received?—I received 30*s.* on the day of the election from Mr. Bradley.

10,282. Thomas Bradley?—Thomas Bradley.

10,283. What other monies did you receive?—No other monies, only what came through Mr. Bradley's hands to pay some voters, which he accounted for.

10,284. How did you lay out the 5*l.* 10*s.*?—4*l.* was spent on public-houses in the town.

10,285. Was that for refreshments to voters?—Yes; and the 30*s.* was spent on the election day in treating voters.

10,286. Then you did not make any money payments to any voters?—I did through Mr. Bradley.

10,287. What voters did you pay?—I paid No. 205 on the list of freemen.

10,288. What is his name?—William Cumpsty.

10,289. How much did you give him?—10*l.*

10,290. Who else?—Thomas Cumpsty, No. 207.

10,291. How much?—10*l.*

10,292. Who else?—No. 819, Thomas Taylor, 5*l.*; 1,018, Henry Berry, 5*l.*, a householder, and Thomas Winders, 8*l.*. That is one that Mr. Bradley overlooked in his evidence; he is since dead.

10,293. What is Winder's number?—964. Most of those were paid by Mr. Bradley, only the money came through my hands out of his. Mr. Bradley omitted to mention that.

10,294. What is Henry Berry by trade?—I believe he is a stonemason, and they keep a furniture shop, secondhand.

10,295. Bradley gave you the money and you paid him?—Yes.

10,296. Who next after Winder?—That is the lot of them

10,297. Five altogether?—Yes, five.

10,298. Is the money you have told us of all the money you spent?—That is all the money I had.

10,299. What did you have for yourself for your exertions?—Nothing whatever.

10,300. Did not you receive any money at all?—No.

10,301. Can you remember the name of any Conservative captain we have not been told of already?—No.

10,302. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know anything of William Cumpsty, of Anchor Lane, tinplate worker?—Bradley paid him, I think.

10,303. You know he was paid, do you?—Yes, I do.

10,304. (*Mr. Newton.*) The William Cumpsty that Bradley says he paid lives in St. Leonard's Gate?

10,305. (*Mr. Hill.*) The son of Bryan Cumpsty?—I believe so.

10,306. What is his number?—William Cumpsty, 205.

10,207. What is Thomas Cumpsty's number?—207.

10,308. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you pay William Cumpsty, of Anchor Lane?—10*l.*

10,309. Then Bradley paid Bryan Cumpsty?—Yes.

10,310. Did you pay William Cumpsty, of St. Leonard's Gate?—I do not know.

10,311. Thomas S. Cumpsty, Anchor Lane, plumber. That would be Bradley?—Yes.

10,312. And did Bradley pay Bleasdale?—Yes.

10,313. And Kirk?—Yes.

10,314. And Enoch Monks?—Yes.

10,315. And Samuel Taylor?—I paid that.

10,316. And Henry Berry?—Yes. There was another gentleman I omitted to name on the Conservative side, Mr. Slater; he was actively engaged, and Mr. Greenall, in New Street, also.

10,317. Will you give us the addresses of Slater and Greenall?—Slater is a hairdresser in Church Street.

10,318. And Greenall?—Greenall, New Street, chiropodist.

10,319. (*Mr. Hill.*) There were three Cumpstys paid by you and by Bradley?—Yes.

10,320. And only three?—To the best of my knowledge.

10,321. Bryan Cumpsty, No. 202, tailor, and the other two were his two sons, William Cumpsty, No. 205, and Thomas Smith Cumpsty, No. 207?—Yes.

10,322. Those were the whole of the three that were paid by Bradley or by you?—Yes.

10,323. And no other Cumpsty?—No.

10,324. (*Mr. Newton.*) Then who paid William R. Cumpsty, of St. Leonard's Gate, tailor?—I do not know.

10,325. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know anything of William R. Cumpsty, of St. Leonard's Gate, tailor?—I do not.

CHRISTOPHER FOTHERGILL sworn and examined.

C. Fothergill.

10,326. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Damside Street.

10,327. And what is your trade or profession?—A tobacco manufacturer.

10,328. You took an active part in the last election on the Liberal side?—Yes.

10,329. What money had you given you to spend?—5*l.*

10,330. In what district were you?—Green Area.

10,331. You assisted Mr. Isaac Vickers?—No, never.

10,332. Whom did you assist, then?—James Turner. There was a mistake in Vickers's evidence I should like to mention.

10,333. Never mind just now; we will have that presently. Was that the whole of the money you received?—It was.

10,334. From whom did you receive it?—From James Turner.

10,335. How did you spend it?—In treating voters.

10,336. The whole of it?—The whole of it.

10,337. That was before the election day and during the election day?—Before the election, out of my own pocket.

10,338. What was it you wished to say just now about Vickers?—There was a mistake in his evidence. He said that he gave Christopher Fothergill 6*l.* 10*s.* I had nothing whatever to do with Isaac Vickers.

10,339. You tell us you received no money whatever for your vote?—No, none; I never did.

10,340. Did you pay anybody for their votes?—Never.

10,341. Did not Turner give you anything for your vote?—No; he gave me 5*l.* on the evening of the nomination.

10,342. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not get any money from anybody besides this 5*l.*?—Never.

10,343. What time in the day did you poll?—Between 8 and 9, the first hour; perhaps 20 minutes past 8.

10,344. Who did you go with to the poll?—Nathan White.

10,345. What did Nathan White get for his vote?—I have heard by the evidence that he got 5*l.*

10,346. Did you not get the same?—No, I got nothing; not for my vote.

10,347. For anything else?—Yes; for treating the men, the voters.

10,348. Was not something paid you besides that 5*l.*?—No, never; never a halfpenny by nobody.

10,349. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you spend 5*l.* in one day in treating voters?—Well, there was the evening till 12 or 1 in the morning, and then up again at 5 o'clock; and the little balance that was left was spent the first fortnight, and I offered it back again.

10,350. How much did you keep yourself?—I do not know that I kept anything.

10,351. Yes, you did; tell us how much?—I believe I may have had something under 1*l.*

10,352. How much more than 1*l.* did you keep?—Something under 1*l.*; and I offered it him back the day after election, and he would not take it.

10,353. What did you mean by saying just now that the whole of the money was spent in refreshment?—Well, it was.

10,354. No, it was not, because there was 1*l.* you kept back?—No, I had spent for a fortnight more or less.

10,355. What did you mean by saying just now that you spent it all in refreshments?—I did.

10,356. No, because there was 1*l.* over?—But I had been spending for a fortnight previous.

10,357. You got 1*l.*; you did not get more?—It would be short of 1*l.* that would be left.

10,358. How much short of 1*l.*?—Perhaps 4*s.* short; perhaps 16*s.* was the balance. I kept no account of it. I had been paying more or less for a fortnight previous, and that was the reason he would not take it back, I think.

10,359. You are a householder?—Yes, I am a householder.

JAMES ROBINSON sworn and examined.

J. Robinson.

10,360. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Galgate.

10,361. Did you take an active part in the last election?—I did not.

10,362. Did you interest yourself in it?—Not in any way.

10,363. What are you?—Buyer and salesman to William Thompson and Company, of Galgate.

10,364. Is there another James Robinson in the town?—Not that I am aware of.

10,365. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a voter?—I am not.

10,366. ((*Mr. Newton.*) And you did not interest yourself in the election?—Not at all; I was in the town on the day of the election.

10,367. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And you tell us you had nothing at all to do with the election?—Nothing at all.

10,368. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you know anything about Mr. Bradshaw?—He was captain in our district, I believe.

10,369. How long have you known him?—From a boy.

10,370. When were you summoned to come here?—Last night.

10,371. (*Mr. Hill.*) What part did you take in

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other elections?—I was captain of the district over which Edward Bradshaw was.

10,372. Why did you not take an active part in this election?—Because I was absent for three or four weeks in the month of June on the Continent; that was the reason why I took no part in the last election.

10,373. You gave Mr. Bradshaw the benefit of your previous experience?—No; I was in Lancaster on the day of the election, but I did not interfere with the voters at all.

10,374. Did you speak to Mr. Bradshaw about the election at that time?—Never a word passed.

10,375. You never told him what you had done at the previous election?—No.

10,376. How many voters had you bought in 1864?—Over 20.

10,377. And were those 20 the same persons whose names have been given us by Mr. Bradshaw?—Yes.

10,378. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you ever anything to do with Armstrong's mill?—Yes.

10,379. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you see in the paper Bradshaw's evidence?—Yes.

10,380. And did you see the names that he mentioned?—Yes.

10,381. He gave 14 names?—Yes; the majority of those persons are in our employ.

10,382. What did you get them for a head at the previous election?—From 2*l.* to 5*l.*, just according as we could get them.

10,383. Had you any difficulty in buying them, then?—No, not very much.

10,384. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say that those you bought then, and that Bradshaw bought this time, were mostly men in your employ?—Yes.

10,385. Were they earning about the same wages then as they were earning at the time of the last election?—Yes, about the same.

WILLIAM KNOTT STEPHENSON sworn and examined.

W. K. Stevenson.

10,386. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you by trade?—An accountant.

10,387. Where do you live?—In Belle View Terrace, Scotforth.

10,388. Are you a Liberal?—Yes.

10,389. Were you actively engaged in this last election?—I was engaged.

10,390. In what district?—Fenton Street.

10,391. With whom were you associated in the Fenton Street district?—John Gardner.

10,392. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of the last election?—Yes.

10,393. From whom?—Mr. Henry Welch.

10,394. What were the first monies you received from Mr. Henry Welch?—1*l.*

10,395. When?—It might be about ten days before the election.

10,396. What was the next sum that you received?—I think a sum of 2*l.*

10,397. Was that from Mr. Henry Welch?—Yes.

10,398. When did you receive that?—A day or two after.

10,399. What was the next sum?—I think a sovereign.

10,400. Was that also from Henry Welch?—Yes.

10,401. And was that also a few days afterwards?—Yes.

10,402. What was the next sum?—The next sum I think I received was another 1*l.*; the sum total was about 7*l.* 10*s.*

10,403. Then you received 2*l.* 10*s.* besides?—Yes.

10,404. What other monies did you receive?—Not a penny.

10,405. Was that 7*l.* 10*s.* all that you received?—Yes.

10,406. From Henry Welch?—Yes.

10,407. How did you spend it?—I spent it in treating the voters.

10,408. Before the election, and at the election?—I did not treat them either on the nomination day or on the polling day.

10,409. It was all spent before the election?—Yes.

10,410. What house did you take the voters to?—The "Wellington Arms," I think they call it.

10,411. Whose house was that?—Fisher kept it then, but I was in various districts.

10,412. But the money was spent mostly at that house?—No, I do not think it was.

10,413. What else had you to do with the election besides canvassing and treating the voters?—I was at Galgate; I went down with the late members when they spoke at Galgate, and I was several times at Scotforth with them.

10,414. That was the canvassing part?—Yes.

10,415. But I mean besides that?—Nothing at all.

10,416. Had you anything to do with giving any voters any money?—I never gave a voter a penny; there was one man, named Bainbridge, who came to me, and asked me what I would give him; you will find it stated in Allinson's evidence; it was in Allinson's house.

10,417. And Bainbridge got his money elsewhere? I do not know, he did not vote for us.

10,418. But he got money somewhere?—I should think so.

10,419. Can you tell us anything more about the election?—I cannot, except that the people we had to meet in that district were Mr. John Hatch, Mr. James Wilson, grocer, and I think Mr. William Halstead. I will not be sure about Mr. Halstead, I think he had Scotforth as well. I do not know whether they were captains or not; my opinion is they were a sort of fighting committee.

10,420. Skirmishers?—I will not be sure whether Mr. Halstead was there on the morning of the row.

10,421. What do you mean by the row?—The morning of the election, when they were stealing our men.

10,422. How many did they steal from you?—Not any.

10,423. You guarded your goods?—Yes, we did; we were challenged to fight.

10,424-5. And you accepted the challenge, and fought?—No, we had something else to do in looking after our own men.

J. Gardner.

JOHN GARDNER sworn and examined.

10,426. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Church Street.

10,427. What are you?—I keep a glass and china shop.

10,428. You were assisting Mr. Roger Wright at the last election?—Yes, a little.

10,429. What money did you receive?—About 6*l.*; it might be a few shillings over or under, I cannot tell exactly.

10,430. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Welch.

10,431. In what sums, and when; do you recollect? I received it in two or three sums; I cannot tell exactly in what sums.

10,432. How did you spend it?—There was 18*s.* at the "New Inn," Mr. Parkinson's.

10,433. Was it all spent in treating?—Yes.

10,434. Have you an account of it there?—Yes.

10,435. Was that account made out at the time?—No, I refreshed my memory with it; I kept no accounts at the time.

10,436. Treating, 6*l.*?—Yes.

10,437. Had you anything for yourself?—No. It was not all spent at the "New Inn;" it was spent at different houses.

JAMES TOMLINSON sworn and examined.

10,438. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Marton Street.

10,439. What are you?—A brushmaker.

10,440. Are you a voter?—No.

10,441. How comes that?—I cannot help it; I do not live in a 10*l.* house.

10,442. And have not acquired your freemanship?—No.

10,443. Did you interest yourself in the last election?—Yes.

10,444. At whose request, and at whose orders?—Well, at the committee's, if you will.

10,445. The committee at the "Queen's?"—No.

10,446. Where at?—At a school-room in Nicholas Street, where we held our meetings.

10,447. Who was at the head of that committee?—I believe Mr. Henry Welch was the chairman; it was connected with the Reform League, if you will.

10,448. The Reform League was not in existence in 1865, was it?—It has been in force for many years.

10,449. He was at the head of it?—Yes, he was our chairman at several meetings.

10,450. At whose request was it you interested yourself?—If you understand me, this had no connexion with the election at all; not our first meetings.

10,451. You say you interested yourself in the election?—Yes.

10,452. What made you do it?—Because I felt the same as I had done for many years, that I should like the parties to get in that would give me a vote.

10,453. For pure love you did it?—Yes.

10,454. Did they give you any money?—Yes.

10,455. How much?—I received 7*l.* 3*s.* altogether, as a gross amount.

10,456. From whom?—Henry Welch.

10,457. Was it at different times?—Yes.

10,458. How long before the election did you receive it?—I received 1*l.* some days previous to the election, and 3*l.* to go to Liverpool with on a Saturday previous to the election.

10,459. For what did you go to Liverpool?—I went to see some voters there; and I received three guineas four days after the election for my services, six days at half a guinea a day.

10,460. Did you assist Bleasdale?—Yes, one portion of the time I did, in Penny Street.

10,461. Your district was in Penny Street?—Yes.

10,462. Was that all the money you received for the election?—It was, indeed.

10,463. Nothing more—no more than 7*l.*?—7*l.* 3*s.*

10,464. And you spent it in the way you have told us?—I have not told you how I spent it.

10,465. You told us that you spent 3*l.* of it in going to Liverpool, and you received three guineas for your own services?—Yes.

10,466. How did you spend the first pound?—I daresay in treating.

10,467. That is all you spent in treating?—Yes.

10,468. Did you buy any votes?—No.

10,469. Did you not get any votes at Liverpool?—I attempted; I went to Liverpool for that express purpose.

10,470. You did not get any votes?—No, unfortunately I did not, but the parties voted, of course. I merely went to see them; I went particularly to see Thomas Hatton, a person with whom I had been in communication, but he voted for the other side.

10,471. When you saw him at Liverpool, what did you say to him?—I asked him whether he was going to vote, according to promise, for Messieurs Fenwick and Schneider, and he said Mr. Jackson had got him a situation under the influence of Mr. H. T. Wilson by Mr. Jackson. Of course we got into conversation, and I told him he would be very foolish to lose his situation to vote for Mr. Fenwick; and he promised me he would give me the other vote, as he said he had only promised one to Mr. Schneider, but he did not, he voted for Mr. Lawrence, and he got 13*l.* for voting, or he told me so.

10,472. How much did you offer him?—I did not offer him anything; I said I would pay him the same as the others received.

10,473. That is all you know?—Yes, that is all I know about it.

10,474. Is that all the money you got from Mr. Welch?—Yes.

10,475. Have you read the papers?—Yes.

10,476. Do you know what Mr. Welch said yesterday?—Yes; he said he gave me 10*l.*, and I have read the paper to-day, and I find Mr. Welch stated I received two or three pounds a week or two before the election; and I find again that John Bleasdale said I received a pound from him; and I find in yesterday's paper that Mr. Henry Welch said I got 10*l.* Now, I repudiate all; I distinctly deny it, because I never got a halfpenny of it from any of those parties. I called Bleasdale over the coals about it, and he said he had made a mistake, but that is no matter, it has gone forth to the public, and I beg leave to contradict it.

10,477. You did not get a pound from John Bleasdale?—No.

10,478. (*Mr. Hill.*) You did not get any voters by your journey to Liverpool?—They voted for us except this one that I have told you of; but I did not get them.

10,479. Hinde got them, did he not?—I do not know who brought them up; they went by different parties, I did not bring any up.

10,480. Hinde went to Liverpool, did he not?—Not that I know of; he went to Manchester, but he did not go to Liverpool. They came and voted. When I got to Liverpool they had chiefly all left.

10,481. You spent 3*l.* to no purpose?—It took me three days to spend it in.

THOMAS ANDERSON sworn and examined.

T. Anderson.

10,482. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is your occupation?—Brush maker.

10,483. And your residence?—Upper King Street.

10,484. What are your politics?—Liberal.

10,485. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the last election?—I received 1*l.* from Mr. Bleasdale, as he stated I believe yesterday.

10,486. William Bleasdale?—No, John Bleasdale. I think that was about a fortnight before, or at all events, better than a week before the election, and I received 1*l.* on the nomination night.

10,487. From whom?—From the same man.

10,488. What else?—I received nothing else.

10,489. Was 2*l.* all you received at the last election?—That was as regards expenses; I received 10*l.* from Mr. Welch after the election on the same day.

10,490. How did you spend those 2*l.*?—I spent it amongst the voters in going about assisting the captains Bleasdale and Marsden.

10,491. Refreshing voters?—Yes.

10,492. At public-houses?—Yes.

10,493. A few days before the election?—Yes; I was out for a fortnight almost night and day at different times after I left my work. I was never engaged.

10,494. You received 10*l.* from Mr. Henry Welch; for what did you receive that?—For my trouble.

10,495. And vote?—Yes, vote and trouble altogether. He wished to engage me, but I would not make any engagement.

10,496. You kept yourself free?—Yes.

10,497. For vote and assistance you received 10*l.*?—Yes.

10,498. From Henry Welch?—Yes.

10,499. And preliminary expenses 2*l.*?—Yes.

10,500. Did you receive any other monies at all?—No; there is 3*l.* put down to me by Mr. Henry Welch, but it is a mistake, I never received it.

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10,501. (*Mr. Newton.*) He told us yesterday that you received 10*l.*?—Yes; that is the 10*l.* I have mentioned.

10,502. (*Mr. Hill.*) You did not receive 3*l.* as stated by Mr. Welch?—No.

10,503. Did he state that the first day he was examined?—Yes.

10,504. What was your district?—Penny Street. There is one statement I should like to make, which I think would put the last witness and Mr. Welch right, and that is respectiug the 10*l.* When I went to receive the money of Mr. Welch, Marsden went with me to be paid. He is one of the captains; and I think he put Mr. Tomlinson down for 10*l.*, thinking he paid him at the same time, but he did not; Mr. Tomlinson did not receive anything of the kind.

10,505. How do you know he did not receive it?—Because he is put down as receiving it at the same time.

10,506. How do you know he did not receive it about the same time?—He was not along with me.

10,507. You cannot say whether he received it or not?—No; he may have received it at some other time.

J. Crook.

JAMES CROOK sworn and examined.

10,508. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Brock Street.

10,509. What are you?—A beerhouse keeper.

10,510. You assisted Mr. Cleminson at the last election in the George Street district?—I took a very little part in it.

10,511. Did you or did you not assist him?—I did not.

10,512. You did not assist him at all?—I just took a few circulars out on the nomination day, that was all that I did.

10,513. Are we to understand that you did not assist him at all?—If you call that assisting, that is what I did.

10,514. Did you receive any money?—I received 10*s.* for that.

10,515. Did you receive any other money?—I received 6*l.* for my house and about 3*l.* for refreshments.

10,516. From whom did you receive this money?—Mr. Thomas Cleminson.

10,517. What is the name of your house?—The "Horse and Farrier," Brock Street.

10,518. Did you receive any other money?—About 3*l.* for refreshments I should say, altogether.

10,519. (*Mr. Hill.*) It was not in a bill?—No.

10,520. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have told us now that you received 9*l.* 10*s.*, is that all that you received?—Yes.

10,521. When did you receive this 3*l.* for refreshments?—About two days after the election.

10,522. Did you receive any other money after the election?—No, I did not.

10,523. What was the 6*l.* for?—For my house. Mr. Allinson took the house about a fortnight before the election.

10,524. Are you a voter?—Yes.

10,525. Did you receive nothing for your vote?—No.

10,526. Is that 9*l.* 10*s.* all you received?—Yes, it is.

10,527. That you swear to us now?—Yes.

10,528. Have you heard what Mr. Welch says he gave you?—Mr. Welch never gave me anything.

10,529. (*Mr. Hill.*) When you talk about your house being taken for 6*l.*, did you set apart any separate room?—Yes; there was a separate room.

10,530. Did you put apart any separate room?—There was a room for them to go into.

10,531. Did you set that room apart, to be used by nobody else except the committee?—Anybody went into it.

10,532. In fact, the 6*l.* was to get you over to their side, to retain you?—I cannot say.

10,533. It was you and not your house?—I cannot say as to that.

J. Wearden.

JOHN WEARDEN sworn and examined.

10,534. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—An innkeeper.

10,535. Where do you live?—I live at the Ship Inn, now, but at the time of the election at the Plough Inn, Moor Lane.

10,536. Are you a voter?—Yes.

10,537. Are you John Wearden, Brier Street?—Yes; one door of my house was in Brier Street, and the other in Moor Lane.

10,538. How much money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—I received 5*l.* from Mr. Henry Welch.

10,539. Altogether?—No; I received 5*s.* I think from Mr. Allinson, either Mr. Allinson or Mr. Thomas Cleminson—but I think it was Mr. Allinson.

10,540. What was the 5*l.* for which you received from Mr. Welch?—It was for expenses; money that I had laid out previously, and money to go on treating the voters with.

10,541. When did you receive 5*s.*?—On the election day about noon.

13,542. What was that for?—For the same purposes. I was going up Penny Street, and he gave me that into my hand; I said I should want more money to treat the voters with.

10,543. Mr. Thomas Cleminson put it into your hand and said it was for you?—Yes.

10,544. What money did you receive from anybody else?—I received 10*l.* for my house in the latter end of October.

10,545. Who paid it to you?—Mr. Henry Welch.

10,546. Who engaged your house?—Mr. Allinson.

10,547. Did he say anything about the terms upon which it was engaged?—No; I was to have the same as other public-houses.

10,548. How long before the election was it that he came to you?—It was more than a fortnight; it was before they began to stir.

10,549. He was to have your house upon the same terms as others; he did not get them all for 10*l.*: was any specific sum told you?—No.

10,550. No specific sum was mentioned?—No.

10,551. Did you ever send in any bill?—Yes.

10,552. To whom?—I sent it in to Mr. Henry Welch.

10,553. When?—It would be perhaps a month after the election.

10,554. What was in that bill?—I sent in a bill for 5*l.*

10,555. What were the sort of items; have you got any account books?—No; it was just made out from memory.

10,556. 5*l.* for what?—For the use of my house; I heard that other landlords were getting 10*l.*, so I asked for 10*l.*, and got it.

10,557. You increased your demand?—Yes.

10,558. You say Allinson did not mention any price when he engaged your house?—No.

10,559. You were to have the same as the others?—Yes.

10,560. Supposing all the others charged 20*l.*, should you have charged that?—I should have liked to have had it.

10,561. You got your 10*l.*?—Yes.

10,562. And 5*l.* during the election?—Yes.

10,563. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you lay out the 5*l.* at your own house?—Not all, but a deal of it.

10,564. So that, in fact, the 5*l.* was pretty well your

bill for refreshments at your own house?—No; I paid that as it went on at my own house, treating voters and non-voters and other customers, as they came in.

10,565. What other bill was there for refreshments?—Mr. Allinson came in and paid as they went on.

10,566. Was not any other bill made out for refreshments?—Yes.

10,567. How much was that?—Either 2*l.* 14*s.* or 2*l.* 16*s.*, including 16 breakfasts.

10,568. You made out a bill for 2*l.* 16*s.*, what other bill did you make out?—I did not make out any bills of the others; they were paid as they went on—the same day or the same hour, perhaps.

10,569. Who paid the bill of 2*l.* 16*s.*?—Mr. Edward Riley.

10,570. You sent it to Edward Riley?—I made it out as he stood beside me.

10,571. He paid you that bill?—Yes.

10,572. Was that on the election morning?—It was on the election morning that the expenses were incurred.

10,573. Was it on the election morning that he paid it?—No, a day or two after.

10,574. (*Mr. Newton.*) You lived at this time at the "Plough Inn?"—Yes.

10,575. And you are a householder?—Yes.

10,576. What was that house valued at?—18*l.* a year.

10,577. (*Mr. Hill.*) Rateable value?—Yes.

10,578. What was the rent?—I think they were both alike.

10,579. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you pay for rent?—18*l.* a year. I think the value and the rent were both alike.

ROBERT POWELL sworn and examined.

R. Powell.

10,580. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is your occupation?—a pawnbroker.

1058I. And your residence?—I live in the Freehold, my shop is in Penny Street.

10,582. What are your politics?—a Liberal.

10,583. Were you engaged in the Penny Street district at the last election?—No, in China Lane, along with Mr. Vickers.

10,584. What money did you receive for the purposes of the last election?—The total amount was 12*l.* 10*s.*

10,585. When did you receive the first amount?—Mr. Henry Welch called upon me about a fortnight before the election and brought 2*l.*; he said it was 1*l.* for myself and 1*l.* for Mr. Vickers to go into the district and treat the voters.

10,586. You handed the other 1*l.* to Mr. Vickers?—Yes.

10,587. And kept the other for yourself?—Yes.

10,588. What was the next sum you received after that?—Mr. Vickers gave me 1*l.* about a week afterwards, I should think, for the same purpose.

10,589. What was the next sum?—I got no more till the nomination day.

10,590. From whom?—From Mr. Vickers.

10,591. How much?—6*l.* 10*s.*

10,592. What was the next sum you received?—4*l.* from Mr. Welch on the election day.

10,593. Anything else?—No.

10,594. That is all you received?—Yes.

10,595. 12*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

10,596. How did you spend it?—After the nomination I met with a freeman in Market Street, of the name of Timothy Nicholson.

10,597. Before we come to that, did you spend any money before the election in refreshments?—Yes, in China Lane and round about.

10,598. How much did you spend in refreshments to voters before the election?—I should say I should spend 30*s.* previous to the election, quite.

10,599. Now come to the next payment?—I arranged with this man, Timothy Nicholson, for his vote.

10,600. Is he a cabinet-maker?—Yes.

10,601. How much did you give him?—10*l.*

10,602. For his vote?—Yes.

10,603. Did he vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes, he voted Fenwick and Schneider the first thing in the morning.

10,604. There would be a balance left of about a pound?—I paid 5*s.* to his son for assisting; William Nicholson is his name. He asked me if I could get him anything to do; and the remainder I spent during the nomination night and the election day.

10,605. The son is not on the register?—He was not then, but I believe he is now.

10,606. Is that all the money you spent?—Yes, the balance was spent during the nomination day and election day.

10,607. 15*s.*?—Yes.

10,608. What did you get for your own vote?—Nothing.

10,609. Nothing at all?—No.

10,610. Not any promise of anything?—No, nothing at all in any way.

10,611. Did you vote for the Liberal party at the last election?—Ever since I had a vote I have done so. I voted for Mr. Gregson when he offered himself here.

10,612. Have you ever received anything for your vote?—Nothing at all, not a penny.

COLONEL GEORGE YEADELL sworn and examined.

Col. G. Yeadell.

10,613. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Belle Vue, in Scotforth.

10,614. You are a retired officer?—Yes.

10,615. Of what service?—The Indian Artillery.

10,616. And a Liberal in politics, I presume?—I believe so.

10,617. You must know. What part did you take in the last election?—Mr. Henry Welch told you yesterday of what part I had taken.

10,618. We want to hear it from yourself?—I assisted in every way that I could, but all that I had to do was with two or three men in the town—one Christopher Hudson; and I looked about in Scotforth, and I also heard what was doing in Quernmore.

10,619. Were you assigned to any particular district?—Not to my knowledge, but I was afterwards told that I was.

10,620. You did not work in any particular district?—No.

10,621. I suppose, being a colonel, you thought it beneath you to be a captain?—I should have taken no part at all had it not been that I heard Mr. Wilson was coming with a flood of gold to overwhelm the town.

10,622. Be so good as tell us what money you received?—I received nothing before the election. I paid it out of my own pocket.

10,623. It will be more regular if we take the receipts first. What money did you receive before or after the election?—I received for those three or four men, I think, 35*l.*, and there would be 4*l.* and some odd shillings for a person of the name of Burton.

10,624. Altogether 39*l.*?—Yes.

10,625. From whom did you receive this money?—Mr. Henry Welch. It was a long time after the election—several months.

10,626. When was it?—Perhaps it would be in September or October.

10,627. Where did you receive it?—I chiefly received it at Mr. Welch's place of business, either in Cheapside or else in Damside Street.

10,628. Did you receive it in two sums or more?—I daresay it would be two or more sums.

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Col. G. Yeadell.

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10,629. How many? Do you remember?—I cannot recollect how many.

10,630. Would it be four or five different sums?—No, not so many. Three would be the utmost.

10,631. The whole sum you received was 39*l.*, and some odd shillings?—Yes, for voters.

10,632. Please to tell us how you spent your money?—There was a person of the name of Burton, the landlord of the "Golden Ball" Market Street. He received 4*l.* 10*s.* He said he had not been paid a bill when Mr. Schneider stood before, and he had promised the house to our side, but he said he would have nothing to do with us until that bill was paid. I think it was either 4*l.* 17*s.* or 4*l.* 19*s.*

10,633. What did he say it was for?—He said they had engaged his house during Mr. Schneider's election and they had only paid him a guinea, and his demand was 5*l*; and he had given some refreshments to somebody, and he would have nothing to do with us unless we paid him.

10,634. At what time was this that you saw him?—It would be four or five days before the election; probably it was when Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider were canvassing; a week probably before the election.

10,635. To whom else did you pay money?—Then I gave Moloney 10*l.* for one voter.

10,636. Who was the voter?—There were two men, Matthew Barrow and William Wilson. I do not know which of the two he got it for. William Wilson is Market Street, labourer, and Matthew Barrow is Lodge Street.

10,637. (*Mr. Hill.*) They got 10*l.* each?—Yes, I gave one of them 10*l.* and John Moloney gave the other 10*l.*

10,638. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You gave them each 10*l.*?—Yes, they each got 10*l.*, but Barrow gave his money back again, I am told.

10,639. (*Mr. Newton.*) You gave 10*l.* to Moloney?—No, Moloney got 5*l.* for his trouble.

10,640. But you gave Moloney 10*l.*?—Yes, for one of those voters

10,641. And the other man you gave 10*l.* with your own hands?—Yes.

10,642. You do not know which of them it was?—No, I do not.

10,643. To whom else did you give money?—John Moloney got 5*l.* for his trouble. He canvassed and was out in the country, he told me, and had got a conveyance. He did not ask anything for his vote. It was for his labour and trouble.

10,644. Do you know what trouble Moloney had been at?—He did not tell me. He said he was going out into the country to see several voters whom he thought he could influence, and I think he said that he was going towards Thurnham, but I am not certain about that.

10,645. He is a householder?—Yes.

10,646. Did you pay Moloney 5*l.* yourself?—Yes.

10,647. What did you do with the balance?—There is a person of the name of Christopher Hudson, put down as surgeon's assistant, he got 10*l.*

10,648. Paid by you?—Yes, by me. He lives close up by my house.

10,649. Did you spend any other money?—There was money paid for runners and so forth.

10,650. By you?—No, not by me, but the money was paid to me.

10,651. Who paid you that money?—Mr. Welch.

10,652. How much was it?—I cannot say. It was for runners and men who assisted on the morning of the election, to prevent what they call bottling and so forth.

10,653. That is a sum beyond this 39*l.*?—Yes.

10,654. You must try to recollect, if you please, what was the other sum you got from Mr. Henry Welch?—I cannot say. It would be, perhaps, nearly 70*l.*, but that was not for voters. There was not a voter amongst them.

10,655. To whom did you pay that?—I do not think I paid anything of it. There was a young man of the name of Middlefell, and John Coats, who was a clerk at the telegraph office—they paid those runners and people.

10,656. Did you pay this 70*l.* over to Middlefell and Coates?—It was through them that it was paid.

10,657. Will you answer the question? Did you pay over this 70*l.* to Middlefell and Coates?—Yes, I did. I think Coates got it but Middlefell assisted in paying it.

10,658. Do you know Middlefell's address?—No. I do not think he lives in Mary Street. He works at Gillow's.

10,659. Do you know whether Coates is still at the telegraph office?—He is at present, I think, at Kendall, temporarily employed in the telegraph office there.

10,660. Did you pay away to those two the whole of the money you received?—Yes.

10,661. Whatever it was?—Yes, but I paid it out of my own pocket in the first instance. I got it afterwards from Mr. Welch.

10,662. When did you get this sum of 70*l.* from Mr. Welch?—About the same time that I got the other. I do not say that the exact sum was 70*l.*, but I say it was about 70*l.*

10663. Did you make any other payment? You have given us the voters you paid and the runners you paid through Middlefell and Coates?—No, no one else, unless I paid William Jackson, of the "Boot and Shoe," in Scotforth, 10*s.*

10,664. You do not remember whether you gave him money or not?—I think he got 10*s.* from me once.

10,665. Can you tell us the number of these people amongst whom this 70*l.* was distributed?—I cannot exactly tell the number, but they got 10*s.* a piece. They were divided into divisions and there was a captain over each; and I think the captains got 12*s.* 6*d.*

10,666. Do you know for how long they were employed?—They were employed for two days, and there would be something for refreshment also for those men.

10,667. Was that something extra, or did it come out of this money?—No; it was something extra.

10,668. Can you recollect what that something extra was?—I think the heaviest bill was to Mrs. Dixon, in Monmouth Street, 3*l.* or 4*l.*; and 2*l.* or 3*l.* to Peter Moore, at the "White Lion."

10,669. What is the sign of Mrs. Dixon's house?—I do not remember.

10,670. Shall I say 2*l.* 10*s.* you gave to Peter Moore?—I cannot say.

10,671. About?—I did not pay it; it was paid by those two young men.

10,672. Is there any other sum?—Then there is a person of the name of Jackson, of the "Malt Shovel."

10,673. How much did he get?—I cannot say whether it would be 3*l.* or not; it would be about that.

10,674. Was any further sum spent in refreshment?—I think there was one more, but I am not sure whether it was the "Black Bull," in Skerton, or not.

10,675. What did the landlord of the "Black Bull," in Skerton, get?—I am not certain of the names of these public-houses, but it was one public-house in Skerton; I do not know what the amount was.

10,676. Do you think it was the "Red Cross?"—No, I am sure it was not the "Red Cross."

10,677. Do you remember the landlord's name?—No.

10,678. Do you remember what the sum was?—No, it would be about 2*l.*, or something like that.

10,679. Is there any other?—There was a person of the name of Kitchen, in Church Street; he keeps a public-house.

10,680. Is that Daniel Kitchen?—I do not know what his christian name is.

10,681. What did Kitchen get?—He would get about the same, 2*l.*

10,682. Was that for refreshments?—Yes, for these men.

10,683. Is there any other sum for refreshments?—There was a person of the name of Murphy, at the "Queen's Head; I am not certain whether he got anything or not.

10,684. Can you say what Murphy got?—It was only a trifle, between 1*l.* and 2*l.* I think, if I am not

mistaken; but I am not certain about that; I think Murphy got something.

10,685. Is there any other name?—I do not recollect any other names. By the bye, I think Bibby, at the "Bear and Staff," got something.

10,686. What did he get?—He would only get a trifle, a very small sum.

10,687. What should you say it was?—It would be under 2*l.*

10,688. Shall I take 30*s.*?—That would be the most. I am not certain that he did, but it runs in my mind that he did.

10,689. Can you remember any other?—I think that would be nearly all. I remember no others.

10,690. That comes to 15*l.* Did you advance that in the first instance out of your own pocket?—Yes, the greatest part of it; part of it I paid out of my own pocket and some was paid after I got the money from Mr. Welch. I know Kitchen was very importunate for his money, I think I got it from Mr. Welch.

10,691. He was importunate to you?—Yes.

10,692. Who gave you authority to pay this money out of your own pocket?—Nobody that I am aware of.

10,693. Did you advance this money without having anyone to look to for repayment?—Yes, the whole of it, excepting Hudson. I had a little conversation with Mr. Welch about him, but, excepting that, I advanced the whole of it on my own account in the first instance.

10,694. Do you mean to say you advanced this money without knowing to whom you were to look for payment?—I should not have cared whether I was paid or not.

10,695. That is certainly a new feature in our inquiry. Had you no conversation with Mr. Welch about it before you paid the money?—I saw Mr. Welch on the morning of the election, and he said that gentlemen ought to provide those things themselves.

10,696. To whom did you understand Mr. Welch to refer by the word "gentlemen?"—Those that were in independent circumstances—who could assist the election on through their own means.

10,697. Gentlemen residing in the town of independent circumstances?—Yes, such as Mr. Coulston, who gave 1,000*l.* I am told.

10,698. We have not heard about that yet?—Did not Mr. Wright Wearing say so?

10,699. (*Mr. Hill.*) You tell us that Mr. Coulston gave 1,000*l.* towards the election?—Did not the clerk in the bank say so; that it was carried to his account?

10,700. Entered to his debit?—Yes.

10,701. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You understood Mr. Welch to say that you, for instance, ought to pay these runners refreshments, and bribes, and so on, out of your own pocket?—Yes, in the first instance, "to provide the money themselves," he said.

10,702. Did you then advance this large sum of which you have been speaking of out of your own pocket?—Yes, every halfpenny.

10,703. Without any prospect of repayment?—Yes, excepting Hudson's.

10,704. Excepting the 10*l.* you gave to Hudson, the whole of the rest you advanced without any prospect of repayment?—Yes.

10,705. 110*l.*?—I daresay it would be near that, but you will bear in mind that these refreshments and things, as I have said, were paid me by Mr. Welch, not immediately; but the payment for the runners and men who had to watch to prevent their bottling, and so forth, I paid out of my own pocket, and I paid Hudson out of my own pocket in the first instance, and the other three men I mentioned, and for refreshments; I got it first from Mr. Welch.

10,706. How came these people, Kitchen, who you say was importunate, and others, to look to you for payment of their bills for refreshments?—Because, on the night previous to the election, these men were told off at the different public-houses, and I gave Middlefell a circular note to different houses to say that they were to provide refreshments, bread and cheese, and beer, and so on, and I would see them paid.

10,707. What sort of a note was this circular note in appearance?—It was a slip of paper.

10,708. Printed?—No, written in my own hand.

10,709. And directed to these public-houses?—Yes; it was not a slip of paper to each of them, but the whole of the names were mentioned on one slip of paper, saying that if they would provide these provisions they would be paid by me.

10,710. It was only one note, but addressed to all the landlords of these houses?—Yes, Mr. Welch accounted for that money; he said it had been paid for runners, but he did not mention any particular names.

1,0711. This was the money that Mr. Welch said had been paid for runners, but yours were the hands that paid those runners?—Yes, it was through me, but there would be some others besides those that I paid. There were some supplied from Mr. Blades's yard, at least I heard so; and then each of the captains had private runners as well.

10,712. Were you a sort of captain over the runners?—No, I was not a captain over the runners.

10,713. Were they assigned to you, generally, throughout the town, to be paid?—No, I took it upon myself, as I had done before, in Mr. Fenwick's election, previous to that. If we had not had some of those people we should have lost half our men.

10,714. You took upon yourself the duty of being paymaster of the runners?—Yes, and to engage them also. Half our men would have been nipped up without them.

10,715. Can you tell us the gross number of runners engaged on your side at the last election?—Oh dear no, I could not.

10,716. Can you give us any idea of the number?—No, that I cannot. I daresay there would be more than 200 considerably.

10,717. How many runners did you engage yourself?—That I cannot say exactly. They were engaged, I think, the night previous.

10,718. I do not care when or where they were engaged, how many did you engage yourself?—I think there were 11 captains, and ten men to each captain; but there were others put on afterwards.

10,719. How many did you engage yourself, I want to know?—There was a whole room full; there were 11 captains, and the captains had to select their own men; I was present certainly, so it might be said that I did engage them.

10,720. I thought you said just now that you did engage them. "I engaged the runners, and paid them," you answered me?—Yes, *bonâ fide*, certainly, I did engage them.

10,721. As you engaged them, I only ask you if you give us a general notion of how many you did engage?—There would be 120; and then afterwards I had a note from different parties requesting me to put some more on, and I sent them to the different captains afterwards.

10,722. We are getting at by degrees what I want, which is about how many you engaged altogether; I understand you to say you engaged 120, and also some others?—Yes.

10,723. Shall I say 150?—I do not think there would be so many as 150, but there would be 140.

10,724. Where were they all engaged?—In a big room, at the "New Inn," I think it is called; there is a large room there, which was used for lectures, corn law lectures, many years ago, and they were engaged in that room.

10,725. Were you paid any sum of money besides this which you have mentioned to us?—No.

10,726. You are quite sure of that?—Yes.

10,727. Did you receive from anybody for the purposes of the election any sum except these three sums you have given us?—All the transactions I had were with Mr. Henry Welch, and as far as I recollect these were the sums I received.

10,728. And no others?—No others.

10,729. (*Mr. Newton.*) What part did you take in the election of 1864?—Just the same, and I canvassed with the members, and I also canvassed personally

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with Mr. Schneider and Mr. Fenwick at the present election.

10,730. May I ask how long you have known Mr. Schneider?—Of course he was almost unknown to the town when he came.

10,731. I mean how long have you known him personally?—I knew him first when he came to the town to canvass for the first election.

10,732. And Mr. Fenwick?—No, Mr. Fenwick was a member then.

10,733. How long have you known Mr. Fenwick?—Ten or 12 years.

10,734. In 1864 how did you get your accounts settled. I suppose you hired runners and captains then?—Mr. Henry Welch settled them.

10,735. Were you out of pocket by that election of 1864?—Everyone who takes a part in an election is something out of pocket.

10,736. That is not our experience?—Those in my position are.

10,737. We find that most people who take part in elections are richer than they were before?—I do not think any gentleman can ever expect or desire to become richer by it.

10,738. If they did not become richer we should not be sitting here?—I do not know. I should think Mr. Maxsted and Mr. Clark would become richer than anyone else.

10,739. And the rest of the voters in Lancaster. How long have you been living in this neighbourhood?—Perhaps 17 years.

10,740. You know pretty well everybody who lives here?—Yes.

10,741. Was there anybody on the Conservative side who engaged runners, and did what you did on the Liberal side?—Mr. Gibson told you they had an immense number of runners and people engaged to hold up their hands and shout. Mr. Wilson, I suppose, expected to win the election like Joshua at Jericho; they were all of them provided with halfpenny whistles.

10,742. It seems you were provided with gold and silver?—I beg your pardon; I was not provided with gold, excepting out of my own resources; and so was Mr. Wilson.

10,743. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was there any subscription got up to defray Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider's expenses?—Oh, dear, no.

10,744. None?—None that I ever heard of.

10,745. Was it all to come out of their own pockets?—I cannot say.

10,746. You spoke of yourself and Mr. Coulston?—I said I advanced the money, but I understood Mr. Coulston had given something.

10,747. Did you understand yourself as having given anything?—If I had not been paid I should never have asked for it; but it did not come from Mr. Schneider or Mr. Fenwick that I am aware of.

10,748. Where did it come from?—That I cannot say. You heard of those mysterious packets of money.

Adjourned for a short time.

L. Lawrence.

LAWRENCE LAWRENCE sworn and examined.

10,749. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—Lower Kellett.

10,750. What are you?—A labourer.

10,751. When you say you are a labourer, do you mean that you work for day wages?—Yes.

10,752. What are your politics, Liberal or Conservative?—Liberal.

10,753. Do you know a man named Wilson who was active about the election?—Joseph Wilson?

10,754. Yes.—Yes, I know him.

10,755. Did you assist him in Galgate?—He had nothing to do much with Galgate, I think.

10,756. Had you?—A little.

10,757. What did you do?—I treated the voters.

10,758. What money did you get for treating the voters?—Well, I cannot say how much.

10,759. Just tell us?—I cannot.

10,760. Was it 1*l.*?—Yes, more than 1*l.*

10,761. 2*l.*?—Perhaps.

10,762. What else did you receive?—I received 10*l.* from Mr. Welch.

10,763. When did you receive that?—On the day of the election.

10,764. That makes 12*l.*; anything more?—Yes; I received 10*s.* from John Whormby, of Warton, to spend.

10,765. Whormby the auctioneer?—Yes.

10,766. He was on the other side, though, was he not?—He was.

10,767. What was the 10*s.* for?—To spend.

10,768. Among his side?—I do not know. I spent it, and I could have spent more if he had given it to me.

10,769. What else did you receive?—I had nothing else.

10,770. Only this 12*l.* 10*s.*?—No.

10,771. How did you spend this 12*l.* 10*s.*?—I can hardly tell you.

10,772. You must tell us?—Part I had left; the main part of it I spent. I cannot say what I spent; they are like a lime burner's clog, they are always dry.

10,773. All the electors are at election times?—Yes, always; it does not matter though whether it is an election or not.

10,774. You could not have spent 12*l.* in drink?—I do not say I did; I cannot say what I spent in drink.

10,775. What did you do with the remainder; did you keep it for yourself?—Yes.

10,776. How much?—I cannot say.

10,777. When did Welch pay you this?—On the day of the election.

10,778. Before you voted or after?—After.

10,779. Did he say what it was for?—He gave it me for my expenses.

10,780. The 2*l.* was given you by whom?—Joseph Smith's son.

10,781. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you mean that he is the son of Smithson, or that his name is Smith?—Smith's son.

10,782. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is he a voter?—I cannot say, I am sure, whether he is or no.

10,783. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was the 10*s.* for?—To spend.

10,784. Given to you?—Yes.

10,785. This 10*s.* from Whormby was given you before the arrangement was made as to your having 10*l.* from Henry Welch?—Yes. I got it before; he was in the public-house when he gave it to me.

10,786. Before you arranged with Henry Welch?—Yes.

10,787. When did you arrange about having 10*l.* from Henry Welch?—On the Saturday before the election.

10,788. Welch agreed to give you 10*l.*?—Yes.

10,789. And when Whormby gave you the 10*s.* he wanted to sweeten you up for the other side?—I cannot say; he did not talk much about it I think.

10,790. Did he give it to you as an inducement to you to listen to him?—I do not know what he gave it me for; he did give it and I gave it to Ireland to spend, the landlord at the "Galgate."

10,791. How did you vote at the last election?—This last?

10,792. No, in the election previous to that; Saunders and Fenwick's election?—For Fenwick.

10,793. Then you always voted Liberal?—Yes, generally, I think.

10,794. What do you mean by generally?—I have not voted for any other but them lately.

10,795. What do you mean by lately?—Not these few elections.

10,796. When was the last time you voted Tory?—I cannot say.

10,797. Or voted Blue?—I cannot say I am sure.

10,798. How much did you get at the Fenwick election?—I cannot say I am sure.

10,799. *5l.*?—No, I got *3l.*, I think.

10,800. Was that the first time you had been converted to Liberal politics?—No, it was not.

10,801. When was the first time?—I was not converted at all.

10,802. Your politics remained the same?—Exactly.

10,803. Was that the first time that you had touched Liberal money?—It was.

10,804. Had you ever touched any Tory money before?—No.

10,805. Then it was the first time you had had anything for your vote at all?—It was.

10,806. In the Fenwick and Saunders election?—Yes.

10,807. What were you paid for your vote in the Fenwick and Saunders election on the Tory side?—Nothing.

10,808. Did they not make you any offer?—Nothing.

10,809. How came that about?—I cannot say I am sure.

10,810. Are you Lawrence Lawrence of Nether Kellet, farmer?—Formerly I was.

10,811. What is your number on the register?—I cannot say. I have a son a voter.

WILLIAM BELL sworn and examined.

W. Bell.

10,812. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a watchmaker?—Yes.

10,813. Where do you live?—At No. 9, Upper Thurnham Street.

10,814. Are you a Liberal?—Yes; my shop is in No. 8, New Market, Lancaster.

10,815. Were you a captain or assistant captain at the last election?—I took no active part whatever, and never did so.

10,816. You voted Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

10,817. How was trade at the last election?—Well, I do not know. I do not remember that it was any better or worse than it is now.

10,818. Was there nothing to be got by the watchmakers out of the last election?—Not that I am aware of.

10,819. Do you remember selling a gold watch and chain?—Not about the time of the election I do not.

10,820. Do not jump before you come to the stile; do you remember selling a gold watch and chain on the 6th of October?—I do.

10,821. For *13l. 15s.*?—No, the watch was *10l.*, and the chain *3l. 15s.*; *13l. 15s.* in all.

10,822. That was on the 6th of October?—The 6th of October 1865.

10,823. When was that watch ordered?—It was not ordered at all. I keep them in stock.

10,824. Who came to your shop for it?—Mrs. Stirzaker.

10,825. Who was the watch for?—For Miss Ann Stirzaker, of Meeting House, Lancaster.

10,826. Who came to look at the watch first of all?—I think the old woman took two down; old Mrs. Stirzaker.

10,827. Had anyone been to your shop to order that previously?—No.

10,828. Had no person come with Mrs. Stirzaker?—I do not know whether Mrs. Stirzaker's son was there or not; that is the young man.

10,829. To whom did you make out the bill?—To Miss Ann Stirzaker.

10,830. And who paid you the money for it?—Mrs. Stirzaker.

10,831. Did Mr. Schneider come to your shop at all about that?—No, nor Mr. Fenwick either.

10,832. Did any person from the Vicarage come about it?—No.

13,833. Do you know a man named Joseph Wilson?—Very well.

10,834. Did Joseph Wilson come to your shop about it?—No, no one, with the exception of Mrs. Stirzaker and the son. I am not certain whether he was there or not.

10,835. You never spoke to Joseph Wilson about this watch?—No, nor to anyone else; I do not tell my business out of my shop.

10,836. What was there you wished to keep secret?—Nothing at all, only we do not wish to blab about what we sell.

10,837. Why not?—Because I do not.

10,838. Did you sell any other watches to any voters at the time of this election?—Not that I am aware of. You may look at my watch book if you choose. I shall be very glad to let you look through it; we make an entry of every watch we sell. I do not suppose you will find me mixed up in electioneering at all. You will hear all the evidence and then draw your own inference.

10,839. I want to know whether the person who wanted the watch was mixed up with it?—That I do not know.

10,840. Did she pay it in gold?—That I cannot say.

10,841. (*Mr. Newton.*) When did you first hear about this being talked about?—The first I heard of it was from one of the Marshalls.

10,842. Who is he?—John Marshall.

10,843. What did he say about it?—He said "Did you take any watches up to the Vicarage?" I said I had. "Did you sell one to Mr. Schneider?" I said, "I do not know." "Did you not sell one that was given to Miss Stirzaker?" I said "No, not that I know of."

10,844. Did Mr. Wilson ever talk to you about it?—No, he never mentioned it to me.

10,845. Did you ever go to him?—No.

10,846. When was it that Marshall talked to you about it?—I cannot say.

10,847. Before what took place at this election was inquired into in London?—It was before then; but I cannot say at what time.

10,848. It was then currently reported in Lancaster?—I daresay he wanted to fish, but his line was not long enough; his bait was not right.

10,849. He did not catch you?—No, and I do not suppose *you* will either.

10,850. (*Mr. Hill.*) Why not?—What I have come come here for is to tell the truth and the whole truth.

10,851. And have you told us the whole truth?—To the best of my recollection I have.

10,852. What was the first price fixed for the watch and chain?—I only ask one price; all my goods are plain marked, and if they do not give that price they go away. I shall be very glad to sell you one; they are all plain marked and have a ticket on them.

RICHARD CLEMINSON sworn and examined.

R. Cleminson.

10,853. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you live in Nicholas Street?—Yes.

10,854. What is your trade?—A tailor and draper.

10,855. Are you brother to the witness we have examined, Thomas Cleminson?—No, he is my uncle.

10,856. We hear that you received *50l.* from Welch at the last election?—Yes, I received more; I received *70l.*

10,857. In what district did you work at the last election?—Nicholas Street; about there. I was not on the list as a worker.

10,858. Do you know what we call the Nicholas

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Street district?—Yes; I believe my name was not on the list of workers.

10,859. Did you receive this all in one sum?—No; on the night of the nomination I received 5*l.*

10,860. All from Henry Welch?—Yes.

10,861. When next?—On the morning of the day of election.

40,862. The balance, 65*l.*?—65*l.*

10,863. Early in the morning?—Yes.

10,864. Is that all you received?—That is all I received.

10,865. First, as to the 5*l.*; how did you spend it?—I paid in various ways out of my own pocket about 1*l.* 10*s.*

10,866. Those various ways we may assume, I think, to have been treating the electors?—Yes.

10,867. Then there remains 3*l.* 10*s.*; what did you do with that?—I gave a person named William Garth 1*l.*

10,868. Of Germany Street?—Yes.

10,869. Then 2*l.* 10*s.* remains?—That was left over for expenses for the next day. I will account for it all.

10,870. What did you do with it?—To James Furness, a labourer—his number is 284 on the register—I gave 8*l.* John Stephenson, No. 791, 7*l.* Thomas Swainson (his number is 803) 5*l.* Thomas Swainson, shoemaker (801), 5*l.* William Scales (737), 5*l.* William Wilcock (922), 5*l.* Joseph Smith (773), 2*l.* I paid Thomas Teesdale, a non-elector, 10*s.*, James Malley, 5*s.* I gave William Garth, besides the sum I gave you before, another 1*l.* the day of the election to spend.

10,871. Then there is the balance?—I returned to Mr. Welch 25*l.*; the balance I spent in various ways, and gave an account of it to Mr. Welch.

10,872. You spent in various ways then 3*l.* 15*s.*?—Yes.

10,873. You got these men very cheap?—Yes.

10,874. How is that; can you give us any explanation of it?—No, I gave them what they wanted I suppose; indeed Mr. Welch told me not to give any more than 8*l.*

10,875. You gave a good many 5*l.*?—Yes, I got them for less if I could.

10,876. And Joseph Smith you gave 2*l.* to?—Yes.

10,877. Did he seem to be contented with that?—Yes.

10,878. Did he never apply to you after the election?—No.

10,879. Did you ever receive anything for yourself?—Nothing; Mr. Welch offered me anything I had a mind for. I said of course I would not accept anything for my services.

W. Bradshaw.

WILLIAM BRADSHAW sworn and examined.

10,880. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Market Street.

10,881. What are you?—A linen and woollen draper.

10,882. Did you take any part in the election in 1865?—Yes, I did.

10,883. As what?—I cannot call myself a captain.

10,884. Assistant captain?—No; there was no other man in the district in which I had to work.

10,885. What was your district?—Littledale.

10,886. When did you begin your work before the election?—I went up, I think, once or twice; the first time, perhaps, would be about ten days or a fortnight before the election.

10,887. Did you receive any money?—I received 23*l.* from Mr. Welch; he stated that I received 20*l.*, but I suppose that is an error.

10,888. When did you receive it?—On the night of the nomination day.

10,889. Did you get any more money?—No; that was the only sum I got.

10,890. How did you spend that 23*l.*?—I paid to William Thornton, Richard Thornton, and Richard Thornton, junior, 9*l.*—3*l.* each.

10,891. When did you pay them?—I paid them a short time after the election; I think it would be the Saturday week after the election.

10,892. What for?—They live something like six miles from the town; and it is a very rough road; and I made arrangements with them that if they would bring their own conveyances, and vote with us, possibly I would give them the expense of their journey—what it would cost us to send up a conveyance for them.

10,893. Did they come in their own conveyance?—They came in their own conveyances.

10,894. And they would not have come unless they had been sent for, or their conveyance paid?—They would have expected to be sent for. The election happened at rather an unfortunate time for them; they were busy with the hay, and, of course, they did not wish to lose any time.

10,895. How did you spend the remainder?—I gave to William Fox either 2*l.* 10*s.* or 3*l.* 10*s.*, I am not certain which.

10,896. Shall we call that 3*l.*?—Say 3*l.*

10,897. No. 272, William Fox, Deep Clough, Littledale, farmer?—Yes.

10,898. How much to him?—2*l.* 10*s.* or 3*l.* 10*s.*, I am not certain which.

10,899. Who is the next?—I paid Richard Fox 1*l.* for a vote, for Mr. Schneider; but I gave him that conditionally, that if Fenwick and Schneider were returned, he was to receive a sovereign for coming out; but if not, I should not have paid him.

10,900. That was for his vote for Schneider, if they both both got in?—Yes.

10,901. That was conditional?—Yes.

10,902. You got him very cheap?—Just as you think.

10,903. He got his 1*l.*?—Yes, I paid him his 1*l.* shortly after the election.

10,904. Did you know how he had voted when you paid him?—Yes.

10,905. He voted for Fenwick and Lawrence; so you got some, if this book is right?—No doubt I was under the impression that he voted for Schneider; however, I paid him the 1*l.*

10,906. And who else?—That is the lot; I returned the balance to Mr. Welch.

10,907. How much?—10*l.* it would be, I suppose—either 9*l.* 10*s.* or 10*l.* 10*s.*

10,908. When?—The day after the election, I think it was.

10,909. Who was the captain on the Conservative side in this district?—Mr. Edmondson, junior, of Grassyard Hall, was very busy soliciting votes on the Conservative side.

10,910. Anybody else?—I do not know of anyone.

10,911. I scarcely like to ask, but I am obliged to do it, did you receive anything for your exertions?—No, I did not; the boot was on the other leg; I paid my own expenses, unfortunately.

W. Stewardson.

WILLIAM STEWARDSON sworn and examined.

10,912. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—An auctioneer and painter.

10,913. Where do you live?—In Cable Street.

10,914. Are you a Liberal?—Yes.

10,915. And what district were you looking after at the last election?—Not any.

10,916. How were you engaged at the last election?—I was canvass agent for the whole district.

10,917. For the whole of Lancaster?—And the country as well.

10,918. Can you tell me the duties of a canvass

agent?—Going round with the candidates, and pointing out the voters to them.

10,919. Did you what is called "lead the canvass" on the Liberal side?—Yes, partly, along with the others.

10,920. How long were you and the members out canvassing?—About a fortnight.

10,921. A house to house visitation all through the borough, pretty well, was it?—Yes.

10,922. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the last election?—You mean apart from my services, I presume?

10,923. No, altogether; what was the first money you received?—I think the first amount I received was 10*l.*

10,924. And at what date would that be?—Possibly five or six days before the election; I am not quite certain about it.

10,925. From Mr. Welch?—Yes.

10,926. What was the next sum you received?—I am not quite positive whether it was 15*l.* or 20*l.*, but it was one of the two.

10,927. Which do you believe?—I cannot tell; it was received in two sums; one was 5*l.*, and the other 10*l.*, or else they were two tens—about 20*l.*

10,928. What was the next sum that you received?—Between four and five pounds; you will see it in the account; it was the account I had for the legal expenses on the journey.

10,929. In Tilly's account?—Yes; it will be in twice—once for cash laid out, and once for services rendered; I do not know what the amount was; it was what I had due against him; it was between four and five pounds.

10,930. When did you receive it?—Some considerable time after the election, when the accounts were paid; I do not know when; perhaps at the latter end of August; it was between 4*l.* and 5*l.*

10,931. What was the next sum you received?—26*l.* 5*s.*, my engagement; I was engaged before the election for that sum; 25 guineas was the figure.

10,932. Was that all the money you received?—Yes.

10,933. Did you not receive anything else at all?—No.

10,934. Not to pay bills?—I beg pardon; I did receive 4*l.* 10*s.*; but I was simply the agent to pay it from one to the other.

10,935. What bill?—A liquor bill at the "Nag's Head;" or, perhaps, not properly a liquor bill, but some engagement with the house. I did not engage it myself, or have anything to do with it; that was some time after.

10,936. Was that all the money you received?—It was.

10,937. Did not any other money for any bills pass through your hands?—Not any.

10,938. How did you spend this money?—4*l.* 10*s.* to the "Nag's Head" was simply taking it to them.

10,939. What was the first money that you spent?—I spent all the money that was spent on the canvass.

10,940. Refreshments before the election?—No; I had nothing to do with any refreshments, except the horses and the drivers; I paid 1*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* at Morecambe.

10,941. That was not all for horse food?—There was 10*s.* 6*d.* for erecting the hustings; and there would be something like a dozen horses, I daresay.

10,942. How much did you spend for expenses of canvass?—Something between five and six pounds, I should think; I had all the accounts at the time, and I have most of them now.

10,943. What else did you spend?—I paid an account at Overton to a man of the name of William Jackson, of 5*l.*, that had been owing some time before out of the same fund.

10,944. What was William Jackson?—He is a blacksmith.

10,945. Was that an account outstanding from the last election?—It was some considerable time before the election; he said he had never been paid; when we went canvassing to him, he said he would vote for the Liberals, as he always had done; but there was an account owing to him for canvassing during the time of Samuel Gregson's membership; and after we had left him, Mr. Schneider said to me, "Just look to that, and if you find it is right, pay it."

10,946. Mr. Schneider was with you, then?—The candidates were with me altogether when I was on the canvass.

10,947. What was the claim about? What was the amount of it?—The amount was 4*l.* 15*s.*, I think; but Mr. Schneider said I might give him a five pound note, and the remainder would be for interest; I took his receipt for it at the time.

10,948. What was it for, do you say?—It was for some account for services rendered on Mr. Gregson's canvass at some previous election; it was 4*l.* and some odd money, and I gave him a five pound note.

10,949. And he said if he was paid it he would vote for Mr. Schneider?—No; he did not say any such thing.

10,950. He said he had always voted Liberal?—Yes, and should do so again; but he named to some of us that there had been an account owing to him at some previous election.

10,951. So you have told us.—Then I have only to repeat it again; Mr. Schneider is a relative of Mr. Gregson's by marriage, and he said he would not allow it to be standing any longer; I was to look into it, and if it was right, I was to pay it, and get the money again, those were my instructions; it had nothing to do with this present contest at all.

10,952. And then you did give him 5*l.*?—I did.

10,953. And he duly voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—He duly did *not*, unfortunately.

10,954. How did he vote?—He voted against us.

10,955. You are quite sure you paid him the 5*l.*—Yes; I have got his receipt.

10,956. There?—Yes.

10,957. Let us have a look at it. (*The witness produces a paper, which is handed to the Commissioners.*) You have some other papers there; are they connected with the election?—Some are and some are not.

10,958. Let me look at them?—You will not make anything of them (*handing an envelope containing some papers*); you will not make much of them; just keep them together, if you please.

10,959. These were expenses incurred when you were out on canvass?—I think they are all.

10,960. One gentleman at Lancaster had a bottle of port at 4*s.*, I see?—That was a man of the name of Mounsey, that was very ill; and I sent him a bottle of port wine up, without any instructions from anybody else; but I paid for it.

10,961. What was the next payment that you made?—I do not think there is anything else on the canvass.

10,962. What other expenses?—I paid 12*l.* to a man called Green on the election day, for two voters.

10,963. Who were the two voters?—Tobias Hadwen of Morecambe, No. 351.

10,964. What is he?—He is on the list as a labourer, but he is a fisherman.

10,965. Who was the other one?—James Greenall of Morecambe.

10,966. What is Greenall's number?—327; he is on the list as Green.

10,967. But his name is Greenall?—Yes.

10,968. James Green, boot and shoemaker?—That is him.

10,969. By whom did you pay those two?—Green's son; I voted them, and left the money deposited in Green's hands till they went back again.

10,970. How much did you give each of them?—6*l.* each.

10,971. Who is the next?—Thomas Binless, a painter, No. 87.

10,972. How much did you give him?—5*l.*

10,973. Who is the next?—I gave 5*l.* to the wife of John Batty, No. 70.

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10,974. Of Cable Street, Lancaster, joiner ?—Yes.

10,975. Any other ?—No.

10,976. Were those all the persons whom you paid ?—Yes.

10,977. Then the bill at the "Nag's Head," 4*l.* 10*s.*?—I am not quite sure as to the amount, but it was about that.

10,978. Did you receive any other monies ?—No.

10,979. Did you pay any other monies ?—No, not to my knowledge ; I do not think I did ; I did not either contract that bill at the "Nag's Head," or have anything to do with it, except receive the money and pay it.

10,980. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where did you make this arrangement with Greenall ?—In a carriage.

10,981. Going over ?—No.

10,982. Where ?—I found him in a carriage.

10,983. Whereabouts ?—Well, he was brought to me, but I forget where at ; somewhere in the town.

10,984. And where did you catch Binless ?—I had him ready.

10,985. Where did you pay him ?—I do not know whether I paid him in my own shop, or where.

10,986. And Batty ?—I did not pay him at all ; I gave it to his wife, at his own house.

Adjourned for a short time.

W. Barker.

WILSON BARKER sworn and examined.

10,987. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I believe you are a draper ?—Yes.

10,988. Where do you live ?—In Church Street, Lancaster.

10,989. Have you been for some time past an active political partizan ?—No, not more than the last two elections.

10,990. On the Conservative side ?—Yes ; that is in the two contested elections I mean.

10,991. What position did you occupy at the last election ?—As banker or treasurer, whichever way you like to put it.

10,992. May we call you cashier ?—Yes.

10,993. Did you divide the borough into districts as we have heard was done upon the other side ?—No, I heard nothing about the division of the borough in any way.

10,994. Do you know as a matter of fact whether it was divided or not ?—I do not ; I presume it would be by the different captains ; but I do not know it.

10,995. You do not know that it was divided ?—I do not know that it was, but I presume it would be divided under different captains.

10,996. At what time did you know that there would be a contest for the borough ?—That I could not call to mind.

10,997. About how long before the election day ?—The first money I paid was June 15th.

10,998. That is not quite an answer to my question ; what I want to know is how long before the election was it announced that Mr. Lawrence would stand ?—I could not fix any date ; I have no recollection of the date, whether it was a week or a fortnight before that time or three weeks. I should not think it was more than a fortnight as far as I recollect, but I have no date to go by.

10,999. At what time was it determined by the Conservative party to contest the borough ?—I do not know.

11,000. Were you not consulted on the subject ?—No.

11,001. Did you attend no meeting on the subject ?—I attended a meeting at the King's Arms, but the date or what time it was I could not tell you. I think it would be some time in June.

11,002. A meeting of the Conservative party ?—Yes.

11,003. What were the subjects that were discussed at that meeting ?—As far as I can recollect it was with reference to a candidate.

11,004. Was it then determined on the part of the Conservative party to contest the borough ?—I am under an impression that it was. I was merely there as a listener. I took no further part at the meeting.

11,005. When did you know that it was first determined on the part of the Conservative party to contest the borough ?—I think it would be some time in June.

11,006. Was that after or before this meeting ?—I cannot say ; I think it must have been before the meeting that there was an idea of contesting the borough.

11,007. At this meeting did you hear the names of any candidates mentioned ?—No, I have no recollection of any candidate being mentioned by name.

11,008. Can you tell us at what time your services were required as treasurer on the Conservative side ?—In June.

11,009. Can you be more definite as to what time in June ?—The first money that passed from me was on the 15th of June, and I presume that that was my commencement.

11,010. Then we may presume that your services were engaged on some day previous to the 15th of June ?—A few days previous or a week previous. I could not say now.

11,011. I will ask you now who was the person who engaged you to assist in the election ?—I was requested by Mr. Wilson.

11,012. Was that Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson ?—Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson.

11,013. At the time he engaged you did he mention to you the candidate he proposed to bring forward ?—Not at that time because I think it was not then decided, as far as I can recollect, but immediately after Mr. Lawrence accepted it, I have no doubt. I should know the same day ; I should know immediately afterwards.

11,014. You were told on the same day ?—On the same day that it would be known I should be told of it.

11,015. Do you remember how long after the 15th of June Mr. Lawrence was declared to be the Conservative candidate ?—He would have been declared at that time to be the candidate.

11,016. For some days previously ?—Yes.

11,017. You have told us already that the first payment you made was on the 15th of June ?—Yes.

11,018. Be so kind as to tell us what that payment was ?—A payment to Mr. C. T. Clark, I believe, for clerks or something of that kind.

11,019. For clerks ?—For clerks and voters lists.

11,020. That is Mr. Christopher Thornton Clark, the agent for the Conservative party ?—The same.

11,021. What was the amount ?—6*l.* 15*s.*

11,022. What was the next payment ?—The next payment on the same day was 10*l.* to Mr. George Clark ; G. C. Clark.

11,023. Who is Mr. George C. Clark ?—The proprietor of the "Lancaster Gazette," a stationer.

11,024. For what was that payment ?—I did not ask him.

11,025. What was the next payment ?—The next payments were two small payments of 1*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* which I think were for two clerks.

11,026. Was the second payment on the 15th of June ?—Yes.

11,027. And this also that you are now mentioning ?—On the 16th ; 1*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* for clerks and delivering notices.

11,028. Now the next ?—The 21st, Mr. George Christopher Clark, 5*l.* ; 23rd to the same, 100*l.*

11,029. Do you know for what the payment to George Clark was ?—I do not.

11,030. Proceed if you please ?—On the 23rd, 100*l.*

11,031. To whom was that payment made ?—The same.

11,032. Do you know what that was for?—No.

11,033. What was the next payment?—On the 28th the same, 200*l.*

11,034. And you do not know what that was for?—No, I made no inquiries.

11,035. What was the next payment?—The next was July the 5th, Mr. C. T. Clark, 3*l.*

11,036. What was that for?—I do not know.

11,037. What was the next payment?—On the 7th Mr. Robert Lawson, 5*l.*; on the same day Mr. George Christopher Clark, 20*l.*

11,038. Do you not know what any of these payments were for?—No, I did not inquire; I took their receipt for the money. I presumed it was for Mr. Lawrence's election, but the details of it I do not know; how it was spent I do not know.

11,039. What was the next payment?—Mr. Joseph Fenton, 5*l.*

11,040. You cannot say what that was for?—No.

11,041. Who is Mr. Fenton?—An ironmonger in this town.

11,042. On what day was that?—The same day, the 7th; these that I am giving you now are all on the same day.

11,043. What was the next payment?—Mr. Joseph Storey, 5*l.*

11,044. Who is Mr. Joseph Storey?—A chemical manufacturer or something to do with chemistry.

11,045. Chemical works?—Yes, he has something to do with chemistry.

11,046. Who next?—Mr. Richard Coupland.

11,047. How much?—100*l.*

11,048. Who is Mr. Coupland?—A cabinet-maker and upholsterer.

11,049. The next?—The next was on the 8th, Mr. George Christopher Clark, 2*l*; the next was Mr. John Cross, 20*l.*

11,050. The same day?—The same day.

11,051. Now the next?—Mr. Richard Coupland, 30*l.*

11,052. The next if you please?—The next was to six clerks, which came to 12*l.* 15*s.*; they were clerks or runners; I can give you the names if you wish it.

11,053. Were those clerks voters?—I could not answer that question; one of them was 30*s.* and the others were 2*l.* 5*s.* each for their services up to that time.

11,054. Now give us the names of those clerks?—The first was George Danson, junior, 1*l.* 10*s.*; the next, J. Gifford, 1*l.* 5*s.*

11,055. The next?—J. Croft, the same amount; then H. Parker, the same amount; J. D. Leeming, the same amount, and Waterhouse, the same amount. I think it comes to 12*l.* 15*s.*

11,056. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was Waterhouse's christian name?—H. I have it. Those are receipts I may say that are with the town clerk.

11,057. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now the next?—The next was Mr. George Danson.

11,058. What is the amount?—185*l.*

11,059. The 8th of July?—Yes, the 8th.

11,060. What was the next?—On the 10th Mr. George Christopher Clark and two others with him, 210*l.* I think; he gives credit for the whole of it.

11,061. Now the next?—The 11th, George Danson for Whormby 20*l.*

11,062. Which Whormby, the auctioneer?—I do not know; of Warton I think, but I do not know the man.

11,063. Then it will be Whormby per George Danson?—He got it for him in his name.

11,064. Now the next?—Mr. James Hatch.

11,065. (*Mr. Newton.*) The same day?—The same day 100*l.*; I will tell you when the dates are altered. Mr. Alec Harrison, 5*l.*

11,066. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now the next?—Mr. Robert Lawson, 7*l.*

11,067. What is the next?—Mr. William Cross.

11,068. The same date?—Yes.

11,069. How much?—There was a small amount returned; will you have the gross or the net?

11,070. We had better have the gross first?—30*l.* and 1*l.* 2*s.* returned; the next was William Connor 400*l.*

11,071. How much was returned?—21*l.*

11,072. Now the next?—T. Cranstone.

11,073. How much?—70*l.*; he returned 37*l.* 5*s.*

11,074. The next?—W. Maddock, 200*l.*

11,075. The next?—Robert Pace, junior, 100*l.*, and he returned 6*l.*

11,076. The next?—H. Jackson, 40*l.*

11,077. The next?—R. Eaves.

11,078. How much?—35*l.*; T. Taylor, 21*l.*; P. Wollaston, 180*l.*; R. Coupland, 20*l.*; John Cross, 550*l.*; he returned 75*l.* 10*s.*

11,079. The next?—William Storey, 30*l.*

11,080. The next?—J. L. Bradshaw, 40*l.*; R. Pace, 34*l.*; that completes what was paid on the 11th; then on the 12th P. Wollaston, 750*l.*; he returned 345*l.* 10*s.*; R. Pace, 400*l.*; T. Taylor, 300*l.*; returned 70*l.*; Bakewell——

11,081. What is his christian name?—I think it is H., but I could not swear whether it is H. or T., 300*l.*, but he returned 9*l.* 5*s.*

11,082. The next?—Mr. John T. Lawrence for Wollaston, 200*l.*

11,083. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was that the brother?—Yes, he came for it for Mr. Wollaston.

11,084. How much?—200*l.*; Mr. George Danson 80*l.*; Mr. Scanlan 650*l.*: he returned 118*l.* 10*s.*

11,085. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is Mr. Scanlan's christian name?—I do not know.

11,086. Is he a voter?—No, he is not a voter. Mr. W. Maddock, 250*l.*

11,087. (*Mr. Barstow.*) This is the same date?—Yes, the 12th; Mr. George Pease, 49*l.* 13*s.*; Mr. R. Proctor, 3*l.*; Mr. G. C. Clark, 45*l.*; Mr. Bulfield, 10*l.*

11,088. Do you know his christian name?—I have not got it. Mr. W. Burrow, 2*l.*; Mr. George Coulston, 16*l.*; Mr. R. Coupland, 300*l.* And then there was a payment of 10*s.*, for taking some bills out, to Woodburn the bell man. That completes that list.

11,089. Now we are coming to payments subsequent to the election?—The 15th is the next I have; J. Hide, 32*l.* for staff men, I think; he is not on the list, I think. 32*l.* 10*s.* I have it, but he returned 10*s.* The next is Mr. Thomas Gibson, solicitor, 100*l.*; Mr. Jackson, this was for carriages, 61*l.* 4*s.*

11,090. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which of the Jacksons?—I think of Kendal, the King's Arms, Kendal, I believe they came from. The next is Tate, 60*l.*; that was for the same purpose. Smith is the next, 15 guineas.

11,091. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you give us his christian name?—No.

11,092. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was that for carriages?—Yes; Hayes, 11*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* for the same purpose; Bell, six guineas, the same; Scott, 16*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

11,093. For the same thing?—Yes; Hutton, 7*l.* 5*s.*

11,094. For the same purpose?—Yes. The 22nd, William Storey, 40*l.*; 26th, W. Fort, 15*l.* 12*s.*; 28th, T. Gibson, 101*l.* 12*s.*; August 15th, John McCann, 81*l.* 11*s.*; September 9th, G. C. Clark, 83*l.*

11,095. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now the next?—The town clerk, 44*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*; George Danson, 50*l.*; Thomas Gibson, 38*l.* 10*s.*; Robert Hall, 26*l.* 5*s.*; Heald's Livery Stables, 27*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

11,096. Was that for horses?—For gigs, and horse hire, carriages and so on.

11,097. Thomas Edmondson, 22*l.* 10*s.*; Willacy is the next, 10*l.* Those that I am coming to now are for committee-rooms.

11,098. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is this Mrs. Willacy?—Yes. Hodgson, 6*l.* 5*s.*

11,099. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do I understand you to say that we are to consider that the amounts you are now giving us, from Mrs. Willacy downwards, are for committee-rooms?—Until I tell you to the contrary.

11,100. What Hodgson was it, because we have several?—I do not know; I only know the name; the bills I believe were given in with the election bills.

11,101. What is the amount of Hodgson's?—6*l.* 5*s.*

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The next is Lamb, 6*l.*; Jackson, 6*l.*; the bills will tell the name and the street.

11,102. Are you reading out now accounts which were returned to the expenses agent?—Yes, the money went from me for them.

11,103. Are those returned and not returned all mixed together?—They are all mixed together; I can decipher them for you if you like; I can tell you which I have the bills for afterwards, and which I think you will find, and those that I have not got vouchers for.

11,104. After Jackson, which was the next payment?—Woodhouse, 6*l.*

11,105. The date is the same?—Yes, the same.

11,106. And for the same purposes?—Yes.

11,107. And the amount?—The same, 6*l.* Dearden is the next, 6*l.*

11,108. The next?—Jackson, twice over, 6*l.* each—two different parties; Dowthwaite, 5*l.* 10*s.*; Pilling, 5*l.*; Bannister, 5*l.*; Hinde, 5*l.*; Ellershaw, 5*l.*; and Dobson, 5*l.* That completes those.

11,109. Have you the christian names of any of these?—No, I have not, but the bills will show.

11,110. That does not finish all the payments you made?—No, it finishes those that were for committee-rooms. The next payment that I have is of the same date; J. L. Milner, 4*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*; J. Fenton, the same date, 4*l.* 9*s.*; Palatine Hall, 2*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*; Houghton, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Robinson, 9*s.*; Fort, 5*s.*; Parker, 1*l.* 16*s.*; that finishes that date.

11,111. What Parker is this, or what is it for?—His name was down before among the 2*l.* 5*s.*; he is a clerk, I believe; I think you had him among the 2*l.* 5*s.*; it is the same man, I believe.

11,112. H. Parker?—Yes. My next is October the 6th.

11,113. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were these last all on the 9th of September?—Yes. Town clerk, 2*l.* 18*s.*; J. Standing, 2*l.* The next is January 4th, J. Sly.

11,114. 1866 we have got into now?—Yes, 234*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

11,115. Did Mr. Sly return anything?—No. The next is Mr. C. T. Clark, 114*l.* 13*s.*; Mr. William Storey, 71*l.* 2*s.*; Mr. R. Coupland, 39*l.* 16*s.*; Mr. James Hatch, 22*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* February 8th, Mr. G. C. Clark, 43*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*; 27th, Mr. Robert Clark, 10*l.* 11*s.* March 1st, George Coulston, 10*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*; Willacy, 38*l.* I think it is Mrs. Willacy. April 12th, William Storey, 18*l.* May 8th, R. Coupland, 2*l.* 12*s.* May 12th, J. Jackson, 3*l.* 4*s.* 14th, John Cross, 5*l.* July 27th, William Lamb, 20*l.* 11*s.* That completes my list.

11,116. I will now ask you if you can give us the gross amount?—The gross or the nett?

11,117. The whole amount that you spent—do you mean by "nett" less deductions for money returned?—Yes.

11,118. Give us the gross amount first?—7,745*l.* 14*s.*, less 684*l.* 12*s.*

11,119. Returned?—Yes; a balance of 7,061*l.* 2*s.*

11,120. Now I will ask you, first of all, as to how this money was paid. In the first place where was it paid?—In my office.

11,121. In the office attached to your own place of business?—Yes.

11,122. Where is that?—In Church Street.

11,123. As anyone wanted money they came to you for it?—Not anyone. Anyone that was authorized, and that I knew.

11,124. Can you give us any information as to the times of day at which these sums were paid?—No; I have no fixed hours down.

11,125. Do you remember when you did pay them on the 11th of July?—I paid them on that day.

11,126. Was it late?—It would be during business hours—between 8 and 7.

11,127. Not after business hours?—No.

11,128. On the 11th of July you made no payments after business hours?—No, because we close at 7.

11,129. But at election times people sometimes sit up all night?—But I did not.

11,130. When did you begin to pay on the 12th of July, the election day?—I think the first monies would be between 6 and 7 in the morning. I thought you referred to the first payment. On the 11th of July it would be, most probably, after 7. I thought you were commencing with the first payment. It was paid in my office.

11,131. (*Mr. Newton.*) Generally, you made no payments except between 8 and 7?—That was previous to the 11th.

11,132. At what time, as far as you can tell, were payments made on the 11th of July?—Eight in the morning; and I do not think it would be beyond 10; it might not be so late. I am not aware that I made any so late, but I could not say.

11,133. You say that on the election morning you began to pay between 6 and 7 o'clock?—I think I was called on at the hour I have named, as far as I can recollect. I know I was not up much before 6 o'clock that morning.

11,134. Perhaps we may take it that you continued paying out all the day long. Did the supplies run dry at any time?—No, I never was short of money.

11,135. You have spoken of "any authorized person coming to you." What do you mean by an "authorized person"?—Any of the five captains whose names were given to me in Lancaster.

11,136. Will you tell us who those five were?—Captain Coupland was one. Mr. Hatch—

11,137. Captain Hatch?—No, he is not a captain; Coupland is a captain.

11,138. A real captain?—Yes. Mr. William Storey, Lieutenant Clark, and Mr. John Cross. I think those were the five.

11,139. Who authorized you to pay these five captains?—Mr. Wilson.

11,140. (*Mr. Hill.*) Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson, of course?—Yes.

11,141. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who named these captains to you?—I could not say. It was understood that those were the captains, and to those five I was to give what they wanted.

11,142. Then it was Mr. H. T. Wilson who named them to you?—I cannot say that, but it was understood from him, because I had others who applied to me for money who I did not recognise.

11,143. Now I must ask you where you got this money from (*referring to a paper*)?—The first I got was on the 1st of July, 500*l.*

11,144. How did you receive that?—It was brought to me by a boy at "Kennan's Hotel," Cheapside, London. That is the hotel I always stop at.

11,145. Had you reason to expect that that sum would be brought to you?—I had.

11,146. What grounds had you for believing that it would be brought to you?—I was told by Mr. Wilson that money would be sent to me there.

11,147. Mr. H. T. Wilson?—Yes.

11,148. When did Mr. Wilson tell you this?—I could not tell. It must have been a few days before I went up to London.

11,149. In Lancaster?—In June, in Lancaster.

11,150. That money, I suppose, you brought down with you to Lancaster?—If I did not bring that down I brought what was equivalent to it.

11,151. (*Mr. Hill.*) It was in notes, and you changed them?—I might have changed them.

11,152. Was it in gold?—No, in bank notes, but I do not know that I brought that identical money with me, because I was in London on business, but I accounted for that amount.

11,153. Have you had any information since, or do you know at all where that money came from?—I believe it came from a Mr. Moon.

11,154. A very good electioneering name?—No, it is a real name, I believe.

11,155. What Mr. Moon?—He is a cashier in some office in Leadenhall Street, I believe.

11,156. Whose office?—Mr. Bilberry's, I believe. I think it is Leadenhall Street.

11,157. Do you know what Mr. Moon had to do with the Lancaster election?—I do not.

11,158. Do you know whether he was connected in business with Mr. Wilson?—He is cashier to his London partner.

11,159. Then Mr. Bilberry is Mr. Wilson's London partner?—His London partner.

11,160. What was the next sum you received?—400*l.*

11,161. How did you receive that?—By post, I think.

11,162. On what day?—On the 8th.

11,163. July?—Yes.

11,164. In what form did you receive it?—Bank notes.

11,165. Was it in a registered letter?—I could not say now, I had so many of them.

11,166. What notes, do you remember?—Bank of England.

11,167. Were they hundreds, or fifties?—I should think they would be hundreds. I could not say. I should judge that they would be in hundreds.

11,168. Did they come to you in half notes?—I could not say. If they did, I credited them on the same day.

11,169. Do you know where these notes came from?—They were sent to me by Mr. W. E. Chambers.

11,170. Who is he?—A cashier in the office of H. T. Wilson and Co., of Liverpool.

11,171. I suppose you changed those notes?—I should either change them or pay them away to somebody.

11,172. But 100*l.* notes are not very available currency in election times?—But I often have 100*l.* notes by me. No doubt I should change them to pay them away.

11,173. Did you get gold for them?—No, I do not think I did.

11,174. How did you melt those 100*l.* notes to make them available for electioneering purposes?—They were not required then for electioneering purposes. They were to reimburse what I had paid myself. You will find, if you look to the dates, that I had paid up to the 30th of June 323*l.*, and I got no money until the 1st of July.

11,175. What is the next sum you received?—On the 11th?

11,176. How did you receive that?—500*l.* by post.

11,177. Do you know where that came from?—It came the same as the previous sum, from W. E. Chambers.

11,178. Was that in notes?—That would be in notes.

11,179. You had to change those notes, I suppose?—I fancy I should change them on the 11th.

11,180. Where did you change them?—I could not say whether it was at the Lancaster Bank or not. I should say it was at the Lancaster Bank, but I could not be positive.

11,181. I may say "probably at the Lancaster Bank?"—Yes.

11,182. Have you an account with the Lancaster Bank?—I have.

11,183. That sum, I suppose, you paid away on the 11th of July?—Yes. There was more than that paid away.

11,184. What was the next sum you received?—In the evening I received four bags.

11,185. How much did they contain?—They contained 500*l.* each.

11,186. The bags were of sovereigns?—Gold.

11,187. Do you know where those bags came from?—I do not.

11,188. How did they come to you?—Either three, four, or five gentlemen came into my place with them between 6 and 7 o'clock.

11,189. Were you in at the time they came?—I was.

11,190. Did they say anything when they brought the bags in?—I could not say what remark they made unless it was that they were bringing the sinews of war, or something of that kind. I do not know that they made any particular remark.

11,191. Was that what they said?—I could not say what remark it was that was made, but it was some jocular remark of that kind.

11,192. Do you know who those gentlemen were?—I can only recollect one out of the number. They were only in a few minutes, and they did not all get into my office.

11,193. Who was that one?—Mr. Wollaston.

11,194. Who is Mr. Wollaston?—He is in the employ of Mr. H. T. Wilson.

11,195. In what capacity, do you know?—To look after the accounts in some way or other.

11,196. Is he employed here in Lancaster?—No, in Liverpool.

11,197. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know his address?—No, not at all. His business address I know, but not his private address.

11,198. Then give us, if you please, his business address?—No. 21, Water Street, Liverpool. His private address I have at home, but I have not got it here.

11,199. What is the next sum you received?—The next sum was on the 12th; I received a cheque for 1,000*l.*

11,200. Have you the particulars of that cheque?—I have not.

11,201. Who was the payee of the cheque?—John T. Lawrence.

11,202. On what bank was the cheque drawn?—That I could not say; it was on a bank in Liverpool. I could not name the bank; it would be on his own bankers, but I could not say which bank it was.

11,203. Who signed the cheque?—J. T. Lawrence.

11,204. Who was the payee of it?—He drew the cheque.

11,205. The cheque was payable to whom?—To me.

11,206. To order?—I could not say whether it was to order or to bearer.

11,207. It was an ordinary cheque?—Just an ordinary cheque to pay me 1,000*l.*

11,208. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was your name mentioned in it?—I should say so. I should say as a matter of course it would be.

11,209. (*Mr. Hill.*) It was payable to you?—Yes; drawn by J. T. Lawrence, payable to me.

11,210. You, then, were the payee. You told us just now that Mr. Lawrence was?—Yes, I was the payee.

11,211. (*Mr. Newton.*) You cannot say whether it was payable to order or to bearer?—No, I could not say.

11,212. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you do with that cheque?—Got it cashed.

11,213. Where did you get it cashed?—At the Preston Bank.

11,214. At that time they had a branch in Lancaster?—They had.

11,215. And at that branch you got it cashed?—I got it cashed by the manager, Mr. Ball.

11,216. You got gold for it, I suppose?—I got gold for it.

11,217. What was the next sum you received?—450*l.* by post, from W. E. Chambers.

11,218. Was that the same day, the 12th?—Yes.

11,219. How was that?—In bank notes.

11,220. But notes of what amount?—I should presume that they would be hundred-pound notes.

11,221. Did you change those notes into gold the same day?—I should say they would be changed.

11,222. On the 12th of July?—Yes.

11,223. Do you recollect at what bank they were changed?—It would be the Lancaster Bank, I think, or I might not change them at all, for I drew a cheque that day for 500*l.* myself. I might change those notes either that day or the next.

11,224. You do not know, in fact, whether you changed them into sovereigns and used them for the purpose of the election, or whether you got money on

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your own cheque and repaid yourself with these?—Just so.

11,225. What was the next sum you received?—The next amount that I give credit for I did not receive direct. It was 400*l.* by Stirzaker. Mr. Wollaston, I think, got it. He got the money and accounted for it as if he had received it from me, so that that comes into the account as if I had paid him it, although I did not. Mr. Wollaston got the 400*l.* and returned me what I have given you before, 311*l.* It makes no difference in the total of the accounts. Mr. Wollaston gives an account of it himself.

11,226. What was the next sum you received?—15th July, 500*l.*

11,227. Now was that sent to you?—By post, from W. E. Chambers.

11,228. Now the next?—August 12th, 250*l.*

11,229. How was that sent?—In notes.

11,230. By W. E. Chambers?—Yes.

11,231. By post?—By post.

11,232. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was the 500*l.* received on the 15th of July in notes?—Yes. September 8th was the next, 400*l.*

11,233. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is that as above?—Yes; January 2nd, 1866, 500*l.*

11,234. Is that also as above?—Yes; March 7th, 150*l.*

11,235. Is that the last sum you received?—That is all I have received.

11,236. Were these sums that you have given us entirely exhausted by the payment of the election expenses?—Yes.

11,237. They were entirely exhausted?—They have been all paid away. There is a balance short.

11,238. These sums have all been paid away and money is still owing?—Money is still owing to me.

11,239. How much is owing to you?—11*l.* 2*s.* That is the balance.

11,240. Those sums that you have said were returned by the different people who had received money were carried into the general account, I suppose, and applied to other expenses?—It still comes to the same amount. It is not in addition. Credit was given for it. I only charged the net amount paid—the balance.

11,241. Either I do not understand you, or you do not understand me. I will take Mr. Cross as an example. I see Mr. John Cross returned you 75*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

11,242. I suppose you applied that 75*l.* 10*s.*, which was surplus from Mr. John Cross's special purposes, to the general purposes of the election?—To any other expenses that were required. I debited him with the full amount, and credited him with what he returned.

11,243. But between you and your paymaster, whoever he was, that sum is carried into the general account?—Yes. I charged him with 474*l.* 10*s.*, the amount I actually paid, and not with 550*l.*, the gross amount.

11,243*a*. The money received comes to how much?—7,050*l.* Whatever I paid away to the parties, when they returned it, of course I gave them credit for it.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Lancaster Castle, Friday, 7th September 1866.

PRESENT:

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON.

MR. HILL.

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WILSON BARKER recalled and further examined.

11,244. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are the sums which you gave us yesterday all that you received?—Yes.

11,245. Do you know of any other sums used for the purposes of the last election at Lancaster on the Conservative side?—Not a shilling.

11,246. To the best of your information and belief, was any other money spent than that for which you have accounted?—No.

11,247. Those accounts, I suppose, which you read to us yesterday and of which you have left copies with us, are not originals?—No; they are made from vouchers which I hold now and which I held at the time, and from others that were given up to the returning officer or the town clerk.

11,248. Do you put in that account which you have handed to us as an accurate statement of all the receipts and expenditure on the Conservative side?—Yes, I do.

11,249. Mr. Gibson has told us in his evidence that you settled his account as election expenses agent?—I did not. Do you mean his private account for his services?

11,250. No; what I meant was, did you pay him the money to settle his election expenses account?—No; Mr. Gibson is in error about that.

11,251. Do you know who did pay Mr. Gibson his election expenses account?—He never had it. All that Mr. Gibson had was on the 15th of July, 100*l.*, for which he left me this statement. That was the first money I paid him.

11,252. Were any of these items which you have mentioned here paid through Mr. Gibson for election expenses?—I presume he paid them all. I gave him 100*l.*, and that is what he gave me in return.

11,253. I am not alluding to the account which you have just handed in, but I mean the items you gave us yesterday. Were any of those paid to Mr. Gibson on account of election expenses?—Yes. I paid Mr Gibson with that and the others 422*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* I gave him the money to pay the committee rooms, town clerk's fees, and Mr. Danson, 50*l.*

11,254. To the best of your belief Mr. Gibson had no other monies from you?—No. Those are included in the list I gave you.

11,255. Is the sum 422*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* all that Mr. Gibson received from you?—To the best of my knowledge I believe so, unless there is any other small amount in the list I gave you.

11,256. Are you aware that Mr. Gibson returned his election expenses at 1,129*l.* 3*s.*?—I was only aware of it by seeing an account he left with me of 1,129*l.* 18*s.*, marked on it "Certified by the town clerk," which I found amongst my memorandums.

11,257. I suppose this account of Mr. Gibson's was advertised. Did you see it advertised?—I could not say that I did. I suppose it was, and no doubt I should see it, but I could not speak to the amounts.

11,258. Mr. Gibson never received from you any portion of this sum of 1,129*l.* 18*s.* except the sum of 422*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*?—To the best of my knowledge that included all I paid him. The rest of the accounts I paid myself.

11,259. Do you happen to know, or have you heard from where the rest of this money came, how Mr. Gibson was paid the balance?—He never had the balance to my knowledge.

11,260. Not from you?—No, nor anyone else, I should say.

11,261. You gave Mr. Gibson vouchers for the account and he entered them into his book?—Those vouchers that were required to be deposited; that was all. I did not give vouchers for the 100*l.* and 112*l.* I have them.

11,262. (*Mr. Hill.*) Take, for instance, Mr. Sly's carriage account?—That was paid in January. I have the vouchers for it. The account that was sent in to the officer was not receipted. It was not paid then.

11,263. It was not paid at the time it was entered in the book as paid?—No.

11,264. It was not paid until January?—No; the same as Mr. Clark's account was not paid till the 3rd or 4th of January.

11,265. (*Mr. Newton.*) Which Mr. Clark is that?—Mr. C. T. Clark.

11,266. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There was a sum then, in round numbers, of 700*l.* which is entered in Mr. Gibson's account, but the bills in fact were paid by you?—900*l.* I understood him to say. I understood from the report in the paper that he said he had 900*l.* from me.

11,267. You do not understand. Mr. Gibson's account is 1,129*l.* 18*s.* You paid Gibson 422*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, and you say that is all you paid him, to the best of your belief?—Yes.

11,268. There is a difference of 707*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* which is entered in Mr. Gibson's account, but the bills in fact were paid by you?—Yes, by me.

11,269. Are you aware how Gibson knew the amounts so as to render them in his account?—The full amount of 1,100*l.*?

11,270. No, how he knew the separate items; take, for instance, Mr. Sly's bill?—This is a draft of what he left with me; how he made it out I do not know.

11,271. (*Mr. Hill.*) If the vouchers still remain with you how did Mr. Gibson know the items?—I should give him those vouchers which he had to give in to the returning officer.

11,272. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That cannot be so, because you had not the vouchers until a month after the amount is entered as paid by Gibson?—Yes, he took Mr. Sly's and Mr. Clark's vouchers, but they were not receipted; he took the bills which were put down, and represented them as being paid.

11,273. (*Mr. Hill.*) Having entered them did he return the bills to you?—No; when I paid the bills I got a fresh bill.

11,274. He arrived at these details from bills given to him?—Yes, whether they were paid or not paid.

11,275. Were those bills given to him by you?—I cannot say; many of them would be sent to him, I think.

11,276. He arrived at the details by bills given to him and sent to him?—Yes.

11,277. Either by you or by other persons?—Yes.

11,278. (*Mr. Newton.*) You got those bills afterwards, and got a receipt to them?—Yes, I got fresh bills.

11,279. For the same amount?—Yes. I have the vouchers if you wish to have them.

11,280. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you a tabulated account of legitimate and illegitimate expenses?—No, I have not; I have merely an account as they were paid daily. In that list those against which you see a cross I have received receipts for, with the exception of one.

11,281. Which one is that?—An item of 34*l.*

11,282. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who has got the receipts of the others?—If you have the receipts of the election they will be amongst them. I think the mistake Mr. Gibson has made is, that he has taken for granted he paid those bills, whereas many of them I paid myself. I do not think it will make any difference in the total. I have got the particulars of the first hundred, and here are the particulars of the second.

11,283. You paid 34*l.* as well, but you have not got a voucher for it?—No.

11,284. Do you suppose that Gibson has got the receipts for the remainder?—He did not pay for them.

11,285. He has got the receipts, I suppose?—I do not know where they are.

(*Mr. Swainson.*) I think, perhaps, I could give an explanation upon that point. You have before you a little book of Mr. Gibson's, and I have, as representing officially the returning officer, vouchers for every payment in that book, with the exception of Mr. Sly's bills, and Mr. Christopher Thornton Clark's; Mr. Gibson had vouchers when he rendered that account, for all the items in that book, except the two I have mentioned; it seems to me that you are in a difficulty as to where the vouchers are.

(*Mr. Newton.*) We want to arrive at what are the legitimate expenses and what are the illegitimate expenses.

11,286. (*Mr. Barstow to the witness.*) Did you take any part in the election, excepting that of treasurer?—No, not any.

11,287. You know nothing of what went on excepting what was in your own immediate sphere?—No.

11,288. Do you know anything of the money matters on the other side?—I do not.

11,289. Have you read the accounts that have been given of the money disbursed on the other side?—Yes.

11,290. Was the amount stated to have been spent on the other side as large as you expected it would be?—No.

11,291. What reason have you for believing that the amount spent on the other side was greater than that returned?—General belief that money went more freely, and from the absence of a correct statement of account as to how the money was spent.

11,292. Are those your only reasons for believing that the sum actually spent on the other side is greater than that which has been given to us in evidence?—I have no other reason.

11,293. Do you know anything of any definite sum of money being used by the other party for the purposes of the election, excepting those we have heard of in his evidence?—I know nothing personally.

11,294. You say you know nothing personally; do you know, or have you heard, or have you credible information of any sum of money other than what we have heard of coming to the other party's hands?—I have no direct information in any shape whatever; that (*handing a paper to the Commissioner*) is the statement of legal expenses left by Mr. Gibson.

11,295. How was this 100*l.* that you paid to Gibson on the 15th of July paid?—In money.

11,296. Do you mean in gold?—I could not say whether it was in gold or notes, but it was in one or the other.

11,297. How did you pay the other 322*l.*?—The first is 100*l.* paid in a similar way; the next was 101*l.*, and the third item was 38*l.* 10*s.* for professional charges, and the other was given in such sums as were asked for to meet small payments. For instance, there is one item of 50*l.*, that might be a 50*l.* note.

11,298. Have you read Mr. Gibson's evidence?—Yes.

11,299. He told us that he was paid all the gross amount with the exception of 200*l.*; that he got the money from you, and cashed it from cheques?—Then he got it when I was not aware of it. I must have been asleep when he got it. He never did get it from me.

11,300. I want to know how you arrive at these sums. I see that the gross total you paid to Sly was 234*l.*?—Yes.

11,301. Then I see the account of Sly in Gibson's book is 146*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.*?—The two first items in Mr. Sly's bill are 131*l.* 17*s.*, and 14*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*, which I think will come to that amount.

11,302. Then I see you return to us Sly's account as 234*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes. The amount here is 234*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*

11,303. Is that 178*l.*, 32*l.* for committee room, and 146*l.* for conveyance, included in the 234*l.*?—It will

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be those accounts which are put down in my bill as "paid Jackson," and so on. It is put down without a cross. All those were engaged by Mr. Sly, and he paid them, and I paid him the money.

11,304. When was Tape paid?—The date is there. It was all on one day.

11,305. You have not got the receipt for Pace?—No, not for the 34*l.*

11,306. I think you told us yesterday that you have been an inhabitant of this town for some years?—No. I was never asked the question.

11,307. How long have you been in Lancaster?—I first came in 1825, and was absent from 1832 to 1835.

11,308. Have you always taken a part in the elections?—No.

11,309. When was the first election in which you took a part?—Mr. Saunders's election.

11,310. Is that Fenwick and Saunders in 1864?—Yes.

11,311. Was that the first time you took any part?—Yes.

11,312. What were you?—The same as I was on this occasion, merely taking that position as a friend of the party.

11,313. How did you receive your appointment as cashier, or how were you made cashier?—I do not know that I had any appointment. I was desired by my friends to accept it; Mr. Wilson amongst the rest.

11,314. You did not apply for the appointment of cashier?—No; there is no emolument to cause one to apply for it.

11,315. You did not apply for it?—No.

11,316. You rather put yourself in the place?—No. I said they had better get some one else.

11,317. They applied to you?—Yes.

11,318. Who else besides Mr. Wilson?—I did not name any others. I said, "friends."

11,319. Mr. Wilson is not a resident here. I should like to get hold of some one who is a resident, and who made the application?—I was desired by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Saunders, and Mr. Clark desired it, or suggested it.

11,320. Mr. C. T. Clark?—Yes.

11,321. At that time was Mr. Lawrence declared to be a candidate?—I presume he would be, but I could not speak positively as to that. I have no doubt, whoever was the candidate, I should have been applied to to occupy the position I did.

11,322. Have you taken part in municipal elections?—No.

11,323. Is that beneath your notice?—There are parties who have taken the liberty of nominating me, but I have not taken any part, not even to ask for a vote, or pay a shilling; I always said I never would.

11,324. What I want is to get from you the information which we got from the other side—whether you have any knowledge of the payment of taking up the freedom by birth, or by apprenticeship?—That I know nothing about.

11,325. Who would be the person on your side of politics who would give us information upon that point?—I could not name anyone, because I really do not know.

11,326. Do you know that any men's expenses have been paid?—Not one.

11,327. Do you mean that you do not know of one man's expenses being paid, or that there were none paid?—I do not know of any man whose freedom or expenses were paid.

11,328. It was not the practice of the Conservative party to pay for the freedom of people on that side?—I do not know that it was.

11,329. It seems to be the practice on the other side. You know it was the practice of the Liberal party to do it?—Only from what I saw in the paper.

11,330. Did you know it at the time?—No; they are things I never take any interest in.

11,331. I suppose you were looked upon as one of the leaders of the Conservative party, and as a shining light?—I am not aware of it. I never took any part in politics at all excepting the position I held, and that position I held as a private friend to the parties.

11,332. To whom may I ask?—Mr. Wilson; I have known him these 18 years, and Mr. Saunders the same time.

11,333. Amongst the items which you have given us in this account is there any item for a man being paid for his vote?—Not that I am aware of.

11,334. We have heard what took place on the other side, and wish to know whether the same practice was resorted to by your side?—I had nothing whatever to do with the voters.

11,335. Or paying them?—Of course you must exempt those voters that were captains.

11,336. You had nothing to do with the voters that were paid for their votes?—I never had anything to do with a single voter to my knowledge that was paid.

11,337. As I understand it, you had at the time of the evening of the election, on the 12th, spent 5,250*l.*, or rather you had received up to that evening 5,250*l.*?—Yes, and paid away 5,264*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*

11,338. When did you go through these accounts, and put them in this form?—From the first.

11,339. From the first of what?—I commenced as I received them.

11,340. When did you make out these accounts?—That one you have in your hand has been made out since the Commission, but it is made from a duplicate of it.

11,341. Is this a correct copy?—Yes, it is a correct copy.

11,342. Was that made out from your ledger?—This is made out merely to show what was paid each day in case I was asked the question.

11,343. And this other?—This other was made out to show the gross amount paid under each name.

11,344. All those have been made out since the Commission?—Yes; of course I had the amounts of all the payments down with the dates, and the vouchers by me to make a debtor and credtor account.

11,345. They are taken from the vouchers?—Yes.

11,346. All those that are not accounted for, how did you arrive at those?—I had a list of them, and put them all together.

11,347. Therefore there can be no mistake about the money you received up to that date, and the money that was spent up to that date?—I do not fear any mistake.

11,348. You told us yesterday that Stirzaker brought you 400*l.*?—Wollaston; I said Wollaston accounted for 400*l.*

11,349. Who brought it to you?—No one.

11,350. What became of that 400*l.*?—Mr. Wollaston took that money, and gives an account of that money, and returned me 345*l.* 10*s.*

11,351. After the election?—The night of the election.

11,352. We shall get the names of the other gentlemen who brought those bags of gold with Wollaston from Wollaston?—He will know who brought them.

11,353. Those five gentlemen that were called the captains will tell us their sub-captains, will they not?—I know nothing about who was under them.

11,354. They will tell us who was under them?—They ought to do so. I do not know who was under them.

11,355. Is it true that people used to come to your house to demand money?—Yes; that is, for bills, to the shop.

11,356. After the election?—Yes.

11,357. Used you to pay them there?—No.

11,358. Where did you pay them?—I did not pay them; I told them I had no authority to pay them, and that those who had contracted the bill or given the orders must pay it. If the bills had been certified by the captains, and they had brought them, I should have paid them.

11,359. Do you believe there is any money owing now, outstanding?—There are bills that I have posses-

sion of that have not been paid, and which have not been authorized to be incurred, from what I can gather.

11,360. Will you tell us the amount of those bills?—I think they are from 100*l.* to 150*l.*

11,361. Do you mean that they have not been certified by the captains, and therefore you will not pay them?—Yes; I am mistaken, they amount to 83*l.*, that is, not taking into account odd shillings.

11,362. What sort of bills are they?—The bulk of them are public-house bills.

11,363. Are those public-houses that were not engaged?—I cannot say; they have been merely left at my place, and I had no authority to pay them. I did not pay any of the public-house bills.

11,364. Who did that part of the business?—The captains; whatever they certified or wanted I gave them.

11,365. Are those the only bills that you know of that are unpaid?—They are the only bills that I am in possession of.

11,366. Did you and Mr. Gibson ever meet together to decide upon what bills were to be paid and what were not to be paid?—I have met him at the "King's Arms."

11,367. Was anybody else present?—I think most of the five captains would be there; I could not say that they were all there. They went through their books and picked out those bills which ought to be paid.

11,368. The captains did?—The parties that were present.

11,369. Can you tell us who they were?—The five gentlemen I named before.

11,370. Was there anybody besides those five?—Not that I am aware of, except Mr. Gibson.

11,371. Yourself and Mr. Gibson?—Yes.

11,372. You picked out those bills that were to be paid and what were not to be paid?—I did not.

11,373. I mean collectively you did?—They picked out those that were to be paid, and the others were to stand over to be inquired into.

11,374. When was this?—Previous to the time when the accounts had to go to the town clerk, but I cannot say exactly when it was.

11,375. You knew prefectly well that Mr. Gibson, when he furnished these accounts, knew they were not paid?—Some of them were paid after that, between that time and when they went in to the returning officer.

11,376. You knew that he was going to certify accounts that would not be paid at the time they were sent in?—Yes, I knew he was going to send in Mr. Clark's and Mr. Sly's bills, which were not paid. I understood they had to go in whether receipted or otherwise.

11,377. You did not trouble your head much about it?—No.

11,378. (*Mr. Hill.*) Some of these bills that were sent in to the town clerk were not receipted?—I can only speak of two from my own memory, and those are Mr. Sly's and Mr. Clark's.

11,379. They were sent in to the town clerk not receipted?—I understood they were to be sent in; I have never seen them since.

11,380. (*Mr. Hill to Mr. Swainson.*) Have you got them?—I am not sure whether, amongst the vouchers handed to the returning officer, there were any vouchers for Mr. Sly and Mr. Clark. There was a receipted account for every other item except Mr. Sly's and Mr. Clark's accounts.

11,381. (*Mr. Newton.*) They were all receipted except those two?—Yes.

(*The Witness.*) May I ask what those two bills come to?

11,382. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The gross amount is Sly, 234*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, and Mr. Clark, 114*l.*?—Mr. Sly's and Mr. Clark's accounts together amount to 349*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* I have not vouchers for 66*4l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, and those two together make 1,013*l.* I merely mentioned that to make it agree with the list that has been given in of 1,100*l.*; it may be that there are other accounts in the town clerk's list of which I may have duplicate vouchers.

11,383. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have given us the different sums you paid Mr. George Clark, making a total of 508*l.* I see on the 10th of July the first large sum he received was 210*l.*?—No, that is not in the 500*l.*

11,384. G. C. Clark and two others with him received on the 10th of July 210*l.*?—You will find in that list it is put to the three names and not to him separately.

11,385. Why is that put to the three names instead of to him alone?—The three signed the receipt for it.

11,386. Why was that?—There were three present. I saw no objection to taking the three instead of taking one; they were altogether when they got the money.

11,387. Was it to be divided amongst the three?—Just as they liked; but I have understood since that Mr. Clark took it all for himself and has accounted for it.

11,388. What was the estimate which was formed by you or any of the party as to the amount which this election was likely to cost the Conservative party?—As far as I can recollect, something like 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.*; not more.

11,389. When was that estimate formed?—That I cannot say.

11,390. About how long before the election?—I cannot say.

11,391. Give it to me about?—It was merely in casual conversation.

11,392. In casual conversation with whom?—Very likely with Mr. Wilson or Mr. Saunders.

11,393. Some of the heads of the party?—Yes.

11,394. That would be previously to your visit to London, in fact at the first onset?—My visit to London was on the 30th of June.

11,395. Was the candidate decided upon then?—You asked me yesterday when it was decided upon, and I have ascertained from a meeting that was held on other business that it was on the 1st of June. Mr. Lawrence was here at a meeting on other business when, I believe, he was asked.

11,396. Mr. Lawrence's natural inquiry would be what such an election would be likely to cost?—Not that I am aware of; he was here as a director of a company.

11,397. The Waggon or Ship Company?—The Shipowner's Company, and on the same day he was invited to stand.

11,398. After he had been invited to stand, there was a discussion with Mr. Wilson and the heads of the party as to what the election was likely to cost?—I am not aware of it; it was merely a conversation between Mr. Wilson, myself, and probably Mr. Saunders; not with a committee or anything of that kind.

11,399. Was it suggested that Mr. Lawrence should be informed as to the amount it would be likely to cost?—I never had a word with Mr. Lawrence on money matters whatever.

11,400. What was the first conversation you had as to the way in which the money was to come into your hands, or the first conversation I, perhaps, should say?—I had no conversation whatever.

11,401. How did you first know, or when did you first know, that this money would be found in London that was given to you at "Kennan's Hotel?"—A day or two before I went up; I had then advanced upwards of 3,000*l.*

11,402. To whom did you give the information that you had at that time advanced so much money?—Mr. Wilson.

11,403. Did Mr. Wilson tell you that you would find some money coming to you in London?—That I should get 500*l.* in London.

11,404. Did you at that time ask him where the remainder was to come from?—No, I did not.

11,405. Had you at that time any information as to where the remainder was to come from?—No.

11,406. Did you, in fact, at all at that time know where it would come from?—No; and I do not know now where it came from.

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11,407. Of course you have taken care rather not to inquire?—I know where I got it from.

11,408. You have taken care not to inquire the source from where it came?—I never inquired.

11,409. It was better for you that you should not know?—As long as I got sufficient to meet the payments that was all I wanted.

11,410. At the time of these payments what balance had you in the bank, and when did you first begin to draw against it for the purposes of the election?—I never drew against it.

11,411. You say you furnished money for the election out of your own resources?—Yes.

11,412. How did you obtain that?—By money that I had by me, or, if I required it, from the bank.

11,413. By drawing on your own account?—Yes.

11,414. What was your balance in the bank at the time?—I do not know without looking.

11,415. Was it something against which you might draw safely to the amount of 500*l.* or 1,000*l.*?—Yes, or more thousands.

11,416. I do not want to investigate your accounts more than necessary for this purpose, but that would be to a certain extent a reason why they asked you to take the office of treasurer?—No; I think the chief reason was that they knew I should be particularly correct in the accounts.

11,417. I may say, as far as that goes, that you have given us pretty satisfactory proof that they were not wrong in their selection on that account. To what extent did you draw against your account during the election; what was the gross amount the election, if I may so say, owed you at one time?—I should think never more than what was owing to me just previous to my visit to London. At the first I drew a cheque on my own account for 500*l.* on the 12th, but it was not used for the election; it was drawn as a reserve in case of its being wanted, and was paid back next day—536*l.* or 538*l.* not wanted.

11,418. Had you any arrangement with the bank, or had you given information to the bank that there would be a certain amount of gold required in change for heavy notes?—No, never.

11,419. In fact, to the best of your belief, these big notes were all changed at the branch of the Lancaster Bank?—I have no doubt I should change them there.

11,420. Or the captains to whom you paid them?—If I had it not by me I should change them.

11,421. There must have been something like 5,000*l.* or 6,000*l.* worth of notes changed at the Lancaster Bank in the course of a very few days?—No, I think not. 2,000*l.* was brought in gold, which I stated yesterday, in four bags; and then 1,000*l.* cheque was changed into gold by the Preston Bank. That I also stated yesterday.

11,422. Who got that changed?—I did.

11,423. You had no account at the Preston Bank?—No.

11,424. Has Mr. Wilson?—No. Mr. Ball, the manager, changed it for me.

11,425. You say you had calculated that the election would cost about 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.*?—I do not know that there was any calculation. It was merely spoken of.

11,426. Estimated, then. You were prepared however with funds to a larger amount?—The amount that I had up to that time was 5,250*l.*

11,427. Was there any estimate made with regard to the manner in which the 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.* would be spent?—No.

11,428. There was no calculation made?—No.

11,429. It was calculated, of course, that a certain number of votes would have to be bought?—I suppose that would be the calculation.

11,430. Of course these matters were talked over generally amongst yourselves. What number of votes was it estimated it would be necessary to buy?—I never heard it named. I felt confident that the numbers who would have voted would have returned Mr. Lawrence.

11,431. Or else you would not have allowed him to have entered into this contest?—I never saw a book, or a return of a canvass in any shape whatever.

11,432. You never made any estimate yourself as to what would be the price of votes?—No.

11,433. You say you acted in the previous election as treasurer for Mr. Saunders?—Yes.

11,434. What was the amount which was disbursed on the Conservative side in the previous election?—Either 2,100*l.* or 2,200*l.*, to the best of my knowledge, without referring to the memoranda.

11,435. Was that for legal and illegal expenses?—That was for all.

11,436. The sum total?—Yes.

11,437. Have you the memoranda by you at the present time?—Yes, I have memoranda which would tell me the exact amount.

11,438. What number of votes were bought at that election?—I do not know.

11,439. Can you form an estimate?—No, I cannot. I never went into a calculation of the number of votes that were bought.

11,440. These matters would be discussed after the election?—It never was discussed before me; it was not a part that I took in any shape whatever.

11,441. Do you recollect what the legal expenses were returned at?—No, I do not.

11,442. 700*l.* odd, was it not?—I do not know, and I have no record of it.

11,443. You had the same captains?—That I cannot say; I think they would not be the same.

11,444. Where was the Conservatives' central house?—When?

11,445. At this last election?—Do you mean where Mr. Lawrence stayed?

11,446. Where the committee met?—The "King's Arms" was the house that I went to.

11,447. That was the Central Committee?—No, the Central Committee was at the "Royal Oak," which belongs to the same proprietor, but Mr. Lawrence stayed at the "King's Arms."

11,448. How many members were there on that committee?—I do not know.

11,449. About how many?—I could not state.

11,450. Give me the names of some of them, besides the five captains?—I do not know any. I scarcely ever went myself into the room; once or twice on the day of election that, was all. I never met the committee except on the occasion when I met Mr. Gibson about the accounts.

11,451. (*Mr. Newton.*) That was at the "King's Arms?"—Yes.

11,452. What remuneration did you receive for your services at this last election?—Thanks—nothing else.

11,453. Did you receive nothing else?—No.

11,454. No interest for the money that you had laid out?—No, and I do not expect it.

11,455. I ask you that distinctly, you understand that?—Yes; I have never received anything, and do not expect anything either at this election or at the former one.

11,456. "I have not received, nor do I expect any remuneration," am I to take that down?—Yes; it was entirely friendship.

11,457. Of whom had you been a friend?—Mr. Wilson I have known, as I have said before, these 18 or 20 years, and Mr. Saunders the same.

11,458. You acted for Mr. Wilson and Mr. Saunders?—Yes, on the two elections.

11,459. What part did Mr. Saunders take in this last election of Mr. Lawrence?—He seemed very active all the day.

11,460. Not only during that day but previously, had he not?—Yes, previous too; he was very anxious for the return of Mr. Lawrence.

11,461. Was he taking any steps to secure the return of Mr. Lawrence besides his general anxiety and care?—He might ask parties for their votes, for anything I know.

11,462. Do you think he was at all operating in any money matters?—No.

11,463. You do not know it?—To my knowledge he was not.

11,464. But what is your belief?—My belief is that he was not.

11,465. When did you and Mr. Gibson first discuss, if at all, the amount that should be given in as legal expenses?—I do not know that I ever had any discussion with him upon that subject, more than meeting him at the "King's Arms."

11,466. Did you know, before Mr. Gibson's legal expenses had been returned, what had been returned on the other side?—No.

11,467. Do I understand from you that there was no suggestion from you as to what should be the amount given for legal expenses?—None whatever; he took out just what he liked, and rejected what he did not like.

11,468. You handed the bills to Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gibson picked out what he liked, and those he put down as being legal expenses?—He picked out what bills were to be charged as legal expenses.

11,469. Having full knowledge that the other bills were bills that would be paid?—I suppose so.

11,470. Did you know that Mr. Gibson would sign and put his name to this statement, having that knowledge as a detailed statement of all election expenses incurred by or on behalf of Edward Lawrence, Esq.?—I did not know anything about it. Mr. Gibson spoke to me a week or two before the Commission, and said he must come and see me about the money he had had, and my answer was, "I think "I cannot say much to you, you being now partner "with the solicitor on the opposite side."

11,471. You and Mr. Gibson have not gone over this matter since?—No, not at all; I think Mr. Gibson merely took the list he has made out, thinking in his mind he had paid them.

11,472. Mr. Gibson has given in this return as being a detail of all expenses incurred by or on behalf of Edward Lawrence, Esq., at that election?—That I do not know.

11,473. You say Mr. Gibson knew very well that these other bills were to be paid?—There were some left out at the "King's Arms."

11,474. A considerable number?—Yes.

11,475. There was the difference between 1,124*l.* and 7,000*l.*?—Yes; he might not know of all that amount; I do not suppose he would.

11,476. But the greater part of it?—No, I do not think he would know of the money I advanced to the captains.

11,477. He would know of the bills?—Yes.

11,478. And of this list of staff-men which you handed in, because he paid it himself?—That is a list which he left with me, it is not in my writing; the three lists which you have got he left with me.

11,479. He left this list of 212 staff-men?—He got 100*l.* from me, he did not pay them all.

11,480. I hope he did for his own accuracy, because he says here "Balance due to T. G., 6*l.*?—I think, as far as my memory goes, there were some of the men who did not get it.

11,481. What is the next sum that he got?—101*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.* was the next money from me.

11,482. Then there is a list of clerks, canvassers, and messengers, paid the 12th of July 1865?—My list will tell you the day I paid it.

11,483. That is the list you refer to?—Yes, 101*l.* 12*s.*, and then the receipt for 38*l.* 10*s.* will be with the town clerk.

11,484. What was that for?—His services.

11,485. That is the third receipt?—Yes; and the other sums, such as the town clerk and other payments on that list. I gave him the money to pay them with, that is all the money I gave him.

11,486. On your oath, have you given us to the best of your ability all you know about this election?—Yes, everything.

11,487. That you swear solemnly?—Yes.

11,488. I ask you that because we are going very strictly into the particulars of these payments; is there anything that you wish to amend?—No; I have given you every penny I received and every penny I spent.

11,489. And every penny you know of, expenditure and receipt?—I do not think anything else was spent by anybody; if there was it must have been paid out of their own pockets.

ROBERT SHACKLETON recalled and further examined.

R. Shackleton.

11,490. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were to furnish us with an accurate list of the voters bribed by you at Morecambe?—Did I promise to do so?

11,491. Yes, and when I saw you here to-day I thought you had come provided with it?—No, I am not; I can give you the names if you will allow me further time. I was not aware that you had asked me for it.

11,492. But we did, and you promised you would furnish it to us?—That I can do; I have not the book with me now, but it so happens that I have made an examination among a lot of old papers, and I have found a memorandum of how I spent the money; the days on which I received it and paid it, and who I paid it to.

11,493. It would have been more satisfactory if you had brought it to us before?—I did not know that I had it. We have two houses, and the house I usually occupy is at present occupied by General Crofton, from London, and all my papers are in that larger house. We are in a cottage ourselves, and I could not, therefore, get to my books.

11,494. That is nonsense.—Whether you believe it or not it is the fact. I can get it this afternoon.

11,495. Then let us have it on Monday.

11,496. (*Mr. Hill.*) Can you give us the names now?—No; there is one little explanation I wish to make.

11,497. You can make it on Monday?—It is with reference to a matter that has been spoken of by one of the witnesses.

11,498. You can make it on Monday, if you can recollect it.

ISAAC VICKERS recalled and further examined.

I. Vickers.

11,499. (*Mr. Newton.*) I remember that you are a watch and clock maker; we understand that you have something further to inform us of?—Yes; but before I go to that I wish to say that there was a person put into the box, Christopher Fothergill, who said that I spoke an untruth. Thomas was the man I gave 6*l.* 10*s.* to, not Christopher.

11,500. What is Thomas?—A grocer in China Lane.

11,501. You gave him 6*l.* for his vote?—No.

11,502. What for then?—To buy voters, but the price was too little; he could not buy them at that price, the money was too little.

11,503. You did not buy the votes yourself?—Yes, I got two or three.

11,504. Did you give 6*l.* to buy his vote?—No, not to buy his vote; he was a captain along with us. I think you have not had him up yet; I think you ought to have him.

11,505. You did not buy votes yourself, you would not do that?—Oh, yes, of course I would.

11,506. You told us you paid Thomas Fothergill 6*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes; but it was Christopher in the newspapers.

11,507. But you told us it was Thomas?—Then it is a mistake of the reporters.

11,508. It is Thomas Fothergill, and it was for his vote?—No, not for his vote: he was a captain along with us; it was not for his vote. Do not make a mistake like that, that would never do.

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11,509. You never bought his vote?—No; he was a captain along with us.

11,510. (*Mr. Hill.*) You bought old Mr. Rawlinson?—Yes.

11,511. (*Mr. Newton.*) You said Thomas Fothergill when you were examined before?—Yes.

11,512. And it so appears in our shorthand writer's notes. Was Robert Powell's for his vote?—No.

11,513. It was to buy the votes of other people?—Yes.

11,514. Who was Robert Powell's for?—It was to buy voters.

11,515. 6*l.* 10*s.* would not buy them in the plural number?—No, but I think he got something else; and he bought one, I think, for 10*l.*

11,516. Have you anything more to tell us?—I think I told you I never had anything to do with householders, but it appears to me I have got one.

11,517. Who is he?—Henry Knowles.

11,518. What did you give him?—I gave him 8*l.*

11,519. Where does he live?—On the Castle Hill.

11,520. 8*l.*?—Yes; but I did not go and ask him.

11,521. Did you find him in the churchyard?—He came to me.

11,522. At your house?—Yes.

11,523. Go on; what did he say when he came to you?—He said nothing.

11,524. Did you say anything to him?—No.

11,525. How did it come about then?—There is a gentleman of the name of Isaac Isaacs, and he comes with him, and says, "Well, my friend," he says, "I "want to have a little private conversation with you." I says, "All right."

11,526. Without going through a long story, it ultimately ended in your giving this man 8*l.* for his vote?—Yes.

11,527. You gave him 10*l.*, did you not?—No, 8*l.*; do not put any more to it.

11,528. Anybody else?—The next one was an invalid.

11,529. Who is he?—James Jackson; he was in a very ragged state.

11,530. What is he?—He is a groom, I believe.

11,531. Where does he live?—Oh, he is dead.

11,532. Where did he live?—Well, I do not know where he lived, I met him in the street; he was in a very ragged state, and I sent him down to Robert Powell for a suit of clothes, and then I sent him on to the dispensary.

11,533. What has that to do with his vote; did you buy his vote?—No, I did not, some one else did.

11,534. Who?—Some of our party; I do not know who it was.

11,535. Anybody else?—No.

11,536. Is this 8*l.* included in the account of what you received?—Yes.

11,537. It is?—No, it is not; not that 8*l.* is not.

11,538. Where did you get that 8*l.* from?—From Henry Welch.

11,539. When did he give it to you?—A few days after the election.

11,540. Did you tell him what you had done?—Yes.

11,541. Where did he give it you, at his house?—In his shop.

11,542. Have you anything more to tell us?—No.

11,543. Then you received 8*l.* more than you gave us an account of the other day?—Yes.

11,544. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you pay for the clothes?—Yes.

11,545. How much?—25*s.*; and a pair of boots 4*s.* 6*d.*

11,546. Where did you get the money from?—That was out of the first money I got that I paid away.

11,547. Then that ought to come off the balance?—Yes; and then there was 10*s.* for wine. When he came from the dispensary he was to have some wine.

11,548. Then you paid for this man, Jackson, altogether 1*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

11,549. Can you think of anything else that you paid?—No, I cannot think of anything else.

11,550. You cannot give us any more information about the watch?—No, I had nothing to do with that.

J. Albright.

JOHN ALBRIGHT recalled.

11,551. (*Mr. Hill.*) We understand that you wish to explain something to us?—Yes; I gave the names of two parties that I paid 4*l.* each to, which is a mistake. I gave the name of William Jackson, junior, of Middleton.

11,552. He was a young man, and you polled him for 4*l.*?—Yes; and then there is Ralph Jackson, a brother of his, he was 4*l.* Those two names are wrong; there are such a lot of Jacksons that a Philadelphia lawyer would be puzzled by them; so I wrote to the parties, and I find from a letter I have here (*producing it*) that it ought to be Samuel Jackson for one—William Jackson should be Samuel Jackson.

11,553. What is he?—Samuel Jackson is a farm servant at Middleton; the letter is directed from Middleton, but I believe it is Heysham in the list; I suppose he has shifted about. He says here, "In answer "to yours of the 4th, respecting the young man that "accompanied you from Overton on the morning of the "election, it was James Caton; I do not know his "proper address."

11,554. Then that should be James Caton?—Yes, in place of Ralph Jackson; Thomas is the father.

11,555. You say the list is Thomas Caton, Samuel Jackson, and James Caton?—Yes. Thomas Caton you had before, and then you follow with Samuel Jackson and James Caton.

11,556. What did you give them?—4*l.* each; they are the parties that I named before. The amount is the same, but it is Samuel Jackson instead of William.

11,557. Who was Ralph Jackson bought by, do you know?—I think he would go in Hutchinson's list; these were a sort of stray sheep that got out of the way; they were up a lane. I do not know what was the reason of it.

11,558. (*Mr. Newton.*) You got them into the fold, I hope?—It takes a very large fold to hold some of them, and rather extensive walls, too, to keep them in.

11,559. Did you know that James Caton was also paid by Hutchinson?—I saw Hutchinson, and he told me, and this man confirms it. I handed over 4*l.* to my son; I said, "Look sharp, they are going to cut."

11,560. Then he got 4*l.* from you and 10*l.* from Hutchinson?—I do not know what he got from Hutchinson; I thought it looked rather suspicious.

11,561. He got 8*l.* from Hutchinson?—Then it is only 12*l.* altogether.

11,562. You are quite sure about that being Samuel Jackson?—He writes to tell me, here is his letter to show you. In the list you will find that he has not been with Hutchinson; he is not in that list, and if you look at the list you will find he voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

11,563. Is that all you have to tell us?—Yes.

J. Smith.

JOSEPH SMITH sworn and examined.

11,564. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—Bath House.

11,565. Where is that?—In Lancaster.

11,566. What are you?—A corn merchant.

11,567. Have you been a pretty active electioneerer on the Liberal side?—I took an active part in the last election, and the one before.

11,568. Was that in Galgate?—No, in Halton.

11,569. Only in Halton?—And in the borough afterwards.

11,570. How much money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—30*l.*

11,571. From whom did you receive it?—Henry Welch.

11,572. When did you receive the first sum?—I received it all at once, on the night before the election.

11,573. How did you spend it?—I gave 2*l.* to Robert Lawrence, at Galgate; he stated in his evidence yesterday that my son gave it him; so he did, but I gave it to my son in the office to give to him, he was only standing at the office door.

11,574. The next?—2*l.* to James Gardner, of Halton; he was assisting me in the canvass.

11,575. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is he a voter?—He is; the money was given to him to treat the voters with previous to the election; I gave it at twice.

11,576. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who next?—I gave 7*l.* to Robert Pedder.

11,577. Of Halton?—Yes.

11,578. The next?—10*s.* to Joseph Wilson.

11,579. What Joseph Wilson is that?—The extailor; that was on the day of the election. I can explain it; he was paying a voter and wanted some change to pay some few shillings; the man had been out of pocket, so I gave him 10*s.* in silver in the "Nag's Head."

11,580. The next?—1*l.* 1*s.* spent in expenses before and at the election.

11,581. Did you pay any other voters?—I only paid one voter, Pedder; 6*l.* 5*s.* I paid for expenses at Halton; that was for the house expenses and drink for the Galgate voters.

11,582. What is the name of the house?—A man named Edward Lambert kept it; it used to be called the "Horse and Farrier." It has been rebuilt. I do not know whether it remains the same name or not. I have the bill here, if necessary.

11,583. How much was the house, and how much the bill?—The house was 1*l.*, that was all.

11,584. You returned the balance?—The balance I returned to Mr. Welch, 11*l.* 5*s.*

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H. Hadwen.

11,585. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—Sub-manager of the Lancaster Banking Company.

11,586. Where do you live?—In Lancaster.

11,587. Have you the management of the branch here?—Of the head office in the absence of Mr. Coulston.

11,588. Can you refer to the book of the 1st July 1865?—I have a copy of the account that has been already referred to.

11,589. That is a copy from what?—From the ledger.

11,590. When was it copied?—A few days ago.

11,591. For the purposes of this inquiry?—Exactly.

11,592. Refer, if you please, to the entry on the 1st of July.—I have no entry on the 1st of July; the first entry is the 6th of July.

11,593. Is there any entry on the 1st of July of 500*l.* debited to Mr. Coulston?—None on that day; there is on the 6th of July.

11,594. Just read it.—"1865, July 6th: to cash 500*l.*"

11,595. Is that all?—The 11th of July is the next, "cash 2,000*l.*" The next is "August 21st, cash 500*l.*; October 27th, cash 500*l.*; December 16th, cash 55*l.*

11,596. You have no entry of any 500*l.* on the 1st of July?—None at all.

11,597. Are you aware of any parcel having been sent from the bank on the 1st of July, containing money, by Mr. Sanderson?—I cannot speak to the date; I believe that he took some money from the bank, from what he himself told me.

11,598. When did he tell you that?—It would be on the day that he took it.

11,599. Not since?—He may possibly have referred to it since, but I cannot be certain as to that.

11,600. Would that parcel that Mr. Sanderson mentions be either of these sums of 500*l.*?—I have no doubt that it would be.

11,601. Do you know where he took the parcel to?—I rather have an impression that he said it was to be taken to the "Queen's Hotel."

11,602. You cannot give us any date?—I cannot.

11,603. You believe it would be one of these sums that you have mentioned?—I have no doubt of it.

11,604. Have you ever discussed this matter with Mr. Coulston?—I have had a conversation with him about it.

11,605. When?—More particularly within the last week or ten days.

11,606. Since the Commission has been sitting here?—Since the Commission has been sitting here.

11,607. Has he assented to those items being correct?—That was not a question that was raised at all; they were admitted to be correct.

11,608. He could not charge his memory with anyelse but that?—No.

11,609. Now perhaps you will tell us whether any security was placed by Mr. Coulston with the bank for this money?—I must explain that the account, although in the name of Mr. Coulston, is Mr. Schneider's account.

11,610. Had Mr. Schneider an account at the bank?—He had not a private account at that time.

11,611. Had he at any time a private account?—Not antecedently to the election, that I am aware of.

11,612. He had subsequently?—He has now.

11,613. What security had the bank for the advance of these sums of money?—The bank needed no security from Mr. Schneider, but he forwarded Mr. Coulston a note of hand for 2,500*l.*, which I have here (*producing it*).

11,614. Mr. Schneider did?—Yes, Mr. Schneider did—(*The promissory note, bearing a 30s. stamp is put in and read, and is as follows*):—"London, 28th April, 1865; 2,500*l.* On demand I promise to pay to John Coulston, Esq., or order, the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds for value received, with interest thereon at 5 per cent. (Signed) H.W. SCHNEIDER, at the Lancaster Banking Company, Lancaster."

11,615. Was there any other security?—No other connected with that account.

11,616. The reason why I ask that question is that the sums you have given us amount to 3,555*l.*, and this note is only for 2,500*l.*?—Yes; it was quite immaterial whether we had security from Mr. Schneider or not; he is good for a very much larger amount, without any pledged security.

11,617. This is the only security?—It is the only security.

11,618. If, then, he was considered good for a much larger amount, why was he asked to give this note of hand for 2,500*l.*?—I do not think he was asked; at least I am not aware that he was.

11,619. How do you account for it?—Only by reference to the account, which shows that there was 2,500*l.* owing at the time the note was remitted.

11,620. This promissory note was dated, I see, in April?—Yes; but it was remitted on the 15th of July.

11,621. By whom was it remitted?—By Mr. Schneider.

11,622. It was remitted to the bank by Mr. Schneider?—No, not to the bank; it was remitted to Mr. Coulston as manager of the bank.

11,623. How was it directed?—I do not know what the address was on the cover.

11,624. All you knew is that you found it in your bank as having been paid in there?—It came into my possession within the last, it may be, two months; I cannot speak precisely to the date Mr. Coulston held it in the meantime.

11,625. How are you able to fix the date of the 15th of July, which you have given us as the date when the note was received?—I have seen Mr. Schneider's note inclosing it.

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11,626. To whom was the note addressed ?—To Mr. Coulston.

11,627. Where is that note ?—I have it at the bank ; I have not brought it with me, but I will furnish it to you if you wish it.

11,628. We shall be glad if you will do so ?—The note itself refers to other matters ; the first two lines only relate to this matter.

11,629. What I cannot understand is, why, in the month of April, Mr. Schneider should give a note of hand for 2,500*l.* when at that time he did not owe the bank any money whatever ?—He did not owe anything then.

11,630. You say that his name was so good that you would have been prepared to advance him any large sum of money he might require ?—Yes.

11,631. What was the object of his giving this note then ?—I presume it was given voluntarily, I do not know.

11,632. It seems to be inconsistent with your answer that he should have done so ?—I do not know that ; I have said that he remitted it on the 15th of July ; why the promissory note is dated in April I do not know.

11,633. You had no other securities ?—No other securities.

11,634. (*Mr. Hill.*) How long had Mr. Schneider kept an account at the Barrow branch ?—He had no account of his own there.

11,635. But how long had the firm kept an account with the Barrow branch ?—I should suppose the last dozen years probably.

11,636. Who is the manager of the Barrow branch ?—Mr. Wallace.

11,637. Do you go over to superintend or overhaul the accounts of the Barrow branch ?—I do occasionally.

11,638. Was Mr. Coulston enabled to take part in the business at this time of the election ?—Yes, in the banking business.

11,639. Did you go at that time to look over the accounts of the Barrow branch ?—I did not. It was Mr. Coulston's duty, when I was not able, to do so ; but I did not go over myself, neither did Mr. Coulston that I am aware of ; but at the close of the half-year he, I think, would go over for the half-yearly settlement of the accounts.

11,640. That would be at Christmas ?—Christmas would be the next.

11,641. Do you know of any sum of 1,000*l.* that was drawn out by Mr. Schneider from the Barrow branch of the Lancaster Banking Company ?—I do not.

11,642. Have you any knowledge at all of it ?—Not at all.

11,643. Have you any knowledge of any other sums having been advanced by Mr. Coulston or by the bank to Mr. Schneider beyond this 3,555*l.* which you have spoken of ?—Nothing beyond a cheque or cheques that he might give upon the Barrow branch in the name of Schneider, Hannay, & Co., in favour of Mr. Maxsted I think ; but I cannot be certain about that.

11,644. Those are the cheques Mr. Maxsted has spoken of in his evidence ?—Yes.

11,645. To what amount ?—I cannot tell.

11,646. Be good enough on Monday, when you come again, to produce a copy of that account, or bring with you your book and read the entries from it ?—It is a large book to bring, but I shall be very glad to bring it if the Commissioners desire it.

11,647. You can copy out the account and bring the book here with it, so that we may refer to it if necessary ?—The form in which I shall have to produce it will be in the bill book, which of course contains copies of all the cheques that passed through the bank, so that they will have to be sought out in the bill book. I will endeavour to do it, but if the Commissioners would be satisfied with my extracting from this large book the particulars of those cheques I refer to, that will save the necessity of bringing the large book here. The account is kept at Barrow, and the ledger account would show the cheques that were drawn in favour of Mr. Maxsted.

11,648. Then we had better have the Barrow ledger ?—Or an extract from the account, showing what cheques were paid to Mr. Maxsted ; it would be a serious interruption to our business to bring the book itself.

11,649. I understand you to say that Mr. Schneider does not keep a private account with the Barrow bank ?—No. At the time of the election he had no private account anywhere, not at any of our offices.

11,650. Do you know whether he has a private account at any other bank over Sands ?—I am not aware that he has. I should say not.

11,651. Then the only bank account you know of at all would be the firm's account with your branch at Barrow ?—At that time.

11,652. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you mean that he had no private account at all at any bank ?—I should say he had not. I never knew that he had any account except with the Lancaster Banking Company.

11,653. Who are his London bankers ?—He would draw on Barclay's, if he drew at all, but it would be on our account.

11,654. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We are all of opinion that we ought, in strictness, to require the production of the Barrow ledger ; but we quite believe that it would be a serious embarrassment to your business to have it brought here, and therefore at present we will be content with an extract containing all Mr. Schneider's drawings from the 1st of June to the 15th of July 1865 ?—I will take care and furnish the extract.

11,655. (*Mr. Hill.*) There is no other branch on which Mr. Schneider would draw except the Lancaster chief office, and the Barrow branch, Ulverston ?—He would not draw on Ulverston at that time.

11,656. How is that ?—The account was formerly kept at Ulverston, but on a branch bank being established in Barrow the account was removed there.

11,657. When was the Barrow branch established ?—It was carried on as a branch from Ulverston, but it became an independent branch in March 1865, I believe.

11,658. At Barrow ?—Yes. Perhaps I may explain, for the sake of Mr. Coulston, that although the account was opened in his name as a separate account, that was not from any political consideration ; it was, I believe, chiefly and purely in consideration of the value of Mr. Schneider and his firm's account with the Lancaster Bank.

Mr. T. Barton.

Mr. Thomas Barton sworn and examined.

11,659. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A gentleman.

11,660. You are in no occupation ?—No.

11,661. Where do you reside ?—At Lancaster.

11,662. Are you a Liberal ?—Yes.

11,663. And you took some part in the late election ?—Yes.

11,664. What was your principal occupation in the last election ?—I assisted a little in the canvass ; that was the principal part I took.

11,665. Were you occasionally at the "Queen's Hotel ?"—I was occasionally at the "Queen's Hotel."

11,666. In the room in which what we have called the Secret Committee were sitting ?—Yes.

11,667. You heard Mr. Welch's evidence, or have seen his evidence with reference to what you are said to have done with regard to money provided at the last election. Did you take any money to the "Queen's Hotel" ?—I took 1,000*l.* there on the morning of the election.

11,668. From whom did you receive that money ?—I received the amount from Mr. Hadwen, at the bank.

11,669. In what form did you receive it ?—The whole of it was in gold.

11,670. Was it packed in brown paper parcels, and in a bag?—It was put into a bag—the entire sum was in one bag.

11,671. You did not take the bag to the bank, and have it packed there?—No; I received the bag at the bank.

11,672. We are told, I think, that it was a black leather bag?—No, it was a canvas bag.

11,673. Was anyone present when you received it from Mr. Hadwen?—No one.

11,674. Did you receive it in the bank parlour, or in the bank itself?—I received it in the bank parlour.

11,675. At what time in the day did you receive it?—I fancy somewhere about 12 o'clock.

11,676. At noon?—At noon. I am not quite certain about the time, but it strikes me that it was somewhere thereabouts.

11,677. What did you do with it?—I took it to the "Queen's Arms."

11,678. You took it upstairs into this room?—Upstairs to Mr. Welch's room.

11,679. What did you do with it there?—I left it in his charge.

11,680. You took it at once there, did you?—Yes; I took it at once there, direct from the bank.

11,681. On whose instructions did you proceed to the bank for this money?—Something was said in the committee that morning as to the necessity of strengthening Mr. Welch's hands, and Mr. Schneider, who also was present, suggested the desirability of seeing if the amount in gold could be obtained at the Lancaster Bank. I immediately went over to the Lancaster Bank for the purpose, and obtained the amount as stated.

11,682. Did you deliver any message to Mr. Hadwen?—Nothing more than that I had come from the committee room to inquire if I could have 1,000*l.* in gold.

11,683. What was said upon that?—Mr. Hadwin, I think, intimated at once that the amount could be found, and showed me into the next room, and brought a bag with the amount.

11,684. Let us go back for one moment to the "Queen's." Before you started, how long had you been in the room there with Mr. Schneider and the committee?—Only a very short time previously; I had gone in not many minutes when the conversation occurred; I had been out and in several times during the forenoon, and immediately after coming in on this occasion Mr. Schneider spoke to me on the subject of getting the 1,000*l.*

11,685. Tell me, as nearly as you can recollect, what it was that Mr. Schneider said?—He expressed some doubt as to whether or not 1,000*l.* in gold might be procured, or whether the bank might have that amount in readiness.

11,686. 1,000*l.*?—Yes, whether they had 1,000*l.* in gold ready at short notice.

11,687. What was the first thing that was said when you went into the room, according to the best of your recollection?—I cannot charge my memory with that.

11,688. How came you to know that 1,000*l.* was going to be sent for?—Something was said in the committee as to the desirability of strengthening Mr. Welch's hands, when Mr. Schneider rejoined that it might be desirable to go to the bank and see if 1,000*l.* could be procured in gold.

11,689. Was anything said at all as to how the necessity had arisen for strengthening Mr. Welch's hands?—Nothing at all, further than I have stated; it was done very hurriedly.

11,690. You found Mr. Schneider in the room when you went there?—Mr. Schneider was in the room when I went there.

11,691. Was Mr. Wearing there also?—I cannot remember; there were two or three others, but I cannot individualise them.

11,692. Did you find Mr. Schneider in the room when you went back?—No, he had gone.

11,693. How long did you remain in the room after you had taken the money back?—I merely looked into the room, and then went forward to Mr. Welch's room.

11,694. Had Mr. Welch, then, a separate room?—Mr. Welch had a room at the back part of the house.

11,695. Did you take the money on into Mr. Welch's separate room, then?—I took it direct to him in his separate room.

11,696. Did you give it to him there?—I gave it to him personally.

11,697. And nobody else would be present in the separate room?—Yes, there were one or two; I almost think Mr. Blades was present, but I am not quite sure upon that point.

11,698. Was there money on the table when you went in?—Yes, there was some money on the table.

11,699. Was that the same room in which you had seen Mr. Schneider?—No.

11,700. Did you see Mr. Fenwick at all in either of those rooms?—In neither.

11,701. Had you anything else to do with any money at the last election?—No, nothing whatever.

11,702. Were you engaged in paying away any money?—No.

11,703. Did you furnish any money?—None on my own account.

11,704. What did you furnish?—This money from the bank; and they will tell you to whose account it was debited.

11,705. Putting this 1,000*l.* out of consideration, have you any knowledge of any other money?—No, none whatever.

11,706. Neither as drawn against your account, nor as paid by you?—No.

11,707. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was Mr. Coulston's name mentioned at all in the transaction?—Not in the slightest degree.

11,708. Not at the bank?—No.

11,709. Not between you and Mr. Hadwen?—No.

11,710. Nor between you and Mr. Schneider?—Nor between me and Mr. Schneider.

11,711. You thought at the time that the money would be debited to Mr. Schneider?—That was my impression generally.

Mr. Henry Hadwen recalled and further examined.

11,712. (*Mr. Newton.*) Mr. Barton says that you gave him this 1,000*l.*; can you recollect at all what he said to you when he came?—I cannot say precisely, but it would be to the effect that, "We shall want it."

11,713. Was any name mentioned?—I think not.

11,714. Was anything said as to who would want it?—I believe not; I understood it perfectly.

11,715. It was merely, "We shall want it?"—Yes, to the best of my recollection.

11,716. And then you gave it to him?—I think I told our cashier.

11,717. To whom did you debit that money?—The money was returned.

11,718. To whom did you debit it?—I do not think it was debited at all; it did not form a transaction by reason of the money being brought back the same day.

11,719. But to whom would it be entered in your book? You don't close till 4 o'clock, do you?—Yes, we close at 3.

11,720. But in the meantime, to whom would it be debited?—It was not debited.

11,721. (*Mr. Barstow.*) If you gave that money in an ordinary way to a customer, should you not immediately make an entry of it?—We should.

11,722. Then why did you not make an entry of this money?—Nothing was said as to how it was to

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be dealt with, but I believe a memorandum was made at the time it was taken out.

11,723. (*Mr. Newton.*) By whom ?—By the cashier, if it was made at all.

11,724. Who was the cashier ?—Mr. Sanderson.

11,725. It was not entered in your book as a regular transaction ?—No; it was out of the ordinary way of business.

11,726. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you give us any reason for that ?—I rather think it was a matter of discretion entirely with the cashier at the time.

11,727. (*Mr. Newton.*) Surely it would not be a matter of discretion with the cashier when you, the manager, was present ?—No instructions were given to him.

11,728. Do you mean to tell me that anybody could have gone to the bank and got 1,000*l.* ?—Certainly not.

11,729. Then why do you say that the matter was in the discretion of the cashier ?—It was in his discretion as to how it should be dealt with.

11,730. Surely the manager would be the person to consult, and not the cashier ?—It was scarcely a matter of consultation.

11,731. Was it an ordinary thing to allow 1,000*l.* to go out of your bank and not debit it to anyone ?—It was not.

11,732. Why was it done in this case ?—I can give no definite reason for it, except that the cashier might be under an impression that the money would not constitute a debit item, inasmuch as it might be returned in the course of the day.

11,733. How could the cashier possibly know that ?—If the money had not been returned the amount would have been debited.

11,734. Here is a sum of 2,000*l.* charged on the 11th of July ?—This was the 12th; the 2,000*l.* was not taken out in one sum; it consisted of more than one sum; and at the close of the day it was seen what had been drawn for election purposes, and then the sum total was debited to the account.

11,735. What more was drawn out on that day ?—I have given you the particulars of all, except this 1,000*l.* that Mr. Barton has spoken to, which was returned, and which did not remain as a debit item.

11,736. But still we cannot understand why you should have permitted this money to go out of the bank without debiting it, or taking some security for it ?—There was, no doubt, a private understanding between Mr. Coulston and Mr. Schneider.

11,737. Why did you not say that before ?—I do not mean with reference to that 1,000*l.*

11,738. Why did you not tell us that before ?—That is merely my belief.

11,739. You were asked just now why you should have permitted this money to go without debiting it, or taking some security for it, and you said, in answer, that you had no doubt there was a private understanding between Mr. Coulston and Mr. Schneider ?—What I meant was, that no cheques would be signed for the money drawn out in the ordinary way. If Mr. Schneider had drawn out money for ordinary purposes he would have given a cheque in the ordinary way for the amount, but no cheques were taken in connexion with these transactions. That is what I mean when I say that I believe there was a private understanding between Mr. Coulston and Mr. Schneider. It is merely a matter of belief. I do not know it from anything I have been told.

11,740. Had you that morning authority from anyone to advance money for the purposes of the election ?—No special authority. It was understood that Mr. Schneider might have what he required.

11,741. By whom was that understood ?—I understood it, and I have no doubt that Mr. Sanderson did.

11,742. Then we may take it that you were authorized to let money go out of your bank for the purposes of the election to any amount ?—For Mr. Schneider.

11,743. For the purposes of the election ?—Yes; there was no amount stated.

11,744. You felt yourself authorized to advance any amount for the purpose of that election ?—Any money that Mr. Schneider might require.

11,745. When was that conversation that you had with Mr. Coulston ?—It would be about the time of the election. I cannot say exactly when; a day or two before, possibly, or it might be longer.

11,746. Because you say you debited this parcel on the 11th. You debited the parcel on the 6th to Coulston ?—Yes.

11,747. And you did not debit this parcel on the 11th to anyone ?—The one Mr. Barton has spoken of was not debited to anyone.

11,748. What induced you to alter the course of proceeding at the last election ?—I do not know that we did alter the course of proceeding.

11,749. Was there any further conversation between you and Mr. Coulston to the effect that more money would be wanted on the day of the election ?—The first transaction was on the 6th of July. I have no doubt that the conversation would be before that.

11,750. Was there any further conversation ?—Not that I know of, it was unnecessary.

11,751. I suppose you knew pretty well what this money was for ?—I did.

11,752. But you could not know that that money would be returned, nor could your cashier ?—As I said before, there is a sum of 1,000*l.* charged; that was not taken in one sum.

11,753. But as to this 1,000*l.*, you could not tell that it would not be wanted, and that another 1,000*l.* might not be wanted ?—No.

11,754. Then why do you say that it was not debited because it might be returned ?—That is merely my supposition. I have had no conversation with Mr. Sanderson as to why he did not charge it, but, taking it in connexion with the transaction as to the 2,000*l.*, I have no doubt that it was left till the close of the day in order that it might be seen what was the balance to be charged to the account.

11,755. Would he make a memorandum of it ?—He would, I have no doubt.

11,756. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say some entry or some memorandum would be made; where would it be made ?—Do you mean of this 1,000*l.* ?

11,757. Yes ?—Mr. Sanderson would make it.

11,758. Where ?—It would be merely a memorandum, probably on a slip of paper, until he knew what to charge at the close of the day.

11,759. Then it would be entered at the close of the day ?—It would be entered at the close of the day, if it had not been returned.

11,760. At what time do you make up your books ?—They are made up in the evening.

11,761. At what time ?—Five o'clock; from 5 to 7 o'clock, generally.

11,762. Do the clerks stop there making up the books so late as that ?—No, they go to dinner at 3 o'clock and return to make up their books at 5.

11,763. At what hour does the bank close ?—At 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

11,764. Do you know at what time this money was returned ?—No, I do not know.

11,765. Have you heard ?—I really do not recollect.

11,766. Do you still say that the reason why the 1,000*l.* was not entered was, that the transaction was not finished at the time the bank was closed ?—As to that particular transaction, if the money had not been returned it would have been charged at the close of the day.

11,767. (*Mr. Newton.*) And if 1,000*l.* more had been sent for, you would have advanced it, and then you would have put down 2,000*l.*, and debited that ?—Yes, the total amount.

Mr. Thomas Barton's examination resumed.

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11,768. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you a room at the "Queen's" that you called the committee room?—There was a room which was called the committee room, where I met Mr. Schneider on the occasion to which I have referred.

11,769. You know the room in which Mr. Welch was?—Yes; Mr. Welch had a room privately to himself.

11,770. I understand you to say that when you left the "Queen's" for the money you left, not Mr. Welch's room, but the committee room?—I left the committee room.

11,771. And took the money to Mr. Welch?—And took the money to Mr. Welch.

11,772. Do you know of any other rooms besides those two having been used for the purposes of the election?—There were several rooms used, in which I was present during the course of the proceedings—private committee rooms.

11,773. Do you know the room that we have called, in the course of the inquiry, the Secret Committee room?—I think so, but that is not the room in which I met Mr. Schneider on the occasion in question.

11,774. But was it the room to which you took the money to Mr. Welch?—No.

11,775. (*Mr. Hill.*) There was one room in which you met Mr. Schneider?—Yes.

11,776. Was there another, the Secret Committee room?—Yes.

11,777. And a room at the back of the house to which you took the money?—To which I took the money.

Adjourned to Monday next at 12 oclock.

TWELFTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Monday, 10th September 1865.

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Mr. H. Hadwen.
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Present:

Mr. Barstow. | Mr. Newton.

Mr. Hill.

Mr. Henry Hadwen recalled.

11,778. (*Mr. Newton.*) You were requested on Friday to produce to-day all the drawings on the Barrow branch of the bank by Mr. Schneider between the 1st of June and 15th of July?—Schneider, Hannay, and Co.

11,779. Will you hand it in, if you please?—(*The witness handed in a paper.*)

11,780. You were also to produce a copy of the letter that enclosed the note of hand?—Only the first three lines of the letter relate to it (*handing a letter to the Commissioners*).

11,781. This is all that refers to the note:—"Ulverston, 15th July 1865.—My dear sir,—With "many thanks I enclose you the promissory note as "arranged. (Signed) Yours sincerely, H. W. "Schneider." That is all in this letter that has reference to the promissory note?—To the best of my belief it is.

11,782. Is it addressed to Mr. Coulston?—I have no doubt it was addressed to Mr. Coulston; his name does not appear on the letter; it would be no doubt on the envelope; the envelope is not with the note, and I have not seen it. I suppose it was not preserved at the time.

11,783. You put this account into our hands; the debtor and creditor account of Schneider, Hannay, and Co. Now there are certain things about which we desire to have explanation. What time would be the least inconvenient to you to bring your ledger from which this account is copied?—The ledger?

11,784. Yes, the ledger from which this is copied; did you see this copied?—It was copied before I went to Barrow on Saturday, and I compared it myself.

11,785–6. And this is a correct copy?—A correct copy; the only exceptions are the usual items of interest and commission at the close of the half-year.

11,787. At the end of June?—Yes.

11,788. What time would be the least inconvenient to you, with reference to the business of the bank, to produce the ledger here?—After the business has closed; we close at 3.

11,789. Between 3 and 4, then. We wish to see that ledger. At what time in the day would it be made up?—It will be at liberty at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Perhaps I had better state that we have more ledgers than one in use; and if the Commissioners want to see all the accounts we shall have to bring all the ledgers.

11,790. (*Mr. Hill.*) How many were there in use in July 1865?—Three principal ledgers in connexion with the company's accounts.

11,791. Have you not any one book that will show all the drawings of all your customers in the ledger?—Not in one ledger.

11,792. How many are there?—Three ledgers.

11,793. Would it be less inconvenient to you if we went to the bank?—It would.

11,794. At 4 o'clock?—Whenever the court breaks up.

11,795. Shortly after 4?—To-day, I presume?

11,796. To-day, if it will not be inconvenient?—Not at all.

11,797. (*Mr. Hill.*) I presume you cannot give us any explanation of any of these accounts that are in the Barrow branch?—The account I have furnished already contains, I observe, Mr. Maxsted's name once; I think on the 4th of July, if I am not mistaken.

11,798. Can you give any explanation of any of these details?—I cannot, except that I believe they were all in the ordinary course of business of Schneider, Hannay, and Co. I have no reason to suppose there is anything but that of Mr. Maxsted that relates to the election.

11,799. Can you say that with any certainty as regards any of the other items, or is it merely your own impression?—It is merely my impression; I cannot state positively that there is nothing else in that account that relates to the election.

11,800. Do you know whether Mr. Ramsden was a partner of Messrs. Schneider and Hannay?—He was not at that time, I believe; I am not sure, but I think not.

11,801. On July 1st there is an item of 2,000*l.* debited to Mr. Schneider; can you say anything at all about that?—I could not state positively, but my impression is that it was a call; I think you will observe there are three or four items on the 1st of July.

11,802. What do you mean by "a call?"—I suppose it was to the Barrow Steel Company—the Hæmatite Steel Company.

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G. C. Clark.

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GEORGE CHRISTOPHER CLARK sworn and examined.

11,803. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you live in Lancaster?—In Scotforth, about a mile out of Lancaster.

11,804. What is your occupation?—A printer and bookseller; and I am proprietor of the "Lancaster Gazette."

11,805. Joint proprietor?—No, proprietor.

11,806. That is a newspaper in the Conservative interest in this borough?—Yes.

11,807. You were actively engaged in the last election?—Yes.

11,808 What part shall we say you took?—I was one of the captains.

11,809. How many captains were there?—There were four, I think, besides myself.

11,810. Before we go into money matters, can you tell me how the borough was districted out on your side?—Mine was No. 4 district, but I had very few voters in the town, they were principally from Ellel, Wyresdale, Torrisholme, and so on.

11,811. Can you tell us into what districts the town was divided?—No.

11,812. Can you name anyone who you think can give us that information?—I think Mr. Christopher Thornton Clark could as well as anyone.

11,813. What district had you?—Mine was No. 4 district.

11,814. What places would No. 4 comprise?—It comprised Ann Street, Aldcliff Street, Henry Street, and Queen Street; and in the country Galgate, Torrisholme, Ellel, and the Wyresdales—two Wyresdales.

11,815. The first money you received for the purpose of the election seems to have been 10*l.* on the 15th of June?—Yes, 10*l.* on the 15th of June.

11,816. That was from Mr. Barker?—Yes.

11,817. Did you receive any money from anyone except Mr. Barker?—No, all from Mr. Barker.

11,818. Now the next item?—On the 21st I received 5*l.*; on the 23rd of June I received 100*l.*; on the 28th 200*l.*; on the 7th of July 20*l.*; on the 8th 2*l.*; on the 10th 210*l.*, and on the 12th 45*l.*, which makes 592*l.*; that was previous to the day of election. Shall I tell you what I received afterwards, or shall I tell you how the money I have given you was expended?

11,819. Give us the whole amount, if you please, of the money you received?—On the 8th of September I received 83*l.*; that was for printing and newspapers and stationery supplied on the canvass. February 8th, 43*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* for unpaid inn bills.

11,820. What is the gross amount you received?—718*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*

11,821. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was the gross amount you received after the election—126*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

11,822. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you spend this money; can you give me the first item?—On the 15th of June I paid at the committee room at the "White Cross" 1*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*; there were two meetings there, I think, and it amounted to 1*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* for both meetings.

11,823. Are you going to read us an account that we can take generally?—Yes, an account of everything I paid.

11,824. You are now going to give us an account of how the whole of this sum of 718*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* was expended?—Yes.

11,825. What was it you paid at the "White Horse?"—1*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, that is the first. Then Robert Hodgson, China Lane, innkeeper, 5*l.*

11,826. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was that for his house?—No; he was a district canvasser; I gave him more than that. James Carruthers 5*l.* on the same day.

11,827. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Tell us when you come to a change of date. What is Carruthers?—He is a wine merchant.

11,828. What was that for?—It was for the purpose of canvassing, I think, in Skerton.

11,829. Were these sums that you are now giving us monies that were advanced for preliminary expenses?—Yes.

11,830. (*Mr. Hill.*) That is what you mean by "for canvassing?"—Yes. On the 16th of June I paid Robert Hodgson, of China Lane, 5*l.*

11,831. Was that for canvassing?—Yes; I think he told me he wanted it to go to Bare. James Jackson, "Spinners' Arms," at committee meeting, 4*s.* 6*d.*; that is in Aldcliffe Street.

11,832. The next?—Henry High, Reuben Pimm, and J. Edmonson, 15*s.*, for assisting to canvass; 5*s.* each. On the 19th of June I paid William Jackson, of the "Bowling Green Inn," Scotforth, for committee meeting, 8*s.* 6*d.* On the 20th I paid J. Jackson, "Spinners' Arms," for committee meeting, 2*l.* On the 22nd I paid expenses at Morecambe, 6*s.*; that was the day on which Mr. Lawrence addressed the electors at Morecambe. On the 23rd I paid James Carruthers 10*l.*, and Richard Coupland 20*l.*

11,833. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who is Mr. Coupland?—He is what Mr. Barker called the captain. William Storey 10*l.*

11,834. He is a captain, too, I suppose?—Yes.

11,835. The next?—John Cross, 10*l.* John Wilson, of Torrisholme, farmer, 5*l.*; that was for the purpose, I believe, of canvassing Torrisholme. Mr. Joseph Storey 2*l.* On the 24th I paid Mr. J. L. Bradshaw 1*l.*; John Speight 2*l.*

11,836. What were Bradshaw and Speight?—Mr. Bradshaw was one who interested himself in the election, and Mr. Speight was the principal captain under myself, and the one that was most actively engaged for me. Mr. J. L. Bradshaw, again, 3*l.*; Mr. John Wilson, of Torrisholme, 5*l.*; Bob Threlfall 2*s.* 6*d.*; he is a freeman.

11,837. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was that for?—He wanted something to drink, I believe. On the 26th of June I paid John Speight, jun., for committee room bill at the "Spinners' Arms," 2*l.* 10*s.* I paid him on the same day a committee meeting bill at the "Travellers' Rest," 6*l.* I paid John Edmondson Spencer Barrow, Henry High, Bennett Hill, James Wilson, William Preston, and Thomas Bainbridge, and three men of the name of Pimm, I do not know their christian names, 10*s.* each to canvass; that makes 5*l.* altogether. I paid the bill at the committee room meeting the same night, 2*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

11,838. Where at?—It was at the "Blue Anchor."

11,839. The "Blue Anchor" at Skerton?—No, in Lancaster.

11,840. The next?—I paid errand boys for taking out notes 10*s.*; that was for calling the different subcaptains together at different times to attend these different committee meetings. On the 28th I paid Richard Coupland 50*l.*; William Storey 50*l.*; John Cross 30*l.* On the 29th I paid E. Gardner, silversmith 2*l.*

11,841. What was the silversmith for?—He said he had been under paid for looking after the register the year previous, and that he would not take any active part in the election unless he was paid something more, and so I gave him 2*l.*

11,842. It was given to him as a recompense for having looked after the register?—Yes; I paid John Speight, junior, for a bill at the "Travellers' Rest," 6*l.*: I paid John Cross 10*l.*, I paid R. Hodgson of, China Lane, 2*l.* 10*s.*

11,843. What was that for?—I suppose it was for canvassing; he came to me for it. I paid Mr. King, of Slyne, 3*l.*

11,844. Was that for canvassing?—Yes.

11,845. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He was not in your district, was he?—No; I never knew him before; but he came to me, and said that he had great influence, and so I gave it to him. He got more money, I believe, from other captains. He came to me again, but I told him I could not give him anything. Then William Preston, of Galgate, 1*l.* On the 1st of July I paid J. L. Bradshaw 8*l.*; John Speight, 6*l.*

11,846. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was that for canvassing?—Yes.

11,847. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now the next?—Thomas

Bawbridge, clerk, 5*s*. That was for making me out in lists of voters in small books for reference. James Jackson, of Skerton, 1*l*. 10*s*. He professed to be a supporter of ours, but I see he voted against us.

11,848. What is James Jackson?—I think he is a labourer.

11,849. (*Mr. Newton.*) What was it paid for?—For canvassing. He professed to have considerable influence at Scotforth, where his relatives lived, and he said he would go and look after them, but I see he voted against us. Then to Whiteside, of Glasson Dock, I gave 1*l*. 2*s*. 6*d*.; to Robert Holme, of Glasson Dock, 1*l*. for canvassing; John Speight (this is July the 1st) for bill at "Spinners' Arms" 3*l*.; Robert Hodgson, of Carnforth, 1*l*. for canvassing.

11,850. Is he of China Lane?—No. He is a gentleman who lives at Carnforth. Thomas Bainbridge, clerk, 1*l*. 10*s*.

11,851. Was that for canvassing?—No; it was for making out books. I employed him in making out small books for me, for reference.

11,852. Now the next?—John Dobson, 10*s*. That was for canvassing. He is a clerk.

11,853. The next?—Robert Lawson, expenses to Ellel, 10*s*.; George Danson, for committee room runners, &c., at the "Royal Oak," 33*l*.; Reuben Pimm, 15*s*.; George Pimm, 15*s*.; R. Jackson, Slyne, 10*s*. July 3rd, expenses on canvass at Cockerham, 13*s*. 6*d*.; John Speight, 1*l*.

11,854. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was that for canvassing?—Yes.

11,855. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Now the next?—Committee meeting at the "Corporation Arms," 17*s*. 6*d*. To Bob Threlfall, again, I gave 7*s*. 6*d*.; to Mr. George Coulston, for canvassing at Kellet, 2*l*.; Mr. Jacob Nelson, for canvassing at Cockerham, 5*s*. On the 4th I gave to John Speight, 10*s*.; to George Coulston to go to Kellet 1*l*; I gave committee meeting at "Spinners' Arms," 2*l*., and on the 5th ditto, at the "White Cross," 2*l*. 7*s*. July the 5th, paid Jackson, "Fleece Inn," Penny Street, 2*l*. He was a supporter of ours. We were going to take his house, but he would not let it; and he said that if we would let him have a little money he would canvass for us. J. Jackson, "Spinners' Arms," 1*l*.; that was for canvassing. On the 8th I paid Bartholomew Dodding for canvassing Wyersdale voters, 2*l*.

11,856. Now the next?—Thomas Bainbridge, clerk, 3*l*.; John Hargreaves, gardener, for canvassing, 1*l*.; Mr. Cranstoun, Quernmore, 2*l*. for canvassing; Mr. Robert Holmes, of Glasson Dock, 1*l*.; Mr. William Bulfield, "Cross Keys Inn," Lancaster, 5*l*.

11,857. What was that for?—Well, I do not know; for canvassing, I suppose. It was on the Saturday, I think, he called upon me.

11,858. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you know whether it was for canvassing or not?—I think it was. It was the only application that he made to me for money.

11,859. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What was the next?—A bill for a committee meeting at the "Corporation Arms," 2*l*.; James Threlfall, Glasson Dock, 10*s*.; Varley Jackson, who voted against us, 10*s*. He has since died, I believe.

11,860. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was that for?—An instalment, I suppose. He wanted something to drink. Henry High, for district captains, 2*l*.; I gave them 1*l*. each. On the 10th I paid John Speight, 5*l*.; George Coulston, for Kellet, 1*l*.; George Vince, I believe, to go to Morecambe, 20*l*.; George Danson, 40*l*.

11,861. Was that for canvassing?—Well, I suppose so. He was at the "Royal Oak," and he wanted money a day or two previous to the election. I suppose he would spend it among the voters. William Preston Galgate, 1*l*.; John Dobson, clerk, 5*l*. He wanted that for himself, he said, and the other district captains, to go and see the voters, I suppose.

11,862. Now the next?—John Cross, 30*l*.; William Storey, 45*l*.; James Wilson, 1*l*. Robert Threlfall (that is Bob Threlfall, a man who sells fish), J. Edmonson, and Spencer Barrow, I paid them 1*l*. 6*s*. together. I suppose he would get 6*s*., and the others 10*s*. each.

11,863. The next?—Richard Coupland, 20*l*.; bill at "White Cross" committee room, 10*s*.; J. Edmondson, Spencer Barrow, and Reuben Pimm, 1*l*. 10*s*. each. 4*l*. 10*s*. On the 11th I paid Thomas Marshall, shoemaker, 1*l*. 10*s*. He said he had a son who wanted his freedom taken up, and that if I took his son's freedom up he would vote for us. Henry High and Bennett Hill, 1*l*. I paid Charnley, captain of staffmen, 1*l*. J. Speight, 5*l*.

11,864. What was that for?—He was my captain. It would be for canvassing. On the 12th, bill at "Travellers' Rest," per J. Speight, junior, 5*l*.; errand boys, 5*s*., and J. Nightingale, for going to Scotforth, 10*s*.; Thomas Marshall, shoemaker, 1*l*.; John Speight, 2*l*.; C. Kennedy, for acting as clerk on the polling day, 10*s*.; Jackson, "Spinners' Arms," for 19 staffsmen on the nomination and polling, two days, at 5*s*. a day per man, 9*l*. 10*s*.; Thomas Bainbridge, clerk, 1*l*. 10*s*.; errand boys on the day of election, 5*s*. for bringing in statement of poll to the room where I was sitting. Bill for breakfast at the "Travellers' Rest," by John Speight, 4*l*. Paid bill at "White Cross," for refreshments to staffmen stationed at "White Cross," and girl's National School, 2*l*. 15*s*. Henry High, John Speight, and John Speight, junior, for service as district captains, 25*l*.

11,865. How much a-piece was that?—Henry High, 10*l*.; John Speight, 10*l*., and John Speight, junior, 5*l*.

11,866. Was John Speight, junior, a voter?—No, he was not. He is the son of John Speight.

11,867. (*Mr. Hill.*) Henry High is a voter?—Yes, and John Speight, senior is a voter.

11,868. John Speight, of Fenton Street?—Yes; James Wilson for services as district captain, and for breakfast to some old men voters, that he was afraid would be taken away, 5*l*.

11,869. How much for the breakfast, and how much for his services?—I do not know how many men he had. I gave him 5*l*.

11,870. Is he a freeman?—No, he would be a householder.

11,871. Was he a captain?—Yes, he was a captain under me.

11,872. James Wilson, Common Garden Street?—Yes, that's him. That makes 592*l*. 9*s*. 8*d*.

11,873. Out of 718*l*.?—Yes.

11,874. (*Mr. Barstow.*) These are all the expenses up to the end of the day of polling?—Yes.

11,875. What was your next payment?—September 8th, 83*l*. for my own shop account.

11,876. (*Mr. Hill.*) Your printing account?—Yes; and on February 8th, 1866, for inn bills unpaid, 43*l*. 3*s*. 6*d*.

11,877. How many of them are there?—Five.

11,878. What bills were they?—Bills contracted on the day of nomination and polling day. Everything was paid up till that time.

11,879. Can you give us the items?—Yes, J. Jackson, "Spinners' Arms," 8*l*.; Thomas Dearden, "Corporation Arms," 14*l*. 8*s*. 6*d*.; J. Hinde, "White Cross," 6*l*. 15*s*.; William Jackson, "Bowling Green Inn," Scotforth, 6*l*.; J. Ellershaw, "Travellers' Rest," 7*l*. 10*s*., making 43*l*. 3*s*. 6*d*.

11,880. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That is the whole of the money you spent?—Yes, that is the whole of the money I spent, 718*l*. 1*s*. 2*d*.

11,881. Have you received anything for you own services?—No.

11,882. From whom shall we be able to find out the number of public-houses opened by your side?—I do not know of any beyond my own. I had nothing to do with any district except this one.

11,883. You can tell me probably who managed the public-house department. Did you in your district?—I do not think there was anyone in particular.

11,884. I am reminded that George Danson hired the houses on your side. Is that so?—I think he would hire some of them. He did not hire mine. John Speight hired mine.

11,885. John Speight, senior?—Yes.

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11,886. You mean of course those in your district?—Yes.

11,887. Can you tell us about those in your district?—Yes. They are the houses I have just named.

11,888. We do not wish to get the same thing twice over. If anyone can give us the whole number of the inns engaged I would not ask you about it?—Do you mean the sum paid for engaged houses?

11,889. Yes?—Mr. Gibson, the solicitor, would be able, I think, to tell you that.

11,890. Do you know that all the accounts for inns, houses engaged for committee rooms, were sent in to Mr. Gibson?—I think that would be, but I am not sure. I had nothing whatever to do with any district except my own. I got Speight to get those bills in.

11,891. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have no doubt heard that some person on the Liberal side gave us a list very accurately done, as far as we could see, of the houses engaged, and the prices at which they were engaged. Who can supply us with a similar list on the Conservative side?—I do not know anyone except Gibson.

11,892. (*Mr. Newton.*) Mr. Allinson was the man who did it on the Liberal side?—We had no man like him, especially to engage public-houses.

11,893. You had no one on your side corresponding to him?—No, except Danson. He would be engaged upon that business more than anyone else.

11,894. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You may be able to tell us how many there were hired. Do you know how many there were in your district, beginning with the town first?—I had nothing to do with above four public-houses. We had the "Spinners' Arms," the "Travellers' Rest," the "Corporation Arms," and the "Bowling Green" in Scotforth.

11,895. That is not in your district?—Yes, it is in my district, in the country.

11,896. That is five?—Yes, that is all.

11,897. How much would they get a-piece?—I believe they would get about 5*l.* each, not more.

11,898. We can get the detail from Speight?—Yes.

11,899. You do not know how many were engaged in the country?—You can get the details of the one in Scotforth from Mr. Halstead. I think he would be with Pimm.

11,900. Can you give me the number of public-houses engaged for committee rooms in the country in your district?—The country captains will tell you that.

11,901. I thought you were a captain over Galgate and Ellel?—Yes, I was, but I had nothing to do with engaging public-houses. That would be done by Mr. Robert Wilson if they were engaged.

11,902. What committe meetings are those that you speak of?—I got the sub-captains to meet me to compare books and notes, to let me know how they had got on with the canvass, and what men we might set down as being likely to vote for us. Sometimes some of the voters attended.

11,903. I suppose you had refreshments, and drink, and the like?—Yes, we had principally something to drink for them.

11,904. Can you tell me how many staff-men you had engaged in your district?—There were these 19 that Jackson had, and I think Speight had a number, but I do not know how many. He will be able to tell you, and I should have 20 or 30 more that were sent up from the "Royal Oak," staff-men they had engaged.

11,905. You had 60 or 70 engaged in your district?—Yes, quite that. There were none of them voters, I believe.

11,906. You could not, perhaps, tell us whether they were relations of voters or not?—No. I think they were principally picked out as being strong, rough fellows, who would fight if it was wanted.

11,907. Had you any occasion to use their services in that way?—No. I think things were pretty quiet. There was an attempt, Speight told me, to get some voters out of his place, the "Travellers' Rest,"

11,908. It was a good-humoured election, I suppose, altogether?—Yes, I think it was. Perhaps it might not have been if we had not lost.

11,909. (*Mr. Newton.*) How often, previous to this election, have you taken part in elections?—With the exception of the last election but one, for some five or six previous elections, more or less.

11,910. With the exception of the election of 1864?—Yes. I took no part in it beyond voting.

11,911. You have always taken part in the others?—Yes.

11,912. How was it you took no part in the election of 1864?—I was not friendly with the conductors of that election.

11,913. Are you not a relation of Mr. Thornton Clark?—Yes, I am his cousin.

11,914. You took no part in the election of 1864?—No.

11,915. I suppose you heard a good deal?—Yes.

11,916. Was there much buying of votes on the Conservative side on that occasion?—I have no doubt there was, but I do not know to what extent. To a very little extent, I should think.

11,917. I suppose you know what has been told us by the Liberal side, that the price of votes in 1865 was just nearly double what it was in 1864?—No doubt it was.

11,918. You believe that to be the case on your side?—Yes, I think so.

11,919. You have not been asked, I think, whether you yourself, individually, bought any votes at this election of 1865?—No; but I will tell you how the affair was managed..

11,920. You did not yourself buy any?—No, not myself. A gentleman came from Liverpool.

11,921. Who was he?—I do not know his name, and that is the only thing I cannot tell you.

11,922. We will call him the stranger until we ascertain his name. I suppose we shall get it?—Yes, you will find it out no doubt. He introduced himself to me at the "King's Arms," and said that he had come to do a little business for me in the morning, and asked me to go up and show him where he could transact the business, and I took him to the "White Cross," at the top of Penny Street.

11,923. When was this?—The night before the election.

11,924. The nomination night?—Yes, between 9 and 10 o'clock. He there fixed upon his room, and at 7 o'clock in the morning he came and took his station in one room, and I took my station in another.

11,925. What time did you go?—I was there about 6, or between 5 and 6. He sat in one room and I sat in another, and as the district captains brought the men up, they told me what these men wanted for voting, and I wrote it on a slip of paper, and it went into this room, and they got their money, I suppose.

11,926. Did you write their names, or the amount of money they wished to have?—I think I wrote their names as well upon each ticket. I had this register of freemen before me, and as each voter came up I ticked his name off, and opposite I put what amount he was to have.

11,927. You say you had a list of freemen; had you a list of householders?—It is a list altogether of freemen and householders.

11,928. It is the register altogether?—Yes. It is the "Register of persons entitled to vote at any elec-"tion of members to serve in Parliament which shall "take place in and for the Borough of Lancaster."

11,929. What became of these men when they got their bits of paper?—The captain took them to the polling place.

11,930. After they got their bits of paper, where did they go to?—They went into this room and got their money, I suppose. I have no doubt about it.

11,931. They went into the room where this stranger was?—Yes.

11,932. Was there anyone in the room with the stranger?—I think no one.

11,933. How long were you engaged in this occupation?—From the commencement of the poll till the close—from 8 o'clock to 4, I think it was.

11,934. The whole day in fact?—Yes, the whole day.

11,935. Was your room besieged by many applicants?—There were plenty of applicants.

11,936. And as the day got on, how was it then?—They got pretty well polled out by noon.

11,937. You did not leave?—No, I did not leave because some other ones might come in.

11,938. Can you at all tell us how many came?—I am going to give you the names—"No. 34, "Frederick Austin, Galgate, railway ticket collector, "10*l.*"

11,939. As you read out from your book, I will put my initial against the name in this book you have handed up to me?—I think that will be correct, but you can check it by me.

11,940. Are you reading from a duplicate of this list?—This is the original document, and that is a copy of it—"John Ball, Henry Street, Lancaster, "boatman, 10*l.*"

11,941. In all there were 80?—I think, if I remember right, there are about 57.

(*Adjourned for a short time.*)

11,942. (*Mr. Newton.*) Take that book in your hand and read out the names of those gentlemen who you captivated by your tickets, begin with Austin?—No. 34, Frederick Austin, railway ticket collector, 10*l.*

11,943. Be good enough to tell us when you come to any who are householders.—There are only three, and they are at the very end of the book; they are not put along with the freemen. No. 43, John Ball, Penny Street, Lancaster, boatman, 10*l.*; No. 124, Edward Bond, Albert Place, Lancaster, painter, 10*l.*; No. 157, William Cawson, Aldcliff Street, Lancaster, shoemaker, 10*l.*; No. 178, Thomas Cottam, Ellel, farmer, 10*l.*; No. 182, John Cottam, Scotforth, farmer, 10*l.*; No. 186, Richard Cragg, Cleveley, husbandman, 5*l.*; No. 188, David Cragg, Forton, husbandman, 10*l.*; No. 225, John Dobson, Lower Greaves, Scotforth, book-keeper, 10*l.*; he was one of my captains.

11,944. (*Mr. Hill.*) He was one of your sub-captains?—Yes; No. 251, John Edmondson, Queen Street, Lancaster, he was one of my sub-captains; No. 273, William Fox, Ellel, farmer, 5*l.*

11,945. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is he?—A farmer. No. 274, Joseph Fox, Holleth, farmer, 10*l.*; No. 279, John Fox, Ellel, 10*l.*; No. 283, Thomas Fox, Ellel, farmer, 10*l.*; No. 361, Authony Hargreaves, Penny Street, Lancaster, gardener, 10*l.*; No. 362, Joseph Hargreaves, Penny Street, Lancaster, 10*l.*; No. 407, Thomas Bennett Hill, Windy Hill, Lancaster, whitesmith, 10*l.*

11,946. He was another captain?—Yes. No. 411, John Hinde, Penny Street, Lancaster, shoemaker, 10*l.*; No. 412, William Hinde, Warton with Lindeth, labourer, 10*l.*; No. 413, William Hinde, Penny Street, Lancaster, labourer, 10*l.*; No. 436, James Stainbank Howson, Springfield Terrace, Lancaster, 5*l.*; No. 437, William Howson, Springfield Terrace, Lancaster, glazier, 5*l.*

11,947. (*Mr. Newton.*) I see in pencil at the bottom of this page 200*l.*?—Yes, that is the amount, 200*l.*; you will see each page added up. No. 450, John Illingworth, Galgate, silk spinner, 10*l.*; No. 453, William Illingsworth, Galgate, silk piecer, 10*l.*; No. 539, John Lawson, Leech House, Ellel, farmer, 10*l.*; No. 566, John Masheder, Upper King Street, tobacconist, 10*l.*; No. 567, William Masheder, junior, Queen Square, Lancaster, farmer, 10*l.*; No. 585, Moses Mawson, junior, Lower Greaves, Scotforth, book-keeper, 5*l.*; No. 588, John Metcalfe, Ann Street, Lancaster, labourer, 10*l.*; No. 622, Robert Norman, Henry Street, Lancaster, labourer, 10*l.*; No. 623, George Norman Painter, Scotforth, boatman, 10*l.*; No. 639, John Parker, Green Bank over Wyresdale, farmer, 5*l.*; No. 643, John Parker, Galgate, joiner, 10*l.*; No. 644, William Parker, Galgate, joiner, 10*l.*; No. 645, Richard Parker, Over Wyresdale, farmer, 5*l.*; No 653, Abraham Pedder, Hollin's Lane, Forton, husbandman, 10*l.*; No. 658, George Pimm, King Street, Lancaster, cordwainer, 10*l.*; No. 663, Robert Pimm, King Street, Lancaster, tailor, 10*l.*; No. 665, Christopher Pimm, Sugarhouse Alley, Lancaster, smith, 10*l.*; No. 671, William Preston, Galgate, attendant, 10*l.*

11,948. Attendant to what?—I think he used to be something at the asylum; a keeper at the asylum. No. 676, Richard Parker, Ellel, husbandman, 2*l.*; No. 777, Richard Smith, Hollings Lane Cleveley, labourer, 10*l.*; No. 790, John Starnforth, Mary Street, Lancaster, plasterer, 6*l.*; this man had to come from Chester, and his expenses would be included in that.

11,949. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much did he get altogether?—He got 6*l.* No. 816, Anthony Taylor, Henry Street, Lancaster, labourer, 10*l.*; No. 822, John Taylor, Henry Street, Lancaster, labourer, 5*l.*; No. 842, Henry Thornton, Penny Street, Lancaster, labourer, 10*l.*; No. 850, William Threlfall, Cockerham, husbandman, 10*l.*

11,950. Is he a householder?—No, he is a husbandman; he is a freeman.

11,951. Who next?—No. 859, Richard Tomlinson, junior, Henry Street, Lancaster, shoemaker, 5*l.*; No. 860, Thomas Tomlinson, Penny Street, Lancaster, shoemaker, 5*l.* I make this memoranda opposite these Tomlinsons; these two Tomlinsons went with Bennett Hill to the polling booth, but they would not vote till they got 5*l.* beforehand, which as soon as they got they bolted, and in the next half hour they voted for the Radicals.

11,952. They got the 5*l.* at the poll?—They got the 5*l.* somewhere near the polling booth and as soon as they got it they went and got 10*l.*, I think, from Allinson afterwards—one is since dead.

11,953. What Allinson was that?—I saw it in Allinson's evidence that he had given them each 10*l.*? No. 864, John Towers, Penny Street, Lancaster, whitesmith, 10*l.*; No. 904, John Whiteside, junior, Hollins Lane, tailor, 10*l.*; No. 908, William Whiteside, Hill Forton, husbandman, 10*l.*; No. 942, Thomas Wilson, Queen Street, Lancaster, cotton spinner, 10*l.*; No. 977, James Woodman, Germany Street Lancaster, labourer, 10*l.*

11,954. Is he a householder?—No, he is a freeman. The next are householders, the freemen I have gone through, Woodman is the last freeman. No. 1007, William Spencer Barrow, Common Garden Street, house and shop, 2, Common Garden Street, 10*l.*

11,955. Who is the next?—No. 1108, James Ellershaw, of Moor Road, Lancaster, house, Moor Road, 10*l.* That is the same man who kept the "Travellers' Rest" beer-house I think.

11,956. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did he get that in addition?—He got that in addition to the bills he had paid him.

11,957. Who is the next after J. Ellershaw?—I think there is only another, 1,388, Robert Woodhouse, Penny Street, Lancaster, house, 66, Penny Street, 10*l.*

11,958. That makes a total according to your figure of 508*l.*?—Yes, I think I added it up 508*l.* If you will run them up you will see the numbers of them; I think there are 57 of them; I am not quite sure whether that is quite correct, but I think it must be very near, but you will get that from the stranger I have referred to.

11,959. Do you mean to tell us you do not know the stranger's name?—No, I did not ask; I did not want to know his name.

11,960. Do you not know his name now?—I do not.

11,961. It would save us a great deal of trouble if you could tell us who he was?—Mr. Henry Wilson I have no doubt will tell you.

11,962. Is there still a mystery about him?—No, nothing at all that I know of; he was a little man with dark whiskers. I never saw him before or since.

11,963. You have told us that these men came into the room to you?—Yes.

11,964. They were brought up by some gentleman?—By Mr. Robert Lawson generally, he was the district captain for Galgate, and Ellel and Wyresdale.

11,965. Did you have anything to say to the bargaining and buying?—Nothing at all, I remonstrated with some of them, I thought it was a great shame.

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11,966. Why did you remonstrate?—They were very respectable men, they ought to have known better than to take it.

11,967. You mean by "respectable men," that they were men who ought to be above taking a bribe?—They were farmers.

11,968. Men who ought to be above taking a bribe?—Quite above it, they ought to be; they said they could get it from the other side if I would not give it to them.

11,969. Then your answer is, "I remonstrated with "them, and by that I mean I told them they ought "to be ashamed of taking money?"—Yes, but they said they could get it from the other side, and I was forced to give it to them.

11,970. We shall have an opportunity of judging what they were when we see them in that box; but on this occasion I suppose you know that they were some of them tradesmen in the town?—No, I think they were nearly all farmers, they were nearly all from the country, the others in the town are only poor men.

11,971. Were they men having largish farms?—Yes, good farms.

11,972. Of what size?—I should say they would pay from 50*l.* to several hundreds a year many of them.

11,973. Did they seem to take it as a matter of course?—Yes, they said they could get it from the other side.

11,974. Should you suppose that all these men had been bought at the election in 1864; I mean by their manner and demeanour?—They did not seem at all ashamed about it.

11,975. Did you rather infer that they had been bought?—I should not be surprised, but nothing like to the same extent I should think.

11,976. You have given us the names of three householders; do you know their houses?—Yes, Ellershaw keeps the "Travellers' Rest."

11,977. What is Barrow's house; what is that rated at?—He keeps a shop near the top of the shambles in the new market, a sort of grocer's shop.

11,978. What should you say the rent would be?—About 14*l.* or 15*l.* I should say.

11,979. And Ellershaws?—That is a low beer-house, and the other, Woodhouse's, is only a little house at the top of Penny Street.

11,980. What is Barrow?—He is merely a tradesman, I think he has been a sailor.

11,981. What sort of tradesman?—A grocer; he keeps a sort of small grocer's shop.

11,982. The other two both keep beer-houses?—They both keep beer-houses.

11,983. By whose directions did you go to this "White Cross?"—When we found out it was going to be such a very serious business I refused to have anything to do with bribing.

11,984. When was it you found it out?—About a week or ten days previous. I refused to have anything to do with the bribing; so it was arranged we should have these strangers from Liverpool.

11,985. How come you to be mixed up in it?—I had gone so far in it.

11,986. You say you refused to have anything to say to it at first?—When I found out that the bribery was going to be so very serious I wanted to get out of it.

11,987. That was a week previous?—About a week or ten days previous. It was then arranged that we should have men from Liverpool to pay the money, and that we should write out the tickets.

11,988. All this was arranged?—Yes.

11,989. Who was it arranged with; by whom, and where at?—It was Mr. H. T. Wilson who arranged that we should have these men, and it was at the King's Arms, I believe.

11,990. Was he the only person you arranged with?—I think all the captains were there, but I am not sure.

11,991. Was Mr. Lawrence there?—No, he was not.

11,992. You mean the five captains?—The five captains, including myself.

11,993. Was any specific sum mentioned then as to what was to be the expenditure for the purposes of the election.—No, I think not. It was left to the discretion of the captains. I never signed a ticket for more than 10*l.*

11,994. This was arranged the week previous to the election?—Yes, a week or ten days, it might be.

11,995. How many men, to your knowledge, were placed in the same position as that in which you were placed, as a sort of cashier captain?—I think I was the cashier captain.

11,996. And were the other four captains engaged in the same way?—I think whatever the other four captains would get, except from me, they would get from Mr. Barker.

11,997. Was that all arranged beforehand?—Yes; it was arranged beforehand. It was at first arranged that I should go to Mr. Barker. He did not want so many people to be going to his shop, and it was arranged that I should go there and get the money from him, and give it out to them a day or two before the election.

11,998. Did you tell Mr. Barker what you wanted the money for?—No.

11,999. You went two or three days before for the money?—No; I got it at the different times I have given you.

12,000. In the meanwhile what had you done with this money?—I paid it away at the dates I have given you. You will see them all in that book. There is every date given there.

12,001. What I want to know is, where this stranger got the money?—I do not know. He got the tickets. That is all I know. I do not know who he got the money from, or how much he had.

12,002. Was there any secresy about this?—No.

12,003. None?—No.

12,004. It was done so that any man in the street might know what was going on at the "White Cross?"—No. I think all the voters were so well looked after that they knew where to go to. In fact they did not want much looking after. They wanted the money, and they came for it. They did not want much persuasion.

12,005. You have not told us exactly whether there was a general committee for election purposes beyond you five?—I think there was not. We were called together first by Mr. C. T. Clark, at his office, and were asked if we would undertake the office of captains, which we did.

12,006. When did he first ask you?—I think it would be a few days previous to the 15th of June. I think we had two meetings at his office, and the next meeting was on the 15th of June.

12,007. Was there a meeting of you five gentlemen then?—Yes.

12,008. And Mr. Clark?—Mr. Clark called us together.

12,009. And Mr. Wilson.—No; Mr. Wilson was not there; only Mr. Clark.

12,010. Where did you meet?—At Mr. Clark's office.

12,011. And then you assembled?—Yes; we all assembled.

12,012. At that time had Mr. Lawrence been declared as a candidate?—I think it was at that time that Mr. Clark told us he was likely to come, and I think it was on the 15th of June that he told us he would come.

12,013. Had you at that time ever heard of Mr. H. T. Wilson?—I know him very well.

12,014. But I mean had you heard of him in connexion with this election?—Yes.

12,015. Before Mr. Lawrence had been declared as a candidate had Mr. Wilson taken any part in it?—No, I think not, except at the first meeting that was held at the "King's Arms," requesting Mr. Lawrence to stand. That was on the 1st of June.

12,016. Was that a meeting at the "King's Arms?"—There was a meeting of the Lancaster Shipowners' Company, and Mr. Lawrence is one of the directors.

There was a meeting of a good many of the Conservatives called to meet there to request him, thinking he had a very good chance, to come forward and stand for Lancaster. That was on the 1st of June. Mr. Lawrence came, but would not promise anything. He said he would consider it.

12,017. When was Mr. Lawrence's candidature announced?—I think on the 15th of June, when Mr. Clark called us together at his office the second time?

12,018. When these arrangements were made?—When these arrangements were made.

12,019. Did Mr. Wilson then take a prominent part in the election?—Yes; we advised with him, and he gave us his advice.

12,020. Was there a committee room engaged at the "King's Arms?"—Nothing but just a private committee room for the five captains and Mr. Wilson, I think. Nothing more than that.

12,021. You five were at the "King's Arms?"—Yes, we five.

12,022. Beyond these 57 voters do you know of any others who were bribed?—No, I do not. At least I had nothing whatever to do with any that had been bribed.

12,023. Of your own knowledge?—I cannot say that I do.

12,024. Just try and recollect. It is a long time ago, certainly.—No; I do not think I remember any; not of my own knowledge I do not. If you will name any I will tell you whether I remember them or not.

12,025. You know of none of your own knowledge, at all events?—No, I do not.

12,026. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say that these men you bribed said that they could get the money from the other side, and that you were forced to give it to them?—Yes, or lose them.

12,027. Taking those 57 men, how many of them, in your judgment, would have voted for you if they had not been paid?—I think the great bulk of them would, if there had not been money on the other side.

12,028. If you had given them no money, but had left them to themselves, how many of them do you think would have voted Liberals, first of all?—I think that if they could have got money on the other side they would have all gone.

12,029. Supposing you had offered them nothing, or suppose you had offered them 2*l.* 10*s.* instead of 5*l.*, how many of them do you think would have voted for you?—None of them.

12,030. They would all of them have taken money from the other side?—I believe every one of them would.

12,031. The whole 57?—Yes, the whole lot.

12,032. You thought you were obliged to top the Liberal price, or, at any rate, to come up to the amount?—Yes, to give as much as they did.

12,033. Was it giving more that did it?—In my judgment it was less. At least I thought that 10*l.* was quite enough. I could not go any higher. One man asked me for 30*l.*

12,034. Was that very late in the day?—That was about three o'clock. They call him Barrow. I think he is down on the list as a mariner, but I am not sure.

12,035. Is that Edward Barrow, of Penny Street, Lancaster, mariner?—I rather think he is a householder.

12,036. Find out, if you please, who the man is.—I think that will be the man.

12,037. "Barrow, Edward, Penny Street, mariner?"—It is in Penny Street, No. 63.

12,038. He voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—I do not know who he voted for. I would not listen to him.

12,039. What do you make out his christian name to be?—"Edward."

12,040. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You distinctly remember his asking you 30*l.* for his vote?—Yes, I do.

12,041. (*Mr. Hill.*) At 3 p.m.?—Yes; it was in the afternoon. I think it would be about three o'clock.

12,042. Had he been one of your men at all before? I think not. I had never seen him before.

12,043. You knew about how many voters there would be to be put down at this place, did you not?—At which place?

12,044. The place where you were paying them, the "White Cross."—No; I did not know particularly.

12,045. You knew that there would be over 50?—Yes; I thought from the register there would be more than that.

12,046. From whom did you get the number of voters that you were likely to have to pay there?—They were brought by the different captains into the room.

12,047. To you?—Yes.

12,048. You knew the number, about?—Not till they polled.

12,049. But you knew from the captains how many you were likely to have?—No, I do not know that I did.

12,050. You had canvassing books and returns given to you, had you not?—Yes.

12,051. Who had made up the canvassing book for that district?—I had.

12,052. Then you knew what number of men you had to provide for?—About the number we got; from 50 to 60 I thought.

12,053. You knew that from the canvassing books?—Yes.

12,054. At what time did you set your canvass on foot?—I think it would be pretty soon after the 15th of June.

12,055. Had most of these men promised you, or how were they entered in your canvass books?—They had promised.

12,056. How many did you expect to poll in that district?—I really cannot tell you.

12,057. Did you poll more or less than you expected?—About what I expected. We polled rather more, I think, than the other side. We had certainly polled more in that district.

12,058. But you made up your canvassing book, and I presume you entered in your canvassing book for whom the voters were likely to vote?—Yes.

12,059. How many had you entered in this district as likely to vote for Lawrence?—Between 50 and 60.

12,060. And you in fact polled 57?—Yes.

12,061. Were the persons you polled the persons you had put down as likely to vote for Lawrence?—I think so.

12,062. Who had made up those canvass books?—The different captains brought in the names of those who they thought would vote for us.

12,063. And those were returns of men who afterwards voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

12,064. And who would not have voted for Lawrence unless they had been paid?—No.

12,065. Then the persons who canvassed were the persons who made the arrangements as to the prices to be paid?—No doubt that would be so.

12,066. And the canvassers were the sub-captains?—Yes, they were.

12,067. At what time had your canvass book been made up, at what date?—A few days before the election.

12,068. Was it a week or a day before, or how long?—Probably a week before.

12,069. Then the prices had been fixed a week before?—I have no doubt they were.

12,070. Do you say that you yourself did not take part in the election of Mr. Saunders?—No; I did not.

12,071. What arrangement was made as to your taking a share in this election?—We were called together by Mr. Clark.

12,072. You have told us all that, and so has Mr. Clark; but what I want to know is, what was the arrangement as to remuneration to you and the other captains for the trouble you would take in this election?—Nothing whatever.

12,073. Do you mean to tell me on your oath, standing there, that you had no money at all passed to you for your services in this election?—Not a farthing.

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12,074. Nor any promise of anything?—Nor any promise of anything.

12,075. That you swear distinctly?—Yes; I swear that distinctly.

12,076. And you expect none?—I expect none.

12,077. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have answered my friend that you expected to poll between 50 and 60 votes in your district?—Yes.

12,078. And you also state that you paid between 50 and 60 voters?—Yes.

12,079. Did any men then in your district vote without a bribe?—Not any of those who were paid.

12,080. Did anyone in your district vote without a bribe?—Yes; there are 57 who have been paid, but there are others in the district who have not been paid.

12,081. Perhaps it was your misapprehension of the question, but you certainly said you expected between 50 and 60 to vote in your district for Lawrence?—Yes; but I meant they would have to be paid.

12,082. (*Mr. Hill.*) How many were polled in your district altogether?—I really cannot tell. The stranger took the poll papers back as soon as the election was over, and took them away with him.

12,083. (*Mr. Barstow.*) But you would remember, perhaps, the gross number that polled?—No; but I should think between 70 and 80.

12,084. (*Mr. Hill.*) When I ended my examination I understood you to say that the 57 you paid were all persons you expected to vote for Lawrence?—Yes.

12,085. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is that book that you have there the book that you had at the time of the election?—Yes; it is the same book that I had on the table.

12,086. And this other one was copied subsequently?—Yes; I expected that Mr. Barker would require an account from me. He was very particular in accounts, and I was very particular in keeping them.

12,087. When did you make a copy into *this* book from *that*?—That book was only copied out a few weeks ago; but the original book I copied out directly after the election.

12,088. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where is the original book?—I have it at home.

R. Coupland.

RICHARD COUPLAND sworn and examined.

12,089. (*Mr. Newton.*) You have been called Captain Coupland. I do not know whether really you are a captain, or only a captain for the purposes of this election?—I belong to the Volunteer Artillery Corps.

12,090. That is only an honorary captain?—That is all.

12,091. What are you when you are not an Artillery Volunteer?—I am a cabinet maker and upholsterer.

12,092. Residing where?—Moor Lane, Lancaster.

12,093. I presume you are a Conservative in politics?—Yes.

12,094. We understand that you took some part in the last election; was it an active part or not?—Yes, I did.

12,095. Did you take any active part in previous elections?—No, none.

12,096. This is your first attempt?—Yes; I have been concerned in other elections previous.

12,097. I asked you the question, and I understood you to say "No?"—I was not concerned in Mr. Saunders' and Mr. Fenwick's election; I had nothing to do with that.

12,098. You have been connected with elections previous to that?—Yes; I was concerned in Mr. Garnett's election.

12,099. You are well versed in the ways of electioneering matters?—I presume so.

12,100. You have been designated, too, as being the captain of a district?—Yes.

12,101. Be good enough to tell us what that district comprised?—No. 5 district.

12,102. What streets or what country did it take in?—It took in Moor Lane, St. Leonard Gate.

12,103. We will take the town first?—I had nothing to do with the country; it is a town district. Moor Lane, Leonard Gate, what they call the New Town, and several small streets, Edward Street, Bulk Street, Dalton Square, and a number of others which I cannot remember.

12,104. That was your district?—Yes; there are several other streets; I cannot remember them now.

12,105. (*Mr. Hill.*) You call it Moor Lane district?—Yes; No. 5, or Moor Lane district.

12,106. (*Mr. Newton.*) How long previous to the election did you begin to take any part in it?—I think it would be about the 12th of June that we first did anything.

12,107. Under what circumstances did you take part in it?—There was a talk of the election coming on. There were several parties met together, for instance, to talk over the prospects of the election, and to arrange matters generally.

12,108. Were you at this meeting at the "Royal Oak?"—I do not remember any particular meeting.

12,109. When Mr. Clark was there?—I remember being at one or two meetings at the "Royal Oak," but I do not remember anyone in particular.

12,110. When Mr. Clark was there, and it was announced that Mr. Lawrence was going to be a candidate?—Yes; I should be there. I do not remember it particularly; but I should be there if there was one.

12,111. At that period had you received any money for the purposes of the election?—No; none.

12,112. Give me the date at which you first received money for the purposes of the election?—I may tell you that I spent money some time before I received any.

12,113. Tell me when you first received any money for the purposes of the election?—The first money I received was on the 23rd of June.

12,114. Who from?—Mr. George Clark.

12,115. The last witness?—Yes; 20*l.* On the 28th I received from Mr. George Clark 50*l.*

12,116. Have you got a copy of that memorandum?—Yes (*handing a copy to the Commissioners*).

12,117. I see on the 27th you received something?—I paid Mr. Vince some time before this 2*l.*, and he returned me 1*l.* 5*s.*, and that is the reason I put it on the debit side. On the 7th of July I received from Mr. Wilson Barker 100*l.* On the 8th, from Mr. Clark, 20*l.*, and on the same date from Mr. Wilson Barker 30*l.* On the 11th from Mr. Wilson Barker 20*l.*, and on the 12th from Mr. Wilson Barker 300*l.*

12,118. Those are all the monies you received up to the evening of the election?—Just so. On the 3rd of January 1866 I received 2*l.* 12*s.* from Mr. Wilson Barker, that was to pay a small amount with for which I have got the receipt, and on the same day I received a balance of 39*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.*

12,119. From whom?—From Mr. Wilson Barker, making altogether a sum of 583*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.*

12,120. Be good enough to tell us when you first made any payment for the purposes of the election, whether out of your own pocket or not?—It was on the 12th of June. I gave at various times from the 12th of June to the 12th of July, in various sums, 49*l.* 15*s.* to William Harrison, who was acting as my captain of the district. I can give you the details if you choose.

12,121. Does that include the sum you paid to Mr. Vince?—No; I shall get to that at the proper date. On the 12th, or about that time, I gave James Harrison 3*l.* On the same date I paid George Danson 22*l.* That was in two or three payments. Then I paid Vince and two others 95*l.* together. Vince had 80*l.*, Bulfield 10*l.*, and James Bell of Morecambe, 5*l.* That makes 95*l.* for the three. On the 8th of July, Robert Lawson, 5*l.* On the same date Hodgson, I think his name is Robert, 17*l.*

12,122. For what purpose was that?—That was to go into the country to Bolton, Bare, and Torrisholme. Then I gave a person of the name of Thornton 2*l.*

12,123. What is his christian name?—I do not know; I think he came from Slyne: I do not know him. Then King of Slyne 3*l.* Then on June the 26th Vince 2*l.*, and he returned me 1*l.* 5*s.*, as I have before said, on the 27th. Then July the 4th Clarkson 2*l.*

12,124. Then there is an item of bellringers on the 3rd of July?—Yes, 2*l.* 3*s.* Then on the 4th there is Atkinson, of Skerton, 2*l.* On the 8th Towers, in two payments, 7*l.*

12,125. What was Clarkson's for?—To go to Carnforth; he was canvassing in Carnforth.

12,126. Is Towers a voter?—Yes.

12,127. Then John Dobson, in two payments, 2*l.*; Thomas Ralph, 4*l.*; John M'Cann, 3*l.*, and on the 30th of June J. Carruthers, 10*l.*?—That is the whole of the sums I paid above 2*l.* I have got about a dozen names that vary in small sums from 1*s.* 6*d.* up to 30*s.*, and they amount to 9*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.*

12,128. That is from the 16th of June to July the 11th?—Yes.

12,129. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are they, staff men or what?—Canvassers. Then on the 12th of July I handed over 300*l.* to the agent, the person who paid the money to the voters.

12,130. What is his name?—I believe his name is Taylor. I would not swear to it, because I never saw the gentleman except the day before.

12,131. Do you know his christian name?—No.

12,132. How are we to arrive at it?—Upon my word I do not know.

12,133. Where does he come from?—I believe he is a Liverpool gentleman.

12,134. Does Mr. Wilson know him?—Yes, no doubt of it.

12,135. You call him the agent, what do you mean by that?—He was the person who paid the men the money; he was the person appointed to pay the money.

12,136. That is what you mean by the agent?—Yes; in fact I do not know what to call him.

12,137. I should call him in plain terms the briber. How much did you give him?—300*l.*; on the 12th of July you will see on the debit side I am debited with 300*l.*

12,138. Where did you get that 300*l.* from?—From Mr. Wilson Barker; it was simply transferring it. Then there are some small expenses from Warton, Morecambe, &c., 25*s.*; sundries, 10*s.*; and Hoyle, 1*l.* 5*s.*

12,139. Who is he?—He was one of our captains in No. 5 district.

12,140. Was he a sub-captain?—Yes.

12,141. That is all you paid on the 12th?—Yes; that is, up to the day of election.

12,142. Before we leave the 12th, be good enough to tell me where it was you paid this money to Mr. Taylor?—At the "Boar's Head," in Nicholas Street.

12,143. At what time in the morning?—It would be about 11 o'clock, I think. I cannot answer within half an hour or so.

12,144. Who is the landlord of the "Boar's Head?"—Dowthwaite.

12,145. Were you introduced to Mr. Taylor?—No; I knew him before. I saw him the night before, and was introduced to him.

12,146. You knew for what purpose he had come?—Yes.

12,147. You knew why you were to meet him?—Yes.

12,148. By whose directions did you pay Mr. Taylor?—I had no directions; he sent for 300*l.* or sent for money.

12,149. Who did he send?—I believe it was one of my boys, a clerk that I had with me in the committee room, that is, my own committee room in No. 5 district; I will not be quite sure; but it was intimated to me that he wanted the money, and I believe it was by this boy.

12,150. What was the sort of message he sent?—He wanted money.

12,151. Where was your committee room held?—At the "Boar's Head."

12,152. Was this gentleman at the "Boar's Head?"—Yes; he was in another room.

12,153. And you sent it to him?—I sent to Mr. Barker for it.

12,154. You got the money from Mr. Barker first?—Yes.

12,155. And then sent it by the boy?—Yes; I never opened it; it came in a parcel.

12,156. In what sort of a parcel, brown paper?—Yes.

12,157. You did not open it?—No; I believe I took it in myself; I am not quite sure about it. I sent my boy for it, and he brought it to me, and it was transferred to Mr. Taylor.

12,158. Was there any secrecy about it?—No; not at all.

12,159. The doors were not locked, or anything?—No.

12,160. It was a matter of business?—I am afraid it was too much so. Then on the 2d of August I paid the check clerk 5*s.*

12,161. Do you know Mr. Taylor's christian name?—No.

12,162. You never heard it?—No. Then William Harrison, who was my managing man and captain of the district, 10*l.*

12,163. William Harrison, Nicholas Street?—Yes.

12,164. What is he?—A tinman. Then on the same date I paid James Sumner 8*l.*

12,165. What is he?—I think he is a grocer; but I am not sure. He is in the same street.

12,166. What was that for?—This was for services. They were engaged before the election. J. Standen I paid 3*l.* to.

12,167. What is he?—I think he is an assistant in a leather manufactory or currier's shop, or something of that sort.

12,168. Is he a voter?—Yes.

12,169. Where does he live, in Ullswater Road?—Yes; it is John Standen, Ullswater Road, currier. Then on the same date I paid James Jackson 11*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* That was for an account for breakfasts and refreshments. He did not belong to my district, but I paid it. On the same date I paid John Towers 5*l.* That was for service; that was for an engagement. Then there is Maude's account. That was a small account I had handed over to me, and I paid it, 2*l.* 12*s.*

12,170. What for?—That was for refreshments, I think, or something, at Morecambe. It did not belong to me; but I was authorized to pay it.

12,171. It does not come into the other account as "sundries"?—No; it was a small account, I believe, which had been omitted to be paid, and I paid it. Mr. Barker gave me the money and I paid it.

12,172. These are all the sums you paid?—Yes, that is all. I think you will find it balance.

12,173. How much do you make it?—583*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.*

12,174. You received money to the same amount from Mr. Barker?—No, I received 583*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.* from Mr. Clark and Mr. Barker together.

12,175. As you wanted money did you go to them?—Yes, sometimes to Mr. Clark and sometimes to Mr. Barker.

12,176. As you wanted money?—Yes.

12,177. What was your practice about that? Why did you vary one from the other?—I do not know that there was any reason for it.

12,178. Was there any difference?—No, not at all. I put them down as you see them there.

12,179. I only want to know what the arrangement was?—There was no arrangement I believe. It was considered better for Mr. Clark to receive a large sum and distribute it amongst those that required it.

12,180. What was the reason you went to Mr. Clark in preference to Mr. Barker, or to Mr. Barker instead of Mr. Clark?—I did not. There was no difference. The first sum I received was from Mr. Clark, but I had no object in going either to the one or to the other.

12,181. You did not go to either one or the other in particular, but you went as it pleased you, and as the

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will suited you?—Mr. Clark, Mr. Barker, and I were generally together every day. I got 20*l.* first from Mr. Clark, because he had received some money, and I gave him a receipt for it.

12,182. This book which you have handed to me, was it all written at the same time?—Yes.

12,183. It is a copy of what?—I have got the original memorandum at home, and I can show it to you at any time you choose. It is in rough, not like that.

12,184. When was that original memorandum made?—Up to the time of the election, with the exception of a few entries.

12,185. Am I to understand that as you paid away money or received it you entered it?—Yes.

12,186. In the memorandum?—Yes.

12,187. And that is at home?—Yes; you can have it at any time you like.

12,188. Have you gone through your accounts lately?—Yes, certainly.

12,189. When?—Do you mean these accounts?

12,190. Yes, this memorandum?—Certainly, within the last week or ten days.

12,191. I am talking of the memorandum; the items you put down at the time?—Yes.

12,192. Was that at the time you copied these two books?—I copied these two books from it.

12,193. At the time you went through the memoranda?—Yes, certainly.

12,194. Did anybody assist you?—No.

12,195. Have you ever discussed these accounts either with Mr. Clark the last witness, or with Mr. Barker?—No further than this. I have asked Mr. Clark to give me the dates of the money paid to me, and compared them with mine, and I have also asked Mr. Barker the same thing.

12,196. And they gave you the dates?—Yes.

12,197. Was there a meeting for this purpose?—No, none whatever. I called on Mr. Clark and asked him to give me the dates of the monies I had received from him.

12,198. Who was at Mr. Clark's?—Mr. Clark was at his office by himself.

12,199. And who was at Mr. Barker's?—Mr. Barker.

12,200. What induced you to go rather to one or the other?—I wanted to compare my memorandum with theirs to see that mine was right.

12,201. Were your memoranda right?—Yes, with the exception of one date. Mr. Clark had got down as paying me 20*l.* or 30*l.*, I forget which, on the 8th, and I had got mine down on the 9th, and there was only one day difference, and I think I put it down the day after. That was the only alteration that had to be made.

12,202. From what you have told me are we to understand that there was no meeting whatever to arrange these accounts?—Certainly not. Mr. Clark has not seen my book at all, in fact I believe only two persons have seen it.

12,203. There has been no meeting?—Certainly not.

12,204. Now I must go to another branch of the subject and ask you this question: Did you of your own knowledge know of any voters being bribed?—I could not swear that I did not, far from it.

12,205. I may take it then that you did?—I could not swear that they actually took the money, but I think I could show you it was very likely.

12,206. Have you, like Mr. Clark, got a list of them?—Yes; you will find a duplicate of it in that book I handed up, a page or two beyond the money entries. The voters' names are numbered as on the register.

12,207. Perhaps you will be good enough to describe to me how it came about that this occurred?—In a very similar manner to what Mr. Clark described to you.

12,208. Where did this little by-play take place?—My quarters were the "Boar's Head."

12,209. With this stranger?—Yes; Mr. Taylor.

12,210. I think you said the first time you saw him was that morning?—No; I saw him the night before. That was the first time I saw him.

12,211. At what time were you at work there?—I was there soon after 7.

12,212. And at what time was Mr. Taylor there?—He would be there much about the same time. I am not sure that I did not go down with him. I think I did.

12,213. Were you in court when Mr. Clark was examined?—Yes.

12,214. Did you hear Mr. Clark say it had been arranged at a meeting previously that some gentlemen from Liverpool should come over as payers?—Yes.

12,215. And Mr. Taylor was one of them?—Yes.

12,216. You arrived at the "Boar's Head" at 7 o'clock?—About 7 or a little after I fancy.

12,217. You went into one room and he went into another?—Yes, it was arranged so.

12,218. In the same manner as Mr. Clark and his unknown man managed it?—Yes.

12,219. You sat at one table?—I was in the committee room. I had the charge of the voting list and the committee room.

12,220. Who brought up your sheep?—The captains.

12,221. And put them into your fold?—Yes.

12,222. And then you told them off?—Yes.

12,223. Tell us who the captains were?—William Harrison was the principal man.

12,224. He was your chief shepherd. Who next?—James Harrison, a relation of his; and Hoyle was one.

12,225. And Bingham?—Yes, he was another.

12,226. In this list I see all these names have got "C" against them?—Yes; they are committee men and sub-captains.

12,227. But you have got such a great number of them?—Yes, there are a great number; but I may say that the two Harrisons and Hoyle were the principal men who brought the men up.

12,228. Now read out your list so that we can take it down?—No. 39, Levi Baines, 10*l.*

12,229. What is he?—He was a mason I believe, but he is dead since.

12,230. Have you got the register there?—Yes; it is "Levi Baines, Monmouth Street, stone mason;" 78, John Beely, Lawrence Street, upholsterer, 10*l.*; 86, William Bingham, Edward Street, cabinet maker, 10*l.*; 147, James Calvert, Moor Lane, shoemaker, 15*l.*; 289, John Gardner, Lodge Street, carver, 10*l.*; 322, William Gibson, George Street, shopman, 10*l.*; 325, Thomas Goad, 10*l.*; 345, Samuel Gunson, cabinet maker, 10*l.*; 367, William Harrison, China Lane, nail-maker, 10*l.*; 381, Thomas Harrison, Leonardgate, Lancaster, book-keeper, 10*l.*; 383, William Harrison, Leonardgate, coach-maker, 10*l.*; 371, James Harrison, Alfred Street, whitesmith, 10*l.*; 376, Edward Harrison, silk piecer, 12*l.*; 377, William Harrison, 12*l.*; 387, James Hartley, Caton, wheelwright, 12*l.*; 388, James Hartley, Edward Street, husbandman, 9*l.*; 419, Robert Hodgson, Nicholas Street, 15*l.*; 421, John Hodgson, Nicholas Street, whitesmith, 15*l.*; 448, John Huntington, Bulk Street, labourer, 12*l.*; 562, Thomas Marshall, Leonard Gate, shoemaker, 12*l.*; 570, Robert Mashider, Alfred Street, 8*l.*; 577, William Mashiter, Leonard Gate, 5*l.*; 591, John Miller, Moor Road, cabinet maker, 10*l.*; 667, William Powell, Edward Street, cabinet maker, 10*l.*; 710, Thomas Richmond, Great John Street, painter, 9*l.*; 712, George Richmond, Great John Street, painter, 10*l.*; 756, William Shaw, Lodge Street, shoemaker, 6*l.*; 768, William Singleton, joiner, 10*l.*; 762, which is omitted from the book you have before you, James Shrigley, cabinet maker, 14*l.*; 769, Benjamin Singleton, Edward Street, joiner, 10*l.*; 770, William Henry Singleton, Edward Street, 10*l.*; 771, John Singleton, 10*l.*; 782, Edward Smith, Quay Street, 12*l.*; 800, John Powell Swainson, 20*l.*

12,231. What is he?—A butcher.

12,232. (*Mr. Newton.*) A master butcher?—No, I think he is with his stepfather. He is an assistant I think; he is a freeman. 805, David Sykes, Great John Street, cooper, 9*l.*; 883, Henry Waterhouse, Moor Lane, cabinet maker, 10*l.*, he is since dead; 912, James Whitaker, Lodge Street, tailor, 6*l.*; 934,

Thomas Wilcock, Great John Street. 10*l.* ; 954, John Winder, coach smith, 10*l.* ; 977, James Woodman, Germany Street, labourer, 9*l.* Then we come to the householders ; 1130, William Gill, Penny Street, 20*l.*

12,233. What is he?—A butcher ; 1,173, Septimus Hodgson, householder, 20*l.*

12,234. What is Mr. Hodgson?—A butcher. 1,323, William Speight, 5*l.* ; 1351, Richard Townley, Nicholas Street, 8*l.* He is a publican, and this was for an account I was authorized to pay for refreshments, and what not, on the day of election. In fact he would not vote until he got his bill paid. It passed through this gentleman's list, that is the reason it is entered here,

12,235. Through Mr. Taylor's list?—Yes.

12,236. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was it for a bill for refreshments actually supplied?—Yes, no doubt about that.

12,237. (*Mr. Newton.*) He would not trust your party till he got the money?—He would not trust anybody then. 1,377, John Wilcock, Penny Street, 12*l.* ; 1,382, Henry Wilson, Penny Street, householder, 20*l.*

12,238. What is Mr. Wilson?—I do not know what he is.

12,239. There are six householders?—Yes.

12,240. And in all 46 votes?—I have not counted them.

12,241. Three of those are butchers, and twenty-pounders?—Yes, they are.

12,242. What are the other three. One is a publican. What is Speight?—I think he is a beerhouse keeper.

12,243. What is Wilcock?—I do not know what he is I am sure.

12,244. You began, you say, about seven?—Yes, soon after seven.

12,245. Have you any idea what money Mr. Taylor brought with him?—No, I have no idea at all.

12,246. You know that at 11 o'clock he was running short?—Yes.

12,247. And sent for 300*l.* more?—Yes.

12,248. What time did it all finish?—I can scarcely tell you. I left the committee room at about 3 o'clock to vote, and I did not go back again.

12,249. The paying was all over then?—Yes.

12,250. Had there been any bargaining or any questions between you and these gentlemen with regard to the price that they were to receive?—No, with few exceptions they were brought in by the captains, and they stated what they wanted.

12,251. With a few exceptions?—Yes, and I gave them a voucher for what they had stipulated with these captains.

12,252. The captains told you what they had bargained for?—Yes.

12,253. Did you always assent?—Yes.

12,254. You could not help yourself?—No, I could not help it.

12,255. What were the exceptions which you have mentioned?—Those butchers were exceptions.

12,256. We heard the other day that all the butchers voted with you?—I do not know any except in my district.

12,257. You had to bargain with them?—They came in and insisted upon 20*l.* each. I had no alternative, and I gave them a cheque.

12,258. What time were they there?—I could not be certain, within an hour ; some time in the morning. It was certainly before noon.

12,259. You have said, I think, that there was nothing like the door being locked; there was no secrecy about it?—No, it was understood that this person was to be there and pay anything that I authorized in the way of cheque or memorandum, whatever it might be,

12,260. Were any door-keepers appointed?—Yes, there were door-keepers.

12,261. Who were they?—I cannot tell you ; I know there were people to keep the crowd down, because on all occasions of that sort there are always a lot of people who want to come in.

12,262. Policemen?—No.

12,263. Who were they, door-keepers?—I really cannot tell you, I do not know them.

12,264. Were they voters or non-voters?—Very likely they would be non-voters, I think they would be what are termed staff men, but I really could not swear it.

12,265. Would many be admitted into the room where you were?—No, I kept the register, and scored the voters off as they came in with the assistance of a clerk.

12,266. Was Mr. Taylor locked in?—No.

12,267. Were there door-keepers to his room?—No one was allowed to go into his room except those who were authorized.

12,268. You mean authorized with a written ticket from you?—No ; I did not mean that, quite ; but I think there would be people to keep anyone out of the room. It was not open for anyone to go into.

12,269. I suppose there was great confusion and great noise?—Yes, in the morning.

12,270. Was there a breakfast going on?—There had been before I was there.

12,271. Did you preside at the breakfast?—No.

12,272. Did Mr. Taylor?—No.

12,273. Who paid for it?—I am not quite sure whether it would be included in Harrison's bill of 49*l.* which I mentioned, or whether it would be included in the account that Mr. Barker would pay, I am not quite sure about that.

12,274. What was the name of the landlord?—Dowthwaite.

12,275. He would be paid?—Yes, he would be paid out of that 49*l.*, or through Mr. Barker, I did not pay him it.

12,276. Did you or your sub-captains engage the public-houses in your district?—Harrison, I think, would engage that public-house. We had only two.

12,277. Only two in your district?—No, we had only two public-houses in the whole district.

12,278. What were those two?—The "Boar's Head" and the "Golden Ball," opposite. They are within 20 yards of each other.

12,279. Yours is a very large district?—Yes, but there was not a public-house but which was engaged by the other side. We could not get any. Our men could not, at all events.

12,280. Am I to say you could get no more than what you did get?—I think that was the case, I think Harrison will tell you that.

12,281. If there had been more you would have got them?—We did not require many. We considered it was useless employing those sort of places. They are only a vast amount of expense. At all events those were the only two that were available for our purpose.

12,282. Can you tell me the number of staff men that you or Harrison engaged in your district?—No, I cannot.

12,283. Can you give me a rough calculation. You paid them, I presume?—I believe Harrison paid some, I am not sure about that ; but they were not paid, so far as I am aware, out of any monies I have told you of. Mr. Gibson would pay the other people we had.

12,284. I thought you said Harrison paid them?—He might, but I don't know. He might pay some, but I am not aware of it.

12,285. Which am I to take, that Harrison or Gibson paid them?—I should think Gibson would pay.

12,286. What made you say Harrison?—He would be the only person likely to know. He paid all the smaller sums. My impression is, that with regard to the men who were employed as staff men Gibson paid the whole of them. There were no great number.

12,287. Had you any runners?—No.

12,288. You say there were no great number. What do you mean by that?—I should think there were 25 altogether, runners and staff men, whatever you call them.

12,289. Was there any distinction between runners and staff men?—Not that I am aware of.

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12,290. You think there were 25 altogether?—Yes, that I should think would be the extent.

12,291. Did you get any remuneration for your trouble. It is usual to put that question to captains?—No.

12,292. On your oath you say you did not get any remuneration for your trouble?—Certainly not.

12,293. Do you expect anything?—Certainly not.

12,294. (*Mr. Hill.*) I want to know what you gave to the four captains, William Harrison, James Harrison, Bingham, and Hoyle?—Do you mean as remuneration.

12,295. Yes?—I will tell you; Bingham and those two Harrisons, I believe, got 10*l.* apiece; I know Bingham did.

12,296. You have given us those in the figures you have mentioned?—Then William Harrison, I paid him afterwards, on the 2nd of August. He got 10*l.*

12,297. Then William Harrison, No. 373?—That is my own man.

12,298. How much did he get altogether?—That would be all he would get.

12,299. How much?—10*l.* I am not aware that he got anything else. It is not the William Harrison that I mentioned here as having been paid in another way.

12,300. Then William Harrison, No. 373, who is captain, is a third William Harrison?—Yes; this William Harrison received nothing in the same shape as the other men.

12,301. He got 10*l.*?—That was for his services. He was paid on the 2nd of August.

12,302. Then there were three William Harrisons altogether?—Yes.

12,303. Now James Harrison?—I think he got 10*l.* He is in the list, No. 371.

12,304. Did he get anything besides the 10*l.*?—No, nothing. I should tell you that in the first list I read over, several of the parties had money to canvass with, and so forth, but in no other way were they paid. 10*l.* is what he got altogether.

12,305. That is all that he got for himself?—Yes.

12,306. The rest, to the best of your belief, he had laid out?—Yes.

12,307. You believe so?—Yes, I would not swear it, but I believe so.

12,308. Now Bingham?—The same.

12,309. All he got was this money that is given in here?—Yes.

12,310. And Hoyle?—The same.

12,311. Where is Hoyle?—He is not in the list.

12,312. It is only the money he received for canvassing?—Yes.

12,313. What other money did he receive?—I am not aware of any.

12,314. From whom would he get it, if not from you?—I do not know, unless William Harrison paid him. I do not think it is likely; but I do not know.

12,315. Hoyle got 1*l.* 5*s.*, which you say you gave him for canvassing?—Yes.

12,316. If there should be anything you have omitted to tell us to-day, we shall be obliged if you will come here again to-morrow morning?—I will do so.

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EDWARD DENIS DE VITRE, Esq., M.D., sworn and examined.

12,317. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you been attending upon Mr. Coulston?—I have.

12,318. What is his christian name?—John.

12,319. I believe he is manager of the Lancaster Bank?—He is.

12,320. What is the nature of his disease?—I believe it is the result of a serious affection of his heart and chest.

13,321. How long have you been attending him?—I have been in continuous attendance upon him for about, I should think, four months. Mr. Langshaw, his ordinary medical attendant, has been along with me.

12,322. Has he been growing worse, or improving?—He has been growing much worse of late.

12,323. In what state is he at present?—He is in a very feeble condition indeed.

12,324. Do you think it would be dangerous to his life for us to take his examination in his own room?—I think very likely that it would tend to shorten his life.

12,325. Is he in such a state of mind at present that he would be able to understand questions put to him on matters of business?—I do not think he would correctly to-day, not to carry on a conversation.

12,326. Have you reason to believethat his health is likely to improve?—I am afraid not.

12,327. When did you last see him?—This morning.

12,328. I must ask you again, do you think that we should not be able to examine him without immediately endangering his life?—That is a question that I cannot positively answer to; but I do think that it would be most injurious, and what a medical man could not advise under any circumstances, in his present state.

12,329. You cannot absolutely say that our examining him would endanger his life?—No, it is impossible I could say positively. It is quite possible that it might not endanger his life; but in my opinion it would be very imprudent, very impolitic, and very improper, to subject him to an examination.

12,330. In your opinion would our examining him in his own room endanger his life?—In my opinion it would hasten his end.

12,331. (*Mr. Hill.*) That is the same thing in one sense as endangering his life. The question is to what extent?—I may say from the nature of his affection, it being heart disease, in the whole course of treatment during the last four months he has been under my care and that of Mr. Langshaw; we have been very cautious to keep him as quiet as possible, and free from the excitement of business or other matters, and he has attended to very little business during that period of time, and only during a few weeks when he improved. I believe, myself, that this very inquiry going on in the court, where the officers of the bank have been under the necessity of being examined, has been a source of annoyance and irritation to him which has already produced a very bad effect upon him; and this morning when we saw him he certainly was not fit to be examined, nor could you have drawn such conclusions as would be necessary for you to draw.

12,332. On Friday it was arranged that we should examine him on Tuesday. Since the time that that arrangement was made, do you think that there has been so great a change for the worse in him, that the arrangement, which was then come to, could not now be safely carried out?—I do.

12,333. And that if it were, the examination must necessarily be, from the state of his mind, unsatisfactory?—Certainly.

12,334. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you examined him as to the disease of the heart yourself?—Yes, I have.

12,335. When did the disease of the heart first show itself?—Many months past; long before he positively became an invalid.

12,336. When was that?—Mr. Coulston, to my knowledge, showed an affection of the heart two years ago.

12,337. An active affection?—Not very active.

12,338. When did it become active?—I do not know when itbecame active. It is a disease not of an inflammatory character; it is what is generally called a fatty degeneration, or weakening.

The Commissioners proceeded to the offices of the Lancaster Banking Company, and inspected the bank books with Mr. Hadwin.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Lancaster Castle, Tuesday, 11th September 1866.

PRESENT:

Mr. Barstow. | Mr. Hill. | Mr. Newton.

Mr. Robert Shackleton re-called and further examined.

12,339. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you brought a list of the voters that you bribed?—I have.

12,340. At Morecambe?—That were bribed at Morecambe (*handing in a paper*), that is on behalf of the Liberal candidates.

12,341. How many are there additional; you gave us 14 before I think?—I think there are 25 or 26.

12,342. Perhaps you had better go regularly through them and give the sums that each received?—That list is made out to the best of my knowledge. I have had a letter from Mr. Baines, which I will hand over to you, gentlemen, afterwards.

12,343. You kept no account at the time?—Not of the money that Baines paid, but I have written to Baines for instructions or information, how much he paid to each voter, and you shall have his letter.

12,344. Baines told us he did not know?—We will make it out between us.

12,345. That paper you hold in your hand, when did you make it up?—Since I was examined here on Friday.

12,346. From what did you make it up?—I made it up from Baines's letter and from the evidence one or two of the parties had given in London.

12,347. And, I suppose, from recollection also?—And from recollection as well.

12,348. And from any papers?—I handed all the papers, as I told you when I was examined, to Mr. Welch, when we balanced the account and therefore Mr. Welch ought to have had them.

12,349. What papers are those that you spoke of the other day which you said you had left in your house?—This is the book (*producing it*).

12,350. Let me look at it?—(*Handing the book.*) You will find it is an old memorandum book. Since Henry Welch and I settled, up to the time when I was first examined, I had never seen that book, and I did not know I had it when I was examined last. I have found it since among a lot of other papers and books that I had in my cottage, as I before told you the payments are at the other end.

12,351. Part of that seems to be a sort of poll or a check on the poll?—That is according to the promises that were made at the time when they were solicited for their votes.

12,352. This is a book the entries in which you made at the time?—Yes, and I further declare that it has never had a pencil or pen put to it in any shape or form since.

12,353. Having now found these documents, have you any reason to vary the account you gave before of the money you received?—Slightly. I think I said that to the best of my recollection I had received 230*l.*, and it appears I have received 241*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*

12,354. (*Mr. Hill.*) It appears from your book that you received 233*l.*, and that there was a balance due to "R. S.," (which means yourself) of 7*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*?—Yes.

12,355. We may take it that you received in gross 241*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*?—Yes, at the foot I have written this memorandum: "Some time after settlement of afore-"mentioned sums there was a disputed account of "Mr. Swaine's, of Morecambe, paid by money received "by Mr. Henry Welch, and account returned to him, "viz., 10*l.*;" that was afterwards, but it was only sent down to me to remit to Mr. Swain; that would be some few weeks after the election.

(*The papers referred to by the witness are handed in, and are as follows:*)—

A List of Names of Freemen who were paid to vote at the Election of Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider from Morecambe, 1865.

No. on Register.	Names.	Supposed amount.	Remarks.
17	Wm. Armistead -	15 0 0	
119	John Bond - -	15 0 0	
	The above two men were engaged to canvass voters by Mr. C. T. Clarke on behalf of Conservatives, and received some money to act as captains in the district. They professing to be dissatisfied with him, he told them to come over to the other side, whether to get evidence out of them for a petition is best known to himself, but Armistead was one of the witnesses in London.		
252	John Edmonson -	15 0 0	Was engaged as assistant-canvasser. He gave evidence before the Committee in London
16	Richard Armistead -	10 0 0	Gave evidence in London.
20	Isaac Armistead -	10 0 0	
22	William do. - -	10 0 0	
23	John do. - -	10 0 0	
80	John Bell - -	14 0 0	
154	Henry Casson - -	12 0 0	Gave evidence in London.
162	Richard Christopherson -	10 0 0	
243	Jonas Edmondson -	10 0 0	
244	Thomas Edmondson -	10 0 0	Gave evidence in London.
247	Thomas Edmondson -	10 0 0	Came from Londonderry, and left his occupation as mate on steamer "Arbutus."
253	Daniel Edmondson -	12 0 0	Came from Arran, Scotland, and gave evidence in London.
327	James Green - -	- - -	Paid in Lancaster.
350	Matthew Hadwen -	10 0 0	
351	Tobias Hadwen - -	- - -	Paid in Lancaster.
352	Joseph Hadwen -	10 0 0	
353	Wm. Hadwen - -	10 0 0	
357	Richard Hall - -	- - -	Had some money from me, but paid in Lancaster.
407	Adam Henderson -	10 0 0	
518	John Kitchen - -	- - -	Had money from me, but paid in Lancaster.
522	Joseph Knipe - -	10 0 0	
523	George Knipe - -	10 0 0	
553	Wm. Lord - -	10 0 0	
242	Daniel Edmondson -	5 0 0	For use of house as committee-room.

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Mr. R. Shackleton.

11 Sept. 1866.

The preceding is a correct list, so far as I am able to make out from memory. I have been informed the Conservatives bribed 28 voters in this place. This information you will gain from "George Vince," and the other names I formerly gave to you as being greatly interested in the management at Morecambe.

LIST of VOTERS in the List that would neither take nor give Money for the purpose of Bribing.

No. on Register.

132. B. Bradshaw.
137. Wm. Briggs.
142. James Brunton.
491. James Jackson.
559. Revd. E. J. Manby.
560. Revd. J. R. G. Manby.
596. David Moore.
593. Bernard Moore.
629. John Overend.
649. William Parkinson.
919. William Whiteside.

STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS with Mr. HY. WELCH on Account of Election of Messrs. FENWICK and SCHNEIDER, 1865.

List of Payments.

1865.		£	s.	d.
June 28.	Amount paid at "Chieftain Inn"	1	13	8
	Advanced to Tobias Hadwen	0	3	6
	John Kitchen	0	4	0
	Tobias Hadwen	0	5	0
	Sundry expenses	2	0	0
July 1.	John Edmondson	1	0	0
	Isaac Armistead	1	0	0
	Railway ticket	0	12	0
	Three dinners, J. E., Wm. S., and self	0	3	6
	John Kitchen	0	5	0
2.	Richard Coates, Hotel	0	18	6
	Do. do.	1	16	4
	Richard Armistead	1	0	0
	John Edmondson	2	0	0
	Mr. Swain, "Queen's Hotel"	24	15	4
	James Shaw	6	8	5
	John Kitchen	0	2	0
3.	Richard Coates	1	0	0
	Sundry expenses	2	5	0
4.	Richard Hall	0	10	0
	John Edmondson and I. Armistead	1	0	0
	John Kitchen	0	2	6
	Sundry expenses	0	10	0
5.	John Edmondson	0	10	0
	Rd. Armistead	0	10	0
	John Kitchen	0	3	0
	Expenses	1	17	6
	John Bond	1	0	0
	Wm. Armistead	1	0	0
	John Threlfall	1	0	0
	Wm. Thelfall	1	0	0
	Tobias Hadwen	0	10	0
5.	Paid Isaac Armistead	1	0	0
	John Edmondson	1	0	0
6.	Railway fares to Bentham	0	9	4
	Green Barton	2	0	0
	Tobias Hadwin	0	2	6
	Conveyance to Barton	0	4	6
	Sundry expenses	0	8	0
	Refreshments	0	9	2
	John Bond	1	0	0
	John Edmondson	1	0	0
	Expenses at Redmayne's	0	10	0
	James Green	0	2	6
	John Kitchen	0	4	0
	Expenses at "Blue Anchor"	0	1	0
	Railway fares to Arran and back	1	3	10
	Daniel Edmondson	2	0	0
	Dinner at Carlisle	0	5	0
	Tea	0	1	6
	Expenses at Arran	0	3	0
	To driver of conveyance	0	2	0
	Wm. Armistead	1	0	0
	John Bond	1	0	0
	John Edmondson	1	0	0
	Richard Hall	3	16	6
	Telegraph message to Belfast	0	4	6
	Ditto	0	4	0
	Tobias Hadwen	1	10	0
	Daniel Edmondson, hotel	11	5	6
	Mr. Hadwen	1	10	0
	John Kitchen	2	0	0
	Wm. Hadwen	1	10	0
	For conveyance	0	5	0
	Carried forward	£94	17	1

		£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	94	17	1
July 8.	Paid John Bond	7	10	0
	„ Wm. Armitstead	7	10	0
	„ Wm. Armitstead	3	10	0
	„ Richard Armitstead	3	10	0
	„ Isaac Swinstead	3	0	0
	„ Thomas Overend, gent.	1	0	0
	„ George Knife	2	0	0
	„ Joseph Knife	2	0	0
	„ Expenses	1	0	0
	„ Wm. Lord	2	0	0
9.	„ John Bond	1	0	0
	„ John Edmondson	1	0	0
	„ Robert Bond	0	10	0
	„ Jno. Edmondson, for John Bell's release	4	0	0
	„ Do. expenses	0	2	6
	„ Wm. Armistead	1	0	0
	„ Expenses	0	10	0
	„ John Kitchen	0	10	0
	„ Thos. Longmire, hotel	0	12	10
	„ Wm. A. Maud	0	7	6
	„ Mr. Ainson	7	0	0
	„ R. Siddle, to settle	1	0	0
	„ Expenses	2	10	0
10.	„ William Swinstead	1	0	0
	„ John Bond	1	0	0
	„ John Edmondson	1	0	0
	„ Daniel Edmondson, on account	6	0	0
	„ John Bell	0	10	0
	„ Dr. Carruthers	10	0	0
	„ Election expenses	3	0	0
	„ Birket Elleray, hotel	6	0	0
	„ John Wilson	1	0	0
	„ Jno. Gardner	1	0	0
	„ Henry Baxter	1	0	0
	„ Sam. Houghton	1	0	0
	„ Expenses for same	1	0	0
10.	„ Thos. Greenup	2	0	0
13.	„ Richard Hall	1	0	0
	„ Mr. Wm. Briggs	25	0	0
	„ Mr. Jenkins	5	0	0
	„ Mr. Edwd. Johnson	7	0	0
	„ Mr. G. W. Swaine	12	0	0
	„ Dr. Carruthers	1	0	0
	„ Philip Thomas	0	2	6
	„ "Elleray" hotel account	2	17	6
	„ Richard Siddle	0	10	0
	„ James Shaw, hotel	1	10	0
	„ Expenses	1	0	0
	„ John Woodhouse	1	0	0
		£241	9	11

Cash from Mr Welch.

1866.		£	s.	d.
June 27.	By cash	2	0	0
July 1.	„	50	0	0
	„	24	15	0
8.	„	100	0	0
	From Carruthers	4	8	0
12.	By cash	20	0	0
15.	„	20	0	0
16.	„	12	10	0
	„	7	16	7
		£241	9	10

Some time after settlement of afore-mentioned sums there was a disputed account of Mr. Swaine's, of Morecambe, paid by money received from Mr. Henry Welch, an account returned to him, viz., 10*l.*

12,356. The money was all received in cash from Mr. Henry, Welch, except 4*l.* 8*s.* from Dr. Carruthers?—It was.

12,357. Can you give us the gross sum you spent in treating before the election?—I can only give it you so far as it is entered in that book. I have made a copy here.

12,358. Just look in that book and see if you can give it to us; it will save a multiplicity of items if you can?—Do you mean the accounts I received receipts for and handed to Mr. Welch?

12,359. You received money before the election?—Yes, 241*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*

12,360. And did you not spend money in treating the freemen before the election?—Yes.

12,361. Can you tell us in gross what that sum was, dividing the payments into payments before and after the election; or if you cannot do that give the gross payments that you made in treating?—I do not see how I can do that; the paper I have here is an exact copy of the book; the principal part of the incidental expenses Mr. Welch got accounts for, but I only set them down in a lump sum.

12,362. (*Mr. Newton.*) Can you tell us the number of voters that received money for their votes?—Yes; you will find it on the sheet I have handed in and the amounts they received.

12,363. (*Mr. Barstow.*) If you cannot give the amount you spent in treating give us the amount you paid to the voters; tell us what you gave for each vote and what else the voters received?—Only they would be paid at different times.

12,364. That does not matter.—There is William Armistead, No. 17 on the register, 15*l.*

12,365. What is he?—A fisherman; they are all fishermen. On the 5th July he got 1*l.*

12,366. Besides?—Besides. On the 8th of July he got 1*l.*, and on the 9th 1*l.*, and on the 10th 1*l.*

12,367. What did you understand that these sums of 1*l.* were given for?—To spend, I suppose; the men came every morning to me and would have the money, right or wrong.

12,368. Now the next?—The next is No. 19 on the register; John Bond, 15*l.*; on the 8th of July he got 7*l.* 10*s.*, and on the 10th, 1*l.*; that would be the last that he received. I have made a remark opposite these two men's names (William Armistead and John Bond) which I had better read, "The above two men "were engaged to canvass voters by Mr. C. J. Clark "on behalf of the Conservatives, and received some "money to act as captains in the district; they pro- "fessing to be dissatisfied with Hinde, he told them "to come over to the other side, whether to get "evidence out of them for a petition is best known "to himself; but Armistead was one of the witnesses "in London."

12,369. Now the next voter?—No. 252, John Edmonson, 15*l.*; he was engaged as assistant canvasser, and gave evidence before the committee in London; on July 1st he gets 1*l.*, on July 2nd, 2*l.*, on 4th June John Edmondson and Armistead, 1*l.*; that would be 10*s.* each; on July 5th, 10*s.*, again on July 5th, 1*l.*, on July 6th, 1*l.*, on July 8th, 1*l.*, on July 9th, 1*l.* John Edmondson for John Bell's release, 4*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; John Bell was a voter; he was in the House of Correction at that time for some misdemeanour he had been doing down at Morecambe, and the expenses altogether were 4*l.*

12,370. Then that does not go down to Edmondson?—I do not think he paid it.

12,371. (*Mr. Newton.*) He pocketed the money?—I heard it said so this morning in the train.

12,372. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much was it?—4*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

12,373. What date was that?—July 9th. I have it here. 4*l.* was the money that he got and then he charged for expenses 2*s.* 6*d.* afterwards.

12,374. (*Mr. Newton.*) And put the whole in his pocket?—I cannot speak to that; he probably will be able to explain it himself.

12,375. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did John Bell vote?—He did; on the 10th, John Edmondson, 1*l.*, that is all against him. Then No. 16 on the register, Richard Armistead, 10*l.*

12,376. He is a fisherman too?—Yes, they are all fishermen. I will tell you when they are not. On July 2nd, 1*l.*, on July 5th, 10*s.*, on July 8th, 3*l.* 10*s.*; that was in part payment for his vote; he gave evidence in London. Then No. 20 on the register, Isaac Armistead, 10*l.*; on July 1st he got 1*l.*, on July 8th he got 3*l.*, but that would be in part payment for his vote. I think you have got all against him. William Armistead 10*l.* (No. 22 on the register.) I do not think he would get anything more. John Armistead, No. 23 on the register, 10*l.*, John Bell 14*l.*, No. 80 on the register; and on 10th July he got 10*s.* No. 154 on the register, Henry Casson, 12*l.*; he gave evidence in London. I think he got nothing else. Richard Christopherson, No. 162 on the register, got 10*l.* No. 243 on the register, Jonas Edmondson, 10*l.*

12,377. Have you looked to see if these three last voters had anything at other times?—Yes; they will not have had any at other times. No. 244, Thomas Edmondson, 10*l.*; he gave evidence in London; that is all that he has had. No. 247, Thomas Edmondson, 10*l.*; he is another Thomas Edmondson, he came from Londonderry and left his occupation as mate on the steamer "Arbutus" to vote.

12,378. Was his occupation on board the steamer "Arbutus" a very lucrative one?—I really do not know. I do not know what wages a mate will get. I should think from 2*l.* to 3*l.* per week perhaps. Daniel Edmondson, No. 253 on the register, 12*l.*; he came from Annan, in Scotland, and he gave evidence in London. On the 7th of July, the date that I went over to Annan to see him, I paid him 2*l.*, but I think he would only get 10*l.* at the time of the election to make up the 12*l.* No. 327, James Green; he was paid by Stewardson in Lancaster, but he had from me some sundry expenses; I think it was Stewardson who paid him.

12,379. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That is Greenall, is it not?—I think he is on the register as Green. I paid his son 2*l.* to take care of him up to the time of the election, and I gave him 2*s.* 6*d.* to go to be taken care of. I believe he would not have lived if he had stayed in Morecambe; he first was on one side and then on the other and he never was sober during the whole time the election was going on.

12,380. Did you pay him anything for his vote besides?—I did not. I do not give you any amount in this list that he has got. I do not know what he did get. I gave 2*l.* to his son and 2*s.* 6*d.* to himself. No. 350, Matthew Hadwen, 10*l.* I think he would have nothing else. No. 351, Tobias Hadwen; he was paid by Stewardson in Lancaster.

12,381. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not give Tobias Hadwen anything?—I will come to that by-and-by; on June 28th I gave him 3*s.* 6*d.*, and on June 28th 5*s.*

12,382. The same day?—The same day; on July the 5th, 10*s.*, on July the 6th, 2*s.* 6*d.* I had better just mention that he was going off working to a gentleman at Bentham, and this was money that was given to him at the time he went, but I will explain that afterwards.

12,383. Is that all he got?—That is all he got.

12,384. Did he vote for you?—Yes, he voted for us; 352 on the register, Joseph Hadwen 10*l*; I find I paid him 1*l.* 10*s.* on July the 8th, but that would be in part payment of his 10*l.*; 353, William Hadwen, 10*l.* I paid him 1*l.* in July in part payment; Richard Hall, 357 on the register.

12,385. (*Mr. Hill.*) 10*l.*?—He was paid by someone in Lancaster, but he had part of the money from me.

12,386. Who was he paid by?—I do not know.

12,387. Can you find out who paid him?—I fancy Stewardson perhaps would pay him.

12,388. What did you pay him?—I paid him on July the 4th, 10*s.*; on July the 8th, 3*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* I do not know exactly what that was for, but he wanted it for some particular purpose I remember. On July the 13th, Richard Hall, 1*l.*

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Mr. R. Shackleton.

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12,389. Is that all?—Yes.

12,390. (*Mr. Newton.*) Would that be for his vote?—No; he would get paid for his vote I have no doubt in Lancaster. 407, Adam Henderson, 10*l.*; he has had nothing. John Kitchen 518. He had some money from me, but he was paid in Lancaster, I think, by Peter Moore. I think you will have it in Peter Moore's list.

12,391. How much did he get from you?—On June the 28th, 4*s.* On July the 1st, 5*s.* On July the 2nd, 2*s.* On July the 4th, 2*s.* 6*d.* On July the 5th, 3*s.* On July the 6th, 4*s.* On July the 8th, 2*l.* On July the 9th, 10*s.* Then No. 522 on the register, Joseph Knipe, 10*l.*, and 523, George Knipe, 10*l.*, and I gave them 1*l.* each for expenses. 533 on the register, William Lord, 10*l.*

12,392. Had he anything besides?—No; 242, Daniel Edmondson, for the use of his house as a committee-room, 5*l.*

12,393. Have you come to an end of the voters paid?—Yes; he gave evidence in the House of Commons.

12,394. Was there any bill of Edmondson's to pay?—Yes, there were several bills, the bill that Edmondson had got on the morning of the election was paid by Baines. I did not pay him the bill on the morning of the election; that is during the election night, but I have paid him some money which I will give you; Baines borrowed money of me to make up his deficiency.

12,395. Tell us the monies you paid Edmondson?—Daniel Edmondson, hotel account, 11*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* on July the 8th; Daniel Edmondson, July the 10th, on account, I paid him 6*l.* I suppose he was grumbling about the bill getting on, and he wanted to see how the account was to be squared up before the election. That is all the money I paid him. I think he had a large account on the morning of the election that was paid by Baines. On June the 28th, amount paid at the "Chieftain Inn;" Birket Elleray is his name. That would be what I should get an account for, and hand over to Mr. Welch.

12,396. That does not come out of your money?—Yes, it comes out of the money I received.

12,397. How much is it then?—1*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* On July the 2nd, Richard Coates, "Morecambe Hotel," 2*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* On July the 2nd, Mr. Swain, "Queen's Hotel," 24*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, James Shaw, 6*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.*

12,398. The same date?—The same date.

12,399. What is his house?—The "Ship Inn."

12,400. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are Swayne and Shaw voters?—No, neither of them. On July the 3rd, Richard Coates, 1*l.*—that is at the "Morecambe Hotel." July the 6th, "Station Hotel," 10*s.*; Anthony Redwayne is the name of the proprietor, I think. July the 6th, "Blue Anchor," Lancaster, a shilling.

12,401. Are these expenses you are now coming to very small sums?—Yes, but I think I have got very nearly through them; William A. Maud, 7*s.* 6*d.*, and Mr. Amson, 7*l.*

12,402. Who is he?—He did, at that time, keep the "New Inn Hotel." On July the 10th, Birket Henry Elleray, 6*l.*; July the 13th, Elleray, 2*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, and James Shaw, 1*l.* 10*s.*

12,403. Then you have a lot of small sums. Can you give me the amount of incidental expenses?—That would amount to 12*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*

12,404. That was for money spent from time to time in drinking exclusive of these accounts?—Yes.

12,405. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is that the whole of your account?—No. On July the 1st, I see here, "Railway ticket, 12*s.*"

12,406. We do not want every item. Give it to me in a lump sum?—I beg your pardon, but I have omitted an hotel bill of Thomas Longmire, "West View Hotel," 12*s.* 10*d.* The other small sums would come to 6*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*

12,407. Is that the whole of your account?—No. On July the 9th, Robert Bond, a freeman from Slyne, got 10*s.*

12,408. Is that the Bond you gave us before?—No.

12,409. Robert Bond voted against you?—No, he voted for us, I think.

12,410. What was the 10*s.* for?—He came down to Morecambe, and wanted some money for his own expenses.

12,411. For drink, I suppose?—Yes, I suppose it would be. Then for assistance on the night before the election, and on the election day, John Wilson a pound.

12,412. What are these, staff-men?—Yes.

12,413. How many of them are there?—Five of them.

12,414. Five staff-men, 5*l.*?—Yes.

12,415. Is that all your account?—Here is John Threlfall, on July the 5th, and William Threlfall, 1*l.* each. They went to the other side. We could not buy them the night before.

12,416. You gave it to them on account of their votes?—Yes. I am sorry to trouble you, but I think I have omitted Isaac Armistead, 1*l.* On July the 8th, Thomas Overend, a voter from Heysham, came to borrow a pound which he has not found time to return yet.

12,417. Did he vote Lawrence?—No, he voted for the Liberals. On July the 10th I let Dr. Carruthers have 10*l.*

12,418. Has he found time to pay that?—He returned 4*l.* 8*s.*, which you saw in the debit list.

12,419. He has had 5*l.* 12*s.*?—Yes.

12,420. He has got a Government appointment at Portland since the election?—Yes. On July the 10th I paid Thomas Greenup 2*l.*

12,421. Was he a voter?—No.

12,422. What was it for?—For taking care of Tobias Hadwen. He is not competent to take care of himself, and that you will see if you have him before you. On July the 13th I paid Mr. Briggs 25*l.*

12,423. What was that for?—I borrowed money from Mr. Briggs to give to Mr. Baines. Mr. Briggs did not know what it was for. I wrote him a note for it.

12,424. It is part of the money you are accounting for?—Yes, it is.

12,425. You paid it to Baines?—Yes.

12,426. And you received it from Welch afterwards?—Yes.

12,427. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You paid Briggs the 25*l.* back?—Yes.

12,428. Have you accounted for it as paid to Baines?—Yes; certainly.

12,429. (*Mr. Newton.*) Instead of Briggs, it is Baines?—Yes; but I got the money from Briggs to hand over to Baines.

12,430. You have not accounted for the money to us?—I refunded the 25*l.* to Mr. Briggs out of these amounts of money I received from Mr. Welch.

12,431. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is the 25*l.* you paid Briggs included in the sum of money which you have told us you received from Mr. Welch?—Yes.

12,432. You have not yet, in the account you have given us, accounted for the payment of that 25*l.*?—Mr. Baines would account for that, as you will find when you come to add these accounts up.

12,433. Have you given it to us in your account as paid by you to Baines?—Yes. Here is another 5*l.*, another 7*l.*, and 12*l.*

12,434. What are they?—Sums all handed over to Baines in the same way. On the 13th of July I paid Dr. Carruthers 1*l.*

12,435. What was that for?—I suppose he would tell them he was that much out in expenses. On the 13th of July I paid Philip Thomas 2*s.* 6*d.* One of the Conservative people had torn the tail of his coat off, and I had to get it repaired.

12,436. Was he a staff man?—Yes. Then again on the 13th I paid Richard Siddle 10*s.*

12,437. He is not a voter?—No; that was for his expenses to go to Settle to look after Castle.

12,438. What amount of money have you given to Baines altogether?—49*l.*

12,439. Is that the whole of your account?—Yes.

12,440. The whole of your outlay altogether?—Yes.

12,441. You have nothing to add?—No; except these amounts which were paid in part payment of the voting list.

12,442. Those you have given us in full?—Yes.

12,443. The 25*l.* was for Daniel Edmondson's bill. Do you know what the others were for?—I fancy Baines would be short. Some of the voters would not come from Morecambe without the money was paid, and I got this money for Baines.

12,444. Were all these houses you have mentioned houses in your own interest at Morecambe?—Not exactly. The Conservatives, before we started at all, had come down and taken the "Morecambe Hotel," the "King's Arms Hotel," the "Black Bull," and the "Birket Hotel."

12,445. That is no answer to my question. I ask you whether all these houses were in your interest?—We were not particular where we went, because we had not a house to go to without going to the Conservative houses previous to Daniel Edmondson turning over to the other side.

12,446. Previous to that you had nowhere to go to?—No; except going where the others were.

12,447. (*Mr. Hill.*) Had Daniel Edmondson been retained by the Conservatives?—Yes.

12,448. And you gave him a second retainer for the other side—your own side?—They had engaged his house for 10*l.*, and we got it for 5*l.*

12,449. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have not yet answered my question. Was the "Queen's" one of your houses and the "Ship" also?—It was a house that we went to previous to Daniel Edmondson turning over, but we did not go there very much after we had gone to Edmondson's.

12,450. Then the "Chieftain Inn," was that another of them?—Yes.

12,451. And the "Morecambe Hotel," was that another?—No; we went there and spent some money, that was all.

12,452. Was the "New Inn" one of your houses? No; we were never there except one night.

12,453. You spent 7*l.* there one night?—Yes.

12,454. Then it was one of your houses, I suppose?—They brought us in a bill of 15*l.* odd, and I knocked off one-half of it, and told him that we had not spent seven shillings; and we had not either.

12,455. Who paid Robert Bond?—I do not know that I ever saw the man after he got 10*s.*

12,456. I suppose if he got 10*s.* he got something more?—Yes; he would not vote without being paid either for one side or the other, but who paid him, I do not know. He is in the Slyne district, and whoever was at Slyne would have him to pay no doubt. I am sure he would have got paid.

12,457. (*Mr. Hill.*) The sum total you have given us as received is 241*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*, and the sum total you have given us as spent is 241*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.* This, therefore, is an account of all the money you received, and all that Baines received also?—Yes, with the exception of this which I think I read to you before. Sometime after the settlement of the afore-mentioned sums there was a disputed account of Mr. Swaine's, of Morecambe, paid by money received from Mr. Henry Welch, and account returned to him. viz., 10*l.*

12,458. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It is suggested that you have mentioned paying 7*l.* 10*s.* to some of these voters. In that case I suppose Baines would pay the balance?—Yes.

12,459. (*Mr. Newton.*) When have you paid 7*l.* 10*s.*?—I think about two nights previous to the election.

12,460. You bargained with these men for their votes?—Yes.

12,461. At that time?—Yes.

12,462. Mr. Blades led us to suppose that the price of votes was 5*l.* at Morecambe?—No, I think not; that it had been previously I think was what he said.

12,463. You paid 7*l.* 10*s.* two days before the polling. We have been told over and over again that the price of votes was generally about 5*l.*?—I think I told you in my former evidence that I told Henry Welch Blades and Wearing what the other side was doing.

12,464. That was on the nomination day?—Yes.

12,465. You paid these fellows 7*l.* 10*s.* two or three days before polling?—Yes, I daresay it was two or three days. The other side were doing the same, and either we must follow them or they would have left us entirely.

12,466. When you paid them 7*l.* 10*s.* did you pay it as half the price of their vote?—Yes.

12,467. You anticipated they would get 15*l.*?—There are only three who got 15*l.*

12,468. But some of those men got 6*l.* besides?—Yes, of course they did for expenses.

12,469. There is one gets 13*l.* and 15*l.*, and another 20*l.* altogether?—That is during the course of the election.

12,470. Another, 28*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*?—That is during the course of the election. This (*producing a paper*) is a list of voters on the list that would neither take nor give money for the purpose of bribing.

12,471. How many are there?—Eleven.

12,472. Eleven out of 80. Three of them are clergymen I see?—Yes; my opinion is that they were all paid at Morecambe with the exception of these.

12,473. What are the names and their numbers on the register?—132, B. Bradshaw; 137, William Briggs; 142, James Brunton; 491, James Jackson; 559, the Revd. E. F. Manby; 560, Rev. J. R. G. Manby; 596, David Moore; 597, Bernard Moore; 629, John Overend; 649, William Parkinson; 909, William Whiteside.

JOHN CROSS sworn and examined.

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12,474. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A plasterer.

12,475. Where do you live?—Springfield Terrace, Lancaster.

12,476. Are you a Conservative?—Yes.

12,477. Were you a captain at the last election?—Yes, in No. 2 and No. 3 districts conjointly with Mr. Hatch.

12,478. What districts are those?—The Assembly Rooms and the Boys National School.

12,479. Are those the polling places for those districts?—Yes, they are.

12,480. Tell me what parts of the town were included in No. 2. and No. 3. districts?—You can take the Assembly Rooms first, Market Street, Sun Street, New Street Castle Hill, Castle Street, West Place, High Street, Spring Garden Street, Common Garden Street, James Street, and several other small streets.

12,481. Now No. 3. district?—Parliament Street and Germany Street, that is all. It was only a very small district.

12,482. What sums of Money did you receive for the purposes of the last election?—On the 23rd of June I received from Mr. Clark 80*l.* in four payments.

12,483. Upon the dates which Mr. Clark gave us?—Yes.

12,484. Were they correct?—Yes, I believe so. On the 8th of July I received 20*l.* from Mr. Barker. That is all I received previous to the election.

12,485. What next?—550*l.* and 5*l.* this year.

12,486. Does that include this 80*l.* and 20*l.*?—No, that is a separate item.

12,487. You got 655*l.* altogether?—Yes.

12,488. Did you receive these last sums you have mentioned from Mr. Barker?—Yes.

12,489. When?—On the 11th of July, and the 5*l.*

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I think I received, though I have not got the date, on the 14th of May 1866.

12,490. Was that from Mr. Barker also?—Yes.

12,491. Is that the whole sum you received?—Yes.

12,492. How did you expend that?—We will take the 80*l.* and the 20*l.* which I received previous to the election first. John Leeming Bradshaw, Market Street, 12*l.*

12,493. Who is he?—A draper in Market Street.

12,494. What was the 12*l.* for?—1*l.* of it was for his expenses for going to Manchester after some voters, and with regard to the other he will explain it himself. He will know how he spent it.

12,495. Was any of it for his vote?—No.

12,496. What was he—a sub-captain?—I do not know that he was. He took a little interest in the election.

12,497. Did he vote Lawrence?—Yes, he did.

12,498. How much do you say was for expenses?—1*l.*

12,499. And the rest was for himself?—No.

12,500. What was it for?—I cannot give you the names, but I believe myself it was for two votes, but he will be able better to explain it himself than I can.

12,501. Richard Nelson, of Carnforth, 2*l.*, what was that for?—He made an agreement with me for 7*l.* for his vote.

12,502. And this 2*l.* was on account?—Yes; he afterwards voted on the other side, and has not yet returned the 2*l.*

12,503. James Hatch, 7*l.* 5*s.* What was that for?—I cannot tell you I am sure. He took it to Heysham, and he will be able to tell you about it.

12,504. It was for voters at Heysham?—Yes.

12,505. George Danson, 5*l.* What was that for?—I cannot say. He had it in two payments.

12,506. Was it for his vote or for voters?—It was for other voters.

12,507. Henry Nelson, of Ellel, 3*l.* What was that for?—I suppose it was to go amongst the freemen, but if you will allow me I will explain something about that. My brother gave him 3*l.*, and he told me that he had had offered him by Mr. Preston, of Ellel Grange, 50*l.* if he would work the district.

12,508. That is not much of an explanation why you gave him 3*l.*?—He thought it was a very small sum.

12,509. You gave it to him for voters?—Yes.

12,510. Jackson of the "White Horse," 7*l.*?—He took them to Morecambe.

12,511. What is Jackson's christian name?—I do not know.

12,512. That was for Morecambe voters?—Yes.

12,513. Henry Gorst, 3*l.*?—That went to Overton.

12,514. John McCann, 3*l.* What was that for?—I cannot say.

12,515. Was it for himself?—He wanted some money, and I suppose he will be able to tell you how he spent it.

12,516. James Ellershaw, 1*l.*?—That was for himself.

12,517. Thomas Proctor, China Lane, 11*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* What was that for?—I cannot say.

12,518. Was it for himself?—For voters and himself.

12,519. Thomas Foster, China Lane, 6*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*?—He was one of the sub-captains.

12,520. That was for voters then, was it?—It was. Halliwell, of Carnforth, 2*l.*

12,521. What was that for?—For the Carnforth voters.

12,522. Thomas Garnett, 2*l.* 15*s.*?—Yes.

12,523. What was that for?—He was one of the sub-captains.

12,524. John Hargreaves?—He was a sub-captain.

12,525. 1*l.*?—Yes.

12,526. John Wilkinson Thompson?—He was another sub-captain.

12,527. 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

12,528. John Kitchen, 3*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes.

12,529. What was John Kitchen?—He was a sub-captain.

12,530. And Alexander Harrison, 1*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

12,531. What was he?—Something similar.

12,532. John Pritt, 7*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

12,533. Hesketh Riley, 11*s.* 6*d.* What were these two last for?—They were sub-captains to a small extent.

12,534. William Halstead, 6*l.* 10*s.*?—He was the captain of Scotforth.

12,535. William Thornton, 2*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, what was he?—That was for writing; he was employed as a clerk.

12,536. Henry Hartley, 10*s.*, what was that for?—I cannot say what he did with it. He wanted money.

12,537. Thomas R. Thompson, is he a voter?—Yes.

12,538. William Trought?—He is a voter; that was for some old score with regard to some previous election; so he said.

12,539. Thomas Gill?—He is a voter.

12,540. Was that an old score?—No.

12,541. Those were both voters, were they?—Yes.

12,542. Thomas Bennett Hill?—He is a voter.

12,543. 5*s.*?—Yes.

12,544. Timothy Lawrence?—He had 10*s.*

12,545. He is a voter?—Yes.

12,546. Robert Harrison, China Lane?—He is a voter.

12,547. 1*l.* 13*s.*?—Yes.

12,548. I see that includes his fare; what was that?—His fare from Richmond, in Yorkshire.

12,549. Then there are expenses at public-houses, 7*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.*; sundry expenses for voters, 4*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.* That is the whole of your preliminary expenses, is it?—Yes.

12,550. What is the next blue paper you have given us? Are these the payments to voters?—Yes.

12,551. The first is Thomas Bindless, No. 85?—2*l.*

12,552. I will ask you first, when did you make out this list?—From this book (*producing a book*).

12,553. When did you make the entries in that book?—This was made at the time of the election.

12,554. What was the 2*l.* to Thomas Bindloss for? Was it for his vote?—For his vote. A person that they called Harrison—I think his name is William Harrison—said there was himself and Bindloss and Wright. I asked him on the evening of the nomination what they required for their votes. He said, "Nothing," and that they were quite willing to go the next morning to vote. After that I made him a present on my own account. I thought I should do quite right in giving them 2*l.* each.

12,555. Is that Thomas Bindloss at Penny's Hospital?—Yes, at Penny's Hospital.

12,556. Paid after voting?—He got the money before; at least, I fancy so. Then George Blezard, Sun Street, No. 101.

12,557. What is he?—A painter.

12,558. 2*l.*?—Yes.

12,559. William Cumpsty, Castle Hill, tailor?—12*l.*

12,560. William Fawcett, No. 259?—China Lane, 10*l.*

12,561. What is he?—A tailor.

12,562. Christopher Foster, No. 262?—China Lane, bookkeeper, 5*l.*

12,563. James Gardener?—Thomas Foster you will have next. The boy, in writing the list out, omitted it, and I think you will find it at the end of the freemen, before you come to the householders.

12,564. He is No. 271?—Yes.

12,565. And his price is 12*l.*?—Yes.

12,566. James Gardiner, No. 286?—A plasterer, for expenses from Gloucester; he came from Gloucester.

12,567. 10*l.*?—10*l.*

12,568. No. 301, Edward Garnett?—Coal dealer, 4*l.*

12,569. John Hargreaves, No. 360?—Gardener, 3*l.*

12,570. William Harrison, No. 367 ?—Nail maker, 12*l.*

12,571. William Harrison, No. 375 ?—2*l.*

12,572. What is he?—A butcher.

12,573. Was that all he got as a butcher ?—That is one of the three gentlemen that I referred to before—one of the old men.

12,574. Robert Holt Harrison, No. 378 ?—12*l.* ; a nail maker.

12,575. William Harrison, No. 379 ?—13*l.* 10*s.* ; a nail maker again.

12,576. John Hartley, No. 392 ?—A stonemason, 10*l.*

12,577. No. 397, George Cooper Hatton ?—Painter, 10*l.*

12,578. Thomas Hatton, No. 398?—A brass founder, 10*l.* 10*s.* for expenses from Liverpool.

12,579. William Hodgson, 4*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* ?—10*l.* ; a smith ; a blacksmith or whitesmith, I do not know which.

12,580. John Hatton, No. 449?—He came from Manchester, and he stated that it was for his expenses.

12,581. 2*l.* ?—2*l.* ; he was a painter.

12,582. George Romney Ireland, No. 455 ?—12*l.* ; a packer.

12,583. William Ireland, No. 456 ?—Iron founder, 12*l.*

12,584. William Jackson, No. 477 ?—A labourer, 5*l.*

12,585. John Johnson, No. 500 ?—A cabinet maker, 5*l.* and expenses from Southport.

12,586. Did the 5*l.* include expenses ?—I do not know. That is what he told me ; that he thought he ought to have 5*l.* for his expenses and his time in coming.

12,587. William Kew, No. 513 ?—A cooper, 12*l.*

12,588. No. 516, John Kitchen ?—A stonemason, 13*l.*

12,589. No. 521, John Kitchen ?—A stonemason, 13*l.*

12,590. No. 567, William Masheder ?—A farmer, 10*l.*

12,591. What sort of a house does Masheder live in, do you know ?—I do not know.

12,592. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is he a householder ?—No, a freeman.

12,593. (*Mr. Hill.*) Joseph Mason, No. 578 ?—A printer, 5*l.*

12,594. Moses Mawson, No. 584 ?—Husbandman, 7*l.* 10*s.*

12,595. William Ralph, No. 681 ?—A painter, 12*l.*

12,596. What is Moses Mawson ?—A husbandman or gardener. I do not know what he is exactly ; he is here on the list as a husbandman.

12,597. Does he live on Castle Hill or Union Street ?—Castle Hill, I believe; No. 584 is the number.

12,598. The list you gave us was William Ralph, No. 681, 12*l.* ?—A painter.

12,599. Richard Rigg, No. 715 ?—2*l.* ; that is the other old man.

12,600. James Row, No. 726 ?—He stated that was for his house. We had the house ; we engaged the house.

12,601. Did you hold any committee-room there ?—There were several meetings there of freemen.

12,602. To have a drink there ?—Yes.

12,603. And the drink was paid for ?—And the drink was paid for. Perhaps I may be allowed to say that I made a bargain with him for 5*l.*, and by some means or another he made it 10*l.*

12,604. I think we can guess the means without going very far. Thomas Bennison Rowe, No. 729 ?—A painter.

12,605. 10*l.* ?—Yes.

12,606. John Satterthwaite ?—A cabinet maker, No. 733, 10*l.*

12,607. John Simpson, No. 764 ?—A cordwainer, 10*l.*

12,608. William Simpson, No. 767 ?—Yes, a whitesmith.

12,609. 12*l.* ?—Yes.

11,610. No. 814, John Taylor, what is he ?—A cabinet maker, 8*l.*

13,611. No. 820, Thomas Taylor ?—A stonemason, 3*l.*

12,612. No. 831, Thomas R. Thompson ?—A joiner, 5*l.* 10*s.*

12,613. J. W. Thompson, No. 832 ?—Painter, 12*l.*

12,614. William Thornton, No. 838*l.*?—Yes, 4*l.* 10*s.*

12,615. No. 842, Henry Thornton ?—A labourer, 10*l.*

12,616. No. 865, Christopher Towers ?—Whitesmith, 10*l.*

12,617. No. 885, John Watson ?—Gardener, 8*l.*

12,618. No. 929, Richard Willan ?—Upholsterer, 3*l.* That will finish the freemen's list.

12,619. Now give us the householders ?—No. 998, John Bainbridge, 17, King Street, 10*l.*

12,620. Thomas Borrow, No. 998 ?—Marsh Lane, Church Street, is his residence, 6*l.*

12,621. What sort of a house does John Bainbridge, No. 998, live in ?—About 14*l.* or 15*l.* a year.

12,622. Thomas Borrow, what sort of house does he live in ?—He keeps a shop, perhaps that would be about the same value; I cannot say exactly.

12,623. Then No. 1104, John Earnshaw ?—15, Upper King Street, butcher, 12*l.*

12,624. What sort of a house ?—I do not know. I have no idea.

12,625. No. 1,110, James Ellershaw ?—Market Street, 2*l.*

12,626. How came he to be so cheap ?—He might spend that in expenses ; I cannot say ; he was paid on the evening of the nomination. Perhaps he had better tell his own tale.

12,627. Thomas Garnett, No. 1,127 ?—8, Chapel Street, 6*l.*

12,628. What is Mr. Garnett ?—A joiner ; he was in business then.

12,629. No. 1,131, Thomas Gill ?—A brushmaker, 5*l.*

12,630. James Hewitson, No. 1,167 ?—8*l.*, a wheelwright.

12,631. No. 1,176, Edward Hoggarth ?—A coal dealer, 5*l.*

12,632. No. 1,203, Edward Johnson ?—10*l.*, a beerhouse keeper.

12,633. John McCann, No. 1,239 ?—That would be for expenses, 1*l.*

12,634. Thomas Miller, No. 1,240 ?—12*l.*

12,635. What is Miller ?—I do not know.

12,636. No. 1,284, Francis Richmond ?—7*l.* innkeeper.

12,637. Do you mean he is a licensed victualler ?—Yes, in Church Street.

12,638. Thomas Slinger, No. 1,311 ?—5*l.*

12,639. What is Slinger?—He kept a shop in Market Street, a kind of fruiterer's shop.

12,640. No. 1,351, Richard Townley?—Innkeeper, St. Nicholas Street, 10*l.*

12,641. No. 1,381, James Wilson ?—That is for expenses ; he will explain that himself, 1*l.*

12,642. Richard Woodhouse, No. 1,387 ?—5*l.*, a tea dealer.

12,643. Do you say that was for expenses ?—I do not know, I am sure ; he told me it was ; I cannot say.

12,644. That is the end of them ?—Yes.

12,645. Expenses at the "Golden Ball" 3*l.* ?—That was cash to the captains on the day of the poll.

12,646. Returned to Mr. Barker, 75*l.* 10*s.* ?—Yes, I do not know whether you have got the 5*l.* that I paid to John King, of Slyne ; I fancy there is a receipt for it.

12,647. I have not got that ; what is he ?—I do not know what he is ; he is not a voter, it was for assistance at Halton, I think, paid this year.

12,648. Anything else ?—Nothing else.

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12,649. Are those all the payments you made?—Yes.

12,650. When did you pay John King. At what time?—Perhaps about the 20th or the 14th of May; I have no doubt I should pay him the same day that I got the money from Mr. Barker.

12,651. In fact you got the 5*l.* for him?—For that purpose.

12,652. You, I dare say, have struck the balance of these; do these balance the 655*l.*?—They do.

12,653. When you returned the balance, you accounted to Mr. Barker as you have accounted to us?—Mr. Haggard was my assistant, and he returned the balance.

12,654. Who is Haggard?—He came from Liverpool. There was a further sum that I received from Mr. Hatch to the amount of 16*l.*; I had forgotten that.

12,655. When?—That was after the election, perhaps three or four days, and I paid 34 staffmen with it, varying from 10*s.* to 5*s.*

12,656. When did you receive it?—I have no date; three or four days after the election.

12,657. 671*l.* you received altogether, 655*l.* and 16*l.*; what did you do with this 16*l.*?—It was paid to about 34 staffmen, I engaged 60 as near as I can recollect, and he paid the remainder.

12,658. Thirty-four at 10*s.* apiece?—10*s.* and 5*s.* There were two at 5*s.* I think.

12,659. 16*l.* altogether?—16*l.*

12,660. You paid 34, but how many did you engage?—I engaged 60 as near as I can tell.

12,661. And who paid the other 26?—Mr. Hatch paid the remainder.

12,662. He paid the other 26?—Yes, we had 60 altogether.

12,663. Is that all?—That is all.

12,664. When did you first arrange with these voters as to the price at which they were to be sold or bought?—The principal part on the nomination evening.

12,665. Where at?—If you refer to the book you will find that I visited, perhaps, about 20 at their own houses.

12,666. And arranged with them there?—And paid them there.

12,667. Did you pay them something in advance, and the balance after they had voted?—No, just the amount they charged for their votes; what we agreed for.

12,668. Did you pay them before they voted?—The principal part I did.

12,669. The principal part of the voters?—Yes; if you will let me look at my list, I will tell you who I paid.

12,670. Do you mean this little book?—Yes.

12,671. You paid some of them something on account of their votes?—That was all they received.

12,672. Do you mean that you did not pay anything to any of them then on account of their votes, and the balance after they had voted?—No, not at all.

12,673. What are the initials against the voters names in the book?—Some of the initials you will find are McCann's; he took several amounts I think for Slinger.

12,674. That is as to the persons by whose hands the money was sent?—Yes.

12,675. You went to the people's houses and arranged what they were to have, and either paid them the money yourself or sent it by other persons?—They got it that night, all that appears in the first sheet there; if you will refer to it you will see "Tuesday evening 11.30."

12,676. Those are what you paid then?—That night.

12,677. Then the next morning, "Wednesday morning 6 and 8," out-district first, and in-district afterwards; what are these that are scratched out?—What are those?

12,678. Cuthbert Lutas?—He returned that; it was paid to Gorst.

12,679. For instance, you paid Henry Thornton 10*l.*; when did you pay him?—That was paid by John Dobson on the day of the poll. I will give you, if you will allow me, a list of the persons that assisted me.

12,680. Do you know that he also received the money from Clark?—So I heard yesterday, in Mr. Clark's evidence.

12,681. Are you quite sure still, having heard the evidence, that you paid Thornton also?—Quite certain.

12,682. And he was paid by Clark as well?—He was.

12,683. Clark paid him 10*l.* also?—Yes, and you have there another man of the name of Mashiter as well.

12,684. William Mashiter, No. 577?—Yes, Dobson received 20*l.* for those two men.

12,685. William Masheder, No. 567; did Dobson pay him?—Yes.

12,686. And Thornton also?—Yes.

12,687. There are two Mashiters?—I paid No. 567, William Masheder.

12,688. (*Mr. Newton.*) No. 567 was paid by Clark?—I believe so.

12,689. And what did he get?—10*l.*

12,690. Who did Dobson pay?—Only those two Mashiter and Masheder, and Henry or William Thornton.

12,691. How did that come about?—He came to the room about 10 o'clock; he told me they had not voted, and I knew William Mashiter was in my district; and as to Thornton, I sent a note to Mr. Clark that I was going to pay him.

12,692. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you pay all the other persons?—No, I paid nothing myself. I only made bargains. I do not think I paid anything myself.

12,693. You say you only bargained with them; who paid the other men?—Shall I tell you the names from this list?

12,694. First of all, before I go away from Henry Thornton, No. 842, 10*l.*, who is Henry Thornton?—A labourer, a labourer or a butcher. I fancy he is a butcher; he is on the list as a labourer, but I believe his business is now a butcher.

12,695. Do you know him by sight?—I do.

12,696. Is it Henry Thornton of Penny Street, labourer?—It is.

12,697. What age man is he?—Perhaps about 45 or 46. I cannot say.

12,698. What do you mean by a laborer?—I cannot say I am sure; he is a labouring man.

12,699. Is he a clerk?—No, he is a butcher, I believe, now at present.

12,700. Are you quite sure of that?—I think so; I am not quite certain.

12,701. You say you arranged with these men for the price of their votes; after you had so arranged with them, what was the next thing that was done with them about the mode of payment?—They came up into the room.

12,702. What room?—A room that I had at the "Golden Ball."

12,703. I presume that those who were paid by you at their own houses did not come up to the "Golden Ball"?—No, I think not. I do not think I saw anything more of them.

12,704. The other men came up into the "Golden Ball" to you?—Yes.

12,705. On the day of the poll?—Yes, in the morning; in fact all day from 7 to 3 o'clock, I might say.

12,706. Who else was in the room at the "Golden Ball?"—Mr. Haggard.

12,707. Anyone else?—No one in particular, only the sub-captains and the voters.

12,708. Whose is the "Golden Ball?"—Burton's.

12,709. In the Market Place?—In the Market Place.

12,710. Who held the money?—Mr. Haggard.

12,711. How were the others introduced to him?—They knocked at the door.

12,712. One at a time?—One at a time.

12,713. Then who brought them up?—Very likely the captain or sub-captain.

12,714. You were inside?—Yes.

12,715. Did they come in with any slip of paper?—No.

12,716. How did you know their names; did you know them all?—I knew them all.

12,717. You had bargained with all of them?—Not before the day of the poll.

12,718. But you knew them?—Yes.

12,719. When they came in did you give their names to Mr. Haggard?—No, I made a bargain, and I think I gave a slip of paper to Mr. Haggard with the amount upon it.

12,720. And the voter's name?—No, no voter's name.

12,721. A piece of paper for each voter as he came in?—Exactly so; just merely as a cheque for the amount. I think it quite possible that I might enter their names into a small memorandum book and on to a slip of paper; I cannot say.

12,722. Perhaps you entered their names in this book?—No, not till the evening.

12,723. You entered it in some memorandum book?—On a slip of paper.

12,724. Then Mr. Haggard gave them the money, one by one, and as he gave it to a voter that voter went out and another came in?—Yes.

12,725. And so they went on till they had done?—Yes.

12,726. Did you remain in the room during the whole of the day?—No, I went to vote first, and left the room, I think, from 1 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

12,727. When it got towards 3 o'clock did not the men want a higher price?—I think they had pretty well done in the morning. I think the only man after 3 o'clock was Barrow in Church Street.

12,728. You polled your men early?—Very early in the morning.

12,729. What was it Barrow wanted?—6*l.* he got.

12,730. What did he ask for?—That was what he asked.

12,731. How many public-houses and beer-houses were engaged in your district?—Barton's, the "Golden Ball."

12,732. When were they retained by you?—Perhaps about the 20th of June, as near as I can tell.

12,733. Was the retaining fee paid to them at that time?—No.

12,734. When was it paid?—After the election, with the exception of Rose and Johnson; Rose was paid the evening before, and Johnson on the day.

12,735. How many of them were there; first of all how many licensed victuallers were there in No. 2 district?—There was Barton's.

12,736. What sign does he sell his beer at?—The "Golden Ball."

12,737. What was his retaining fee?—10*l.*, I believe.

12738. He was paid by whom?—By Mr. Hatch.

12,739. Now the next?—Lamb; I believe his name is Robert.

12,740. What is the name of the house?—The "Ship Inn," James Street.

12,741. How much?—I believe 10*l.*, and also there was a bill for expenses at both places.

12,742. You did not pay those bills?—No, I was with Mr. Hatch when he paid them, but I believe he has the vouchers.

12,743. The next?—Thomas Proctor, of "The Volunteer," in China Lane.

12,744. Was that also 10*l.* house?—I believe so.

12,745. Now the next?—James Row, of Chapel Street.

12,746. What is the sign of the house?—I do not know; I think it is the "Dolphin."

12,747. 10*l.*?—10*l.*

12,748. Now the next?—Edward Johnson, beer house keeper, Wood Street.

12,749. No sign?—I do not know the sign.

12,750. Was the beerhouse 10*l.* or 5*l.*?—10*l.*, which he received on the day of the poll. I engaged the "Corporation Arms" for Mr. Clark, but I had nothing to do with the payment of it, and I do not know what he got.

12,751. What is the next?—Would you like the names of the houses we engaged which, after we had engaged them, went to the other side?

12,752. If you please; have you finished the others?—Yes; these six are our own; that is, five of them are, and one of them belongs to Mr. Clark.

12,753. What do you mean when you say "one of them belongs to Mr. Clark?"—The "Corporation Arms;" it was in his district.

12,754. What were the public-houses that you hired that went over to the other side?—There is Fisher's, of the "Wellington Arms," Common Garden Street. Will you allow me to state the terms that we could not agree upon?

12,755. If you please.—10*l.* I agreed with him for, and he wanted to engage the house also on Mr. Schneider's account for 10*l.*

12,756. He wanted 20*l.* then?—Yes, he wanted 10*l.* from us, and he was going to give his other vote to Mr. Schneider.

12,757. Then the house was to be retained for 10*l.* for a split vote, and 20*l.* for a plumper?—No, my agreement was for 10*l.* for Mr. Lawrence, and 10*l.* he was going to receive, he said, from Mr. Schneider; and he also wanted us to have our committee meetings there, but I said it would not do to have two parties in the house; that they would be only wrangling and quarrelling, and so that was the termination of it.

12,758. If he had taken your 10*l.* he was to have voted for Lawrence and Schneider?—Yes.

12,759. Then 10*l.* was to be his retainer for a split vote, and he was to have 20*l.* if he voted for Lawrence only?—No, I never offered him 20*l.*

12,760. And so you did not have his house?—No, I would have nothing more to do with him.

12,761. Now give us the next?—There is Robinson, of the "Bull's Head," that was partly engaged perhaps Mr. Hatch can speak more about that than I can.

12,762. The next?—Lofthouse's, the "Old Sir Simon's."

12,763. You did not try to get the "Old Sir Simon's," did you?—He wanted too much money.

12,734. How much money did he ask?—He wanted 20*l.* he said he had had that offered to him.

12,735. What was the next?—Shall I tell you what we offered him?

12,766. If you please.—15*l.* or 16*l.* I do not think we went further than that I made two attempts at Ball's, of the "Red Lion," in Church Street.

12,767. What did Ball want?—The first time we offered him 3*l.* and then 6*l.*, and he afterwards let the house to the other party.

12,768. Any other?—There was Sanderson, in Chapel Street, had a little to do with it, but that was engaged by Mr. Bull for Mr. Lawrence; he went over to the other side. I do not know the sign. It is Christopher Sanderson.

12,769. Any others?—That is all.

12,770. (*Mr. Hill.*) What remuneration did you receive for your services?—Not a farthing.

12,771. Are you sure of that?—Quite certain.

12,772. How many days were you engaged upon this matter?—From the first commencement of the election?

12,773. Yes.—I cannot say, perhaps three weeks.

12,774. Away from your own business?—No; I attended to both most of the time.

12,775. You got nothing at all for your trouble?—No, not a farthing. I was something out of pocket.

12,776. That you are quite distinct upon?—Yes.

12,777. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you ever see Mr. Lawrence in the course of your canvass?—Yes.

12,778. Did he discuss the matter with you about the prospects of success?—Never at all.

12,779. Did it come to his knowledge in any sort of way, as far as you know, that you were paying away money?—Not at all.

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12,780. You do not know that he did know of it?—I am quite certain he did not, so far as I was concerned.

12,781. What makes you so certain of it?—Because he never mentioned the matter to me at all in any way.

12,782. He might know it and yet not mention it?—I do not know whether he knew it or not. We had no conversation upon anything of the kind.

12,783. Were you engaged or employed in the election of 1864?—Is that Mr. Saunders's election?

12,784. Yes.—Yes, I was a little engaged in that election.

12,785. In what capacity were you engaged in that election?—I assisted on the day of the poll, that was all.

12,786. Were you a captain yourself?—No. I think I had a list given to me.

12,787. What for?—Of men.

12,788. What for?—A list of those that required paying.

12,789. That was in 1864?—Yes.

12,790. Who had given the list to you?—I do not know; I got it at the committee room I fancy, but I cannot recollect who gave it to me.

12,791. Did you keep that list on until 1865?—No, not at all. I destroyed it immediately.

12,792. Do you know whether it was the same class of voters in the list of 1864 that you paid in 1865?—Partly the same class, only a smaller amount.

12,793. What was the average price in 1864?—2*l.*, 3*l.*, and 5*l.*; not higher than 5*l.*

12,794. When was the first time in the election of 1865 that you were asked by any voters as to the price you were going to pay?—I think I had an agreement with one man, perhaps about a week before the election, of the name of John Simpson.

12,795. About the price?—Yes, I fixed the price.

12,796. What was the price you fixed then?—I fixed 5*l.*

12,797. Did he raise his demand?—Yes, he raised his demand to 10*l.* I do not know how it was done I am sure, nor his reason; perhaps he will explain it himself.

12,798. I can see why; because he found out there was money on the other side and other voters were getting it?—Very likely it was so.

12,799. That was the first time you mentioned the price before the election?—Yes, that was about a week before the election that I made that bargain.

12,800. As the time drew near were the demands very great upon you for money?—No, I do not know that they were, only the whole lot expected money.

12,801. What made you go and visit these voters at their houses on the night of the nomination?—So that I might settle with them.

12,802. What made you go?—I had a reason.

12,803. That is just what I want to get at.—I will take Woodhouse, he was one.

12,804. But I want it generally; what was the reason you went to these people at their houses that night?—I knew Woodhouse wanted money.

12,805. What made you go all together, were you told by anybody?—No, not at all, only having the management of the district, that was all.

12,806. Then take Woodhouse?—I had visited him previously, and I was certain from his conversation that he would not vote unless he had money. He told me he had spent a good deal in the country and his bargain was 5*l.* I tried to persuade him to the contrary, but it was of no use.

12,807. Did you go to the other people in the same way?—I went to Row after that. I knew I had an agreement there of 10*l.* for his house.

12,808. Did they come to you or did you go to them in the first instance?—On the evening of the nomination?

12,809. Yes.—I went to them.

12,810. Of your own accord?—Yes.

12,811. You had received directions to do that from someone?—Only having the management of the district I thought it was part of my duty.

12,812. To go and buy these votes?—Yes, exactly so,

12,813. Your discretion was to go and buy if you could?—I knew those that would require buying.

12,814. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was the gross number of voters you bought?—About 58 I think.

12,815. 60 I make it.—There are two that you will have to take out as having been paid for expenses, Wilson and McCann, and perhaps Ellershaw.

12,816. You mean there are two or three to whom you did not give money for their votes but only for expenses?—Yes.

12,817. Deducting those two or three all the rest of the 60 you bought?—Yes.

12,818. We may say that you bought 57 or 58?—Yes.

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J. Hatch.

12,819. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A joiner and builder.

12,820. Where do you live?—Queen's Place, Lancaster.

12,821. You were a Conservative captain at the last election?—I was.

12,822. What was your district?—I was No. 3 district. Mr. Cross has made a slight mistake with regard to that. The Assembly Room district was No. 3, and not No. 2, as Mr. Cross said.

12,823. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was No. 2 district?—The Boys' National School.

12,824. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We understand you received 100*l.* from Mr. Wilson Barker on the 11th of July?—I did.

12,825. Did you receive any other money for the purposes of the election about that time?—I received from Mr. Cross, as he stated, 7*l.* 5*s.*, and on July the 11th from Mr. Wilson Barker 100*l.*, and after that from Mr. Wilson Barker the sum of 22*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.*

12,826. That was in the course of this year?—January the 5th. I might say that I really received 24*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.*, but I immediately returned to Mr. Barker 2*l.* 1*s.*, which left a balance of 22*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.*, as Mr. Barker stated.

12,827. Are we to understand that that is the whole sum you received for the purposes of the election?—Yes, the whole sum.

12,828. Altogether making what?—129*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*

12,829. Now please to tell us how you disposed of that money?—I paid for staff men and expenses in Lancaster previous to the election 3*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.* I may say that the reason my expenses are so small is, Mr. Cross being my copartner in the matter it was intended that he should have the whole cash transactions, all the money was to pass through his hands; however we found a difficulty in doing it afterwards, and I managed some part of it. Still, previous to the election, I spent at Heysham, and on the day of the election as well, 1*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* Then I paid John Mashiter, of Heysham, previous to the election, 2*l.*

12,830. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was that for his vote?—No; he is a very respectable old man, and has always been very warm on our side. I paid him 2*l.* in two separate sums of 1*l.*

12,831. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What was that for?—We were at a beer-shop where Mr. Welch and Mr. Wearing had been pretty frequently.

12,832. It was for refreshment to voters?—Yes.

12,833. What was the next payment?—I think that was the whole of the money I paid prior to the election. On the election morning I paid Edward Edmondson the sum of 10*l.* Richard Shaw, I went and canvassed this man, and he candidly told me he was determined to have money, his master was dead, and that he would get as much as ever he could. He got 10*l.* from me, and I believe he got more from the other side as well, which has never appeared.

12,834. He voted for you?—He gave us one vote, and voted for Schneider with the other. No money has appeared with regard to that, but I am quite sure he got the money.

12,835. Have you any information or belief from whom Shaw got the money?—I have not, but I am fully persuaded, from the sums that appear against the Heysham voters, that they are not the true ones. I am sure they have received more money.

12,836. Why do you say so?—Because there were many of them men that were to be bought, and I offered them more than it has been said they have received.

12,837. (*Mr. Hill.*) You offered them more than they are alleged to have had?—I did.

12,838. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you read the evidence taken before us upon that point?—I took the name of Richard Casson from the "Guardian" supplement. It was stated that he received the sum of 8*l.*

12,839. What did you offer him?—I offered him 10*l.*, and I held out some little inducement that it might be 12*l.*, but certainly 10*l.* I offered him on many occasions. I may say that they took him from me on the nomination day.

12,840. At the time when you offered him money did he say anything to the effect that he could get more on the other side?—He said that he had 12*l.* offered him on the other side.

12,841. Have you ever canvassed the Heysham district before?—I never have. We were told that our opponents were running away with every voter in the place, and, as I had a partner in the matter in the town, I was requested to go down there.

12,842. Do you know how Casson had voted previously, in 1864?—I do not. I was not engaged at that election. I was ill during that election.

12,843. You have said that the other side got him from you on the nomination day?—Yes, they did. I got hold of him again. He was at Lawrence Crook's, of whom you have heard spoken, who keeps a small beershop in the village of Heysham. One of the voters, and a man of the name of Overend, who was a sort of captain, had had some words with the innkeeper there, and the consequence was that Overend would not go to the public-house. His shop was a kind of open house almost, and I went in on the nomination evening, and there they had my man Casson. He was sitting down to tea, and Crook with him, so I sat down too. I told Crook that if he was to come and sit down at my house, and I was at tea, I should certainly ask him to have a cup of tea with me. I do not think he did, but, however, I got it nevertheless, but I could not manage Casson. I saw him off. I tried him in the morning at three o'clock, but I could not manage him at all, and I tried hard too.

12,844. Is there any other voter at Heysham who you know, from your own personal intercourse with him, was offered a larger sum than he is stated in the evidence to have received from the other side?—I believe Overend is—he is put down as having received 9*l.*

12,845. What is your reason for saying so?—I met him on the nomination evening, say 11 or 12 o'clock, and speaking to him about it, Crook came up to us and wanted to know what was the matter with him, and he said if things were not right they should be made right, and I believe from other circumstances which have occurred he received more money than has been stated.

12,846. What did you offer him yourself?—I gave him to understand that if he were to vote with us, he might have 10*l.* or 12*l.*, and I think I perhaps might say more to him, because he was a very active man. He tried to persuade me that he was quite favourable to us.

12,847. Is there anyone else?—Sharples I believe would receive more than has been stated.

12,848. Did you offer him a larger sum?—No, I did not.

12,849. What is Edward Edmondson, junior?—He is a farmer with his father. I am not quite sure that he is living with his father or not. It is somewhere close to the old millhouses at Heysham.

12,850. Now go on to the next voters you paid?—I gave Thomas Jackson 5*l.*, William Mashiter, No. 575, 8*l.* on the day of election, and 2*l.* 3*s.* afterwards.

12,851. He had 10*l.* 3*s.* altogether?—Yes; the 2*l.* 3*s.* was for an account he had at the public-house at Heysham, in treating the voters there. They went wild almost there.

12,852. You took it from him, I suppose, that 2*l.* 3*s.* was for expenses?—Yes, I gave him the 8*l.* on the day of election, and afterwards there was an account at a public-house left of 2*l.* 3*s.*, which he said was spent in expenses for the election, and I paid it to him.

12,853. You did not see the account, I suppose?—No, I did not. I asked the landlord there, and he said there was such an account. That was the whole of the money I paid on the day of election, except 10*s.* to Peter Jackson.

12,854. That is four votes only, in fact?—Yes, that is all, and those are the only votes purchased there.

12,855. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was the 10*s.* for to Peter Jackson?—He was a kind of clerk on the day of election.

12,856. Was he a voter?—No, he was not.

12,857. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are these all the voters you paid yourself?—Yes.

12,858. Represented by 35*l.*?—Yes, and that was all that was paid at Heysham on our side. Afterwards I paid John Jackson, 475, four guineas; he went into the Hayfells after a son of his. I gave it to him some time after the election.

12,859. Where are the Hayfells?—Somewhere about Catton or Settle, I think. The other party sent after him as well, and I believe that money would be expended pretty well by Jackson. He is a very decent man. Then No. 250, Thomas Edmondson, brother to Edward Edmondson, junior; he was engaged during the whole of the canvass, and he stated that he had been several pounds out of pocket, I think about 5*l.*, or something of that kind, and altogether I gave him 9*l.* I made him equal with Jackson.

12,860. You gave him twice as much?—Yes, I did; but Edmondson will explain the money he spent. Very likely he might give some of the other voters some money.

12,861. Do you know how he had been employed at all?—There is a beer-house which I have previously mentioned, called the "Sword Fish Arms," and he was very frequently there. Sharples was there, and Overend was there, and they all used to mix together. We had no particular house there at all.

12,862. How long after the election did you pay it?—I should think it might be two months almost.

12,863. Had you any arrangement with him previously about this?—No, not at all. I think he would have voted for us in any case, but I could not say as much for his brother Edward. His father voted for us too. He is a very respectable old man, and did not receive a farthing.

12,864. Now what is the next payment?—That is the whole of the money I paid to voters. I paid for staff men, non-voters, in Lancaster, on the nomination day and election day, 7*l.* 5*s.*

12,865. How many men did you pay?—I paid them at the rate of 10*s.* generally, 7*s.* 6*d.* and 10*s.*, perhaps 20 of them, not more, certainly. There was a man of the name of Thompson; he came to me and said that he could not get his money anywhere. I was persuaded he had been employed, and I gave him 7*s.* 6*d.*

12,866. Is he a voter?—I am not sure whether he is or not. I paid 2*s.*, the balance of an account, to Kitchen. That was left at the "Wellington Arms;" and I paid to John Cross, for his staff men, 16*l.*

12,867. That is a sum which he has accounted for?—Yes, but still I gave him the money.

12,868 That is to be taken out of your amount?—

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J. Hatch.

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Yes, I gave it to him a day or two after the election. We had some meetings at the Assembly Rooms, and there were some tables and other things broken, for the repairs of which I paid 1*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*

12,869. Is that all you know of voters being bribed?—Yes, except what Mr. Cross has stated. I was cognizant of what Mr. Cross was doing all the time.

12,870. Mr. Cross has accounted for the voters that came into your district as well as for his own?—Yes.

12,871. You know nothing of any voters being paid by any strangers?—No, I do not, nor do I believe it. I was very frequently with the managers, indeed I do not know that I omitted many meetings of the committee.

12,872. What public-houses had you open in your district. Would they be the same as those Mr. Cross has given us?—I believe they are the same, but he did not pay those that I am going to mention—Robert Lamb, No. 1,213, a householder; I paid him 5*l.*

12,873. For what did you pay it?—10*l.* for the use of his house, and 5*l.* for breakfasts. It was a committee room for the country more, was that. This is his receipt for the amount. We had agreed previously for the 10*l.*, perhaps a week before.

12,874. This 5*l.* was a bill for refreshments?—Yes, it was. I do not think the man received anything for his vote except the 10*l.*, and you can put what construction you like upon that.

12,875. What else did you pay?—I paid an account of James Row for refreshments, breakfast, and so on, 2*l.* 14*s.*

12,876. Then the man at the "Golden Ball," did you pay him?—Yes, Barton.

12,877. How much did you pay him?—14*l.* altogether; the very best man we had during the whole election, and the cheapest man in the place.

12,878. 10*l.* for the committee room?—Yes, it is an excellent house, too, as well; one of the best houses in the town for the purpose. It was stated when I was in court that that man was taken up in the afternoon; such was not the case, because as soon as ever I got to Heysham, which might be about a quarter to ten, I asked him to go and vote with me, and he went with me directly without any bargaining. He was one of the best voters I ever went with, and I think it only due to him to say so.

12,879. Is that all that you paid for public-houses?—No; Thomas Proctor, No. 1,278, of the "Volunteer." Here is his account: "Committee room, 10*l.*, refreshments, 7*l.*"; but I paid him 15*l.* altogether. The next will require some explanation. It is Robinson, of the "Bull's Head."

12,880. What is his number?—1,292. At that time he was one of my own men. He keeps a beer-house, and I thought we had engaged the house. John McCann, who will be called before you, had a sovereign given him to go and spend at Robinson's. It was one of those nights when a number of the other public-houses were similarly engaged. Cross and I went to visit them. When we got to the "Bull's Head" almost every room was filled with non-voters, and very few voters indeed, and of course we objected to it, and stopped the tap immediately. He gave in a bill afterwards of 3*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, and I paid him with a sum of 2*l.*, for which he gave me a receipt free of all demands.

12,881. You paid him nothing for his house?—He went to the other side, but I think no amount has ever been stated as having been received by him, but I am quite sure he would receive a good amount. I never asked him, I was so disgusted with him.

12,882. What is his christian name?—Edward Robinson, Common Garden Street.

12,883. We have no mark against him?—I am sure he would receive a good amount, and so would Fisher, in Common Garden Street.

12,884. Is that all the payments you made at the public-houses?—Yes, it is.

12,885. Those are all that were taken in your district, those that Mr. Cross has mentioned?—Yes, they are. I was with Cross, but I am not aware that he has omitted stating any of the public-houses. In Wood Street there was a beer-house kept by a man of the name of Johnson. I was with Cross, and indeed, when anything was done, we were together.

12,886. Did you receive any remuneration?—None. I had a horse and gig at the election, but it was my own, and it had not got as good teeth as Wilson's.

12,887. It could not eat 20*l.* worth of corn?—Not at the candidate's expense, or anyone's excepting my own.

12,888. In the course of your canvass did you see Mr. Lawrence canvassing?—I did.

12,889. Had you any conversation with him?—Not any whatever.

12,890. Not on the subject of the prospects of success?—No; I do not know that I had any such conversation with him.

12,891. Have you any more to tell us about the other side. You have told us a good deal?—I was told that Mr. Bradshaw had stated that he had offered one of our men 40*l.* in the afternoon.

12,892. What is Bradshaw's christian name?—William Bradshaw. He told a friend of mine, and that friend told me.

12,893. Who is the friend?—He is the second master in a grammar school in Macclesfield. He is not a voter at all. Bradshaw and he were very well acquainted, and had been in the same school in Chester.

12,894. What did he tell him?—That he offered 40*l.* to one of our voters in the afternoon.

12,895. Was the offer taken?—No, it was not taken.

12,896. Do you remember the voter's name?—No, he did not mention the name.

12,897. Have you anything else to say?—It accounts for what Mr. King told me last night that it was their custom to do so, to offer our voters more when they knew they would not poll for them.

12,898. To raise the price to you?—Yes, to raise the price to us.

12,899. You probably did the same thing to them?—I do not think we did. There is one thing I wish to state. I think you have got a false impression from Mr. Cleminson in reading his evidence with respect to municipal matters. He stated that there were 3,000 or 4,000 voters in the town, and he stated that he was well up in the matter. This is the burgess roll for 1865–66, and there are only 1,122 in the whole town.

12,900. What Mr. Cleminson stated was, as far as I remember, that two out of every three of them were Liberals.

12,901. (*Mr. Hill.*) If I recollect right I put it to him, and he rather adopted what I said?—With respect to paying municipal voters at municipal elections, such as Mr. Cleminson states, it is not the case. I have had to pay for the candidates entirely at contested elections, and what Mr. Cleminson states is not anything like the fact. When I say we have two contested elections, and the whole expense of printing and everything else has not exceeded 5*l.*, you must be quite sure it is not the case.

12,902. You are speaking from your own knowledge?—Yes, from our own side.

Adjourned for a short time.

WILLIAM STOREY sworn and examined.

12,903. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A manufacturer.

12,904. Where at?—In Lancaster.

12,905. A manufacturer of what?—A cotton manufacturer and leather cloth manufacturer, American leather cloth.

12,906. Have you any partners?—My brother and my uncle are partners with me.

12,907. Do you trade under the firm of Storey and Company?—Storey, Brothers, and Company.

12,908. You are a Conservative in politics?—Yes.

12,909. And you took a certain part in the election in 1865?—Yes.

12,910. In what district?—I think it was No. 1 district, the Castle ward.

12,911. As a captain?—Yes.

12,912. What part of the town does that No. 1 district comprise?—It comprises St. George's Quay, Church Street, Castle Hill, Bridge Lane, Damside Street, and other small streets.

12,913. What is the best name to call the district?—It comprises the whole of Castle ward.

12,914. That is the Bridge Lane district?—Yes.

12,915. Previous to the election how much money did you receive for the purposes of it, and who from?—I have two balance sheets here; perhaps you will be kind enough to take one of them while I refer to the other (*producing two papers, one of which is handed to the Commissioners*).

12,916. Tell us the first item, the monies received?—On the 25th of June, received from G. C. Clark 10*l.* On the 27th, 50*l.* from the same party. On July the 10th 45*l.* from the same party. July the 11th, from Mr. Wilson Barker 30*l.* On the 22nd from the same party 40*l.* The other sums are after the election.

12,917. Tell us them; the 22nd was after the election?—January the 4th this year, 71*l.* 2*s.*

12,918. Who from?—Mr. Wilson Barker. April the 12th, 18*l.* from the same party. That is all; Mr. Stanton, my deputy captain, returned to me 25*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*

12,919. When did you receive that?—I have no date, but probably the captain will be able to tell you when he is examined.

12,920. Do you think it was previous to or since the election?—I believe it was after the election.

12,921. Can you tell me when you made this balance sheet out?—It was made out a few days ago, from a memorandum book I have here. I rendered an account to Mr. Wilson Barker in a balance sheet just after the election, previous to receiving monies since the election.

12,922. When did you make out this balance sheet?—This is a copy from an old balance sheet that I rendered after the election.

12,923. Why was it necessary to make a copy?—Simply because I wished to make it much plainer, so that you might have a copy of it.

12,924. Who assisted you to make it out?—This was made out by my clerk. The items given here are in more detail.

12,925. When was the whole balance sheet made out?—I cannot give you the date, but it was very shortly after the election.

12,926. Has there been any assistance rendered you by any chiefs or captains or heads of the Conservative party in making out this list?—No.

12,927. Then we may take it that these items are copied from a memorandum book?—Yes, made at the the time I gave those sums.

12,928. Have you the memorandum book here?—I have (*producing it*); I am afraid you will not make much of it, but you will see most of the items; it is a memorandum book for 1865.

(*The memorandum book is handed to the Commissioners.*)

12,929. Cash paid Cooper, three separate sums making a total of 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

12,930. June 15th, 16th, and 20th?—Yes.

12,931. Who is Cooper?—Cooper was a man that assisted me in the first instance to canvass, and he afterwards left me.

12,932. Was he a voter?—No.

12,933. What is his christian name?—I do not know.

12,934. Where has he gone to?—I believe he left the town; he formerly was the manager of one of the mills in Lancaster.

12,935. You can tell me if he was employed in any other way during the election except to canvass?—I believe not.

12,936. Not as far as you know?—Not as far as I know.

12,937. I see a small item to a man named Ralph?—A voter.

12,938. 2*s.*?—2*s.*

12,939. Then Greenall, in two different sums?—2*l.* 10*s.*; he was an assistant; he was a voter.

12,940. Is Ralph a voter?—Yes.

12,941. What was the 2*s.* for?—I daresay it would be for drink.

12,942. And Greenall was a voter too?—Greenall was a voter.

12,943. What is his number?—I do not know.

12,944. Is it William Austin Greenall of New Street?—Yes.

12,945. What was that for?—Greenall was engaged in going about canvassing, and I suppose this was for sundry expenses attending the canvass.

12,946. How much?—2*l.* 10*s.*

12,947. Then come two items, Storey and Hodgson?—Mr. Joseph Storey was a brother of mine and he assisted me in my district occasionally.

12,948. What was Hodgson?—Richard Hodgson is an innkeeper in China Lane.

12,949. 5*l.*?—5*l*; I gave this in the committee room in the "Royal Oak," by the instructions of C. T. Clark; I understood that he was going down to Bare and Torrisholme to look after some voters there.

12,950. Then there is J. Harrison?—This is John Harrison; he is a voter.

12,951. What is his number, do you know?—I do not know; I have not taken the precaution to put the numbers down, St. Mary's Place I think; it is John Harrison, a joiner, 15*s.*—2*l.* 10*s.*

12,952. That is 3*l.* 5*s.* altogether?—3*l.* 5*s.*

12,953. What was it all for?—He came and represented that he had been money out of pocket and was going round among the voters.

12,954. Was he a canvasser?—He assisted a little I have no doubt.

12,955. Was it for his vote?—No.

12,956. Gorst, what is his christian name?—I do not know.

12,957. A voter?—Of Church Street; this was to go down to Overton to look after some voters there; expenses to Overton.

12,958. Bagnell 5*l.* in different sums?—He is a druggist in New Street.

12,959. Was that for his vote?—No, he was an assistant of mine in my district; this was for sundry expenses incurred I have no doubt among the voters, 5*l.*

12,960. Then there is Sandon 10*s.*, who is he?—I believe he is a non-voter; he was a man that was generally at my committee room pointing out the voters that came.

12,961. Then there comes Procter, W.?—William Procter, a tailor and draper in New Street.

12,962. What was that for?—That was for sundry expenses incurred.

12,963. What is Procter?—A tailor and draper.

12,964. Then T. Procter?—He is a man who kept a public-house in China Lane; I think they call it the "Volunteer."

12,965. What was that for?—I suppose it would be for sundry expenses incurred.

12,966. Chambers 1*l.*?—He was one of my sub-captains in the district.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

W. Storey.

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12,967. What is Chambers?—I think he is a butcher in Church Street.

12,968. Then the next item is J. L. Bradshaw 2*l.*?—Yes.

12,969. Of Market Street?—Of Market Street.

12,970. What do you suppose that was for?—He was very active in the canvass, and I suppose it would be for expenses.

12,971. Then Jackson 1*l.*; what Jackson is that?—I rather think that Jackson kept the "White Horse" at the bottom of Church Street, but I am not quite sure.

12,972. What would that be for?—I suppose it would be for sundry expenses.

12,973. And then there is a Mr. Pimm?—This is a voter; I suppose this would be given for drink.

12,974. For refreshments?—Yes.

12,975. What Pimm was it?—I think his name is Christopher Pimm; he is a freeman I believe.

12,976. Bond for services?—10*l.* 5*s.* You will notice there is a cross there; I have the receipt here.

12,977. What Bond is that?—He keeps a jerry shop in Bridge Lane.

12,978. What is the name?—William Bond I think his name is.

12,979. Can you give me the name of the jerry shop?—I think it is the "Free Mariners," if I remember right.

12,980. 10*l.* 5*s.* for his services, what does that include?—I suppose that would include his vote as well; he was a very active man in my district in looking after the voters.

12,981. Then Bannister 1*l.* 10*s.*, what is that for?—That would be for sundry refreshments at his house; that was my principal committee room.

12,982. Where was your committee room held?—At the "Sun Inn."

12,983. Now we come to Whitaker for vote?—Yes, that was a Mr. Thomas Whitaker, formerly a tailor and draper in Lancaster, he paid a man 5*l.* for his vote, and I handed the money over to him.

12,984. Not for his own vote?—No.

12,985. Do you know who the voter was?—I do not know. Whitaker is now in London.

12,986. What is he doing in London?—He has taken premises in the West part of London somewhere.

12,987. What sort of business?—A tailor and draper.

12,988. Do you know whereabouts in London?—I cannot give you his address at present.

12,989. How many staff men and how many runners had you?—I do not know; I did not keep an account.

12,990. What did you pay them apiece?—Some five shillings, some half a crown, and some ten shillings.

12,991. You must know pretty well how many there were?—I can tell you; there was a man that I paid 15*l.* to and he returned this list (*producing a paper*), the amounts that he paid for staff men.

12,992. About how many names are there on that paper?—57.

12,993. 57 staff men and runners?—Yes.

12,994. You paid them 15*l.*?—15*l.*

12,995. You paid that by Bowker?—Yes.

12,996. Then the next item is 3*l.* Stanton?—The next item is 3*l.* which I gave to Mr. Stanton, and 4*l.* I believe I paid some of this myself, and some I believe was paid to other captains, but I cannot tell you exactly how it was expended.

12,997. That is 3*l.*, 10*l.*, and 4*l.*, making in all 17*l.*?—Yes.

12,998. Give it as near as you can?—I believe it was spent among those parties who were engaged at my committee room and other parts of the town in my district; I have got a book here with a list of names, but there are no sums put down.

12,999. Then the next item?—You must recollect that Stanton did not pay those sums: I see my clerk has put them down as 10*l.* paid by Stanton, but I believe I paid a good portion of this myself; but I did not keep a good account of the amounts or of the sum I paid.

13,000. This looks as if you paid Stanton 17*l.* for runners?—Yes; I did not notice till this morning that in copying the list my clerk had put it down to Stanton, but I knew I paid those sums, and I daresay you will find those items marked down in my memorandum book there.

13,001. (*Mr. Hill.*) Here is Mr. Stanton for twelve workers 12*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.*, that is scratched out I see?—Yes.

13,002. (*Mr. Newton.*) Then the next three items are 5*l.*, 10*l.*, and 10*l.*, making together 25*l.*?—Those are paid to Stanton.

13,003. What was that for?—He was my deputy captain, and he had sundry accounts to pay.

13,004. Then there comes again July the 5th, cash paid Stanton?—8*l.*

13,005. What was that for?—To pay sundry accounts.

13,006. Can you give us no better account of that?—No; Mr. Stanton will be able to render an account of what monies he disbursed.

13,007. Then there is another sum of 6*l.* on the 7th of July, 20*l.* on the 10th of July, and 20*l.* on the 11th?—Yes.

13,008. Then Bannister 45*l.*?—That was paid through Mr. Stanton, I have no doubt he will have the receipt.

13,009. Who is Bannister?—He was the landlord of the "Sun Inn."

13,010. You paid that on the 3rd of January 1866?—Yes.

13,011. Who is Bannister?—An innkeeper at the "Sun Inn," in Church Street, where I had my committee-room.

13,012. Then the next item is the 3rd of January?—Yes, Mrs. Mallady, that was paid by Stanton.

13,013. Who is Mrs. Mallady?—She kept an inn on the quay, called the "Packet Boat Inn" I think, or the "Custom House Tavern," 9*l.*

13,014. What was that for?—This would be for refreshments, I suppose.

13,015. During the election?—During the election.

13,016. Then the next item is Hodgson on the 12th of January?—That also was paid by Stanton, 18*l.*; this man sent me in a bill of 49*l.*, and my captains told me it was rather a swindle, and I would not pay him.

13,017. What house did Hodgson keep?—He kept the "Black Bull" in Church Street.

13,018. And you beat him down to 18*l.*?—Yes.

13,019. Then you go back in this account to July?—Yes.

13,020. July 1865?—Yes.

13,021. And it seems that you paid Jackson?—That was Jackson at the "White Horse" for a vote. You notice there is a cross there, and here is a receipt for the money; I suppose it would be for a vote.

13,022. Do you know the name of the voter?—To cash paid to John Bland of Forton, 3*l.* 10*s.*

13,1023. You got that vote for 3*l.* 10*s.*?—I suppose so, he sent in a bill for that.

13,024. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Bland, John, of Forton, gentleman?—I do not know whether it would be for his vote or not, I put it down here as such.

13,025. (*Mr. Newton.*) Then Jackson, workers, what is that?—2*l.* 10*s.*

13,026. What is that for?—I suppose men who had been assisting in the canvass.

13,027. Then vote J. Storey?—It was 3*l.* I gave to Storey. I understood it was to give to Jackson for another vote.

13,028. Could you find out that man's name?—I do not know the name.

13,029. Then the 29th of July is the next item. 4*l.* for a committee room?—Yes.

13,030. Is that at the "White Horse?"—Yes.

13,031. Refreshment at the committee room I suppose, 1*l.* 19*s.*?—1*l.* 19*s.*

13,032. Then use of house, &c., 27*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.*?—Yes.

13,033. There is a cross put to that?—I have a receipt for that.

13,034. What house is that?—The "White Horse."

13,035. Is that in addition to the committee room?—It is in addition to the 4*l.* that was paid for the room.

13,036. Does that include Jackson's vote?—I do not know I am sure.

13,037. The amount altogether is 27*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.*?—It is a noted house, a great many country voters call there for refreshments I suppose, I did not go down myself there.

13,038. Mr. Jackson got a pretty good haul, he got 42*l.*?—Yes, he was a very active man in the canvass, and a great many parties I believe went there to get refreshments and drink, and so on.

13,039. Then there is Bond?—Robert Bond.

13,040. What house would that be?—The "Three Mariners"—3*l.* for the house, and 3*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* for refreshments.

13,041. 6*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

13,042. Then R. Harrison?—That is Richard Harrison, he was one of the sub-captains I believe.

13,043. Where does he live?—I think he lives in Damside Street, a voter; paid on the 12th of July; I have got his receipt here.

13,044. What is that for?—Sundry monies paid for voters, 5*l.* 16*s.*

13,045. Treating voters?—I suppose it would be for that.

13,046. Where does Richard Harrison live?—I think he lived in Damside Street.

13,047. He got 5*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*?—Yes.

13,048. Then incidental expenses?—14*s.* 11*d.*

13,049. According to your table that makes up 289*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*?—Yes.

13,050. Are those all the payments you made?—Those are all the payments I made.

13,051. And all the money you received?—Yes.

13,052. Then it seems to me you paid nothing for votes yourself?—The only sums I paid for votes were to two voters, that was 6*l.* I paid to John Miller, a cabinet maker, who had been active in our district canvassing, partly for his services and partly for his vote.

13,053. That is not included in this list?—No, I got it from the stranger that was in my committee room that was paying money to the voters; that will be in the list that my sub-captain will very likely have.

13,054. What is his name?—Stanton.

13,055. What is the voter's name?—John Miller.

13,056. Is it No. 591, Moor Road, Lancaster, cabinet maker?—Yes.

13,057. How much did you pay him for his vote?—6*l.*

13,058. And who was the other voter?—The other was a man of the name of Riley who keeps the "Mitre Inn."

13,059. Stanton gave you the money?—No, it was the stranger.

13,060. Stanton paid him?—I paid him, the stranger gave me the money.

13,061. Where?—He was introduced to me the night before the election.

13,062. Where at?—At the "Sun" Inn.

13,063. It was at Bannister's house where the stranger was?—Yes, at Bannister's, the "Sun" Inn.

13,064. When he came there who was he introduced to you by?—I do not know, I met him in the "King's Arms" entrance hall the night previous to the election.

13,065. Shall we find out his name in the course of the inquiry?—Very likely, I daresay Mr. Barker has given you his name; he gave you a list of names that came from Liverpool.

13,066. There need not be any mystery about it at this time of the day?—If I knew his name I should be very glad to tell you, but his name was never mentioned to me and I never inquired afterwards.

13,067. You must have known?—If I had known I should have told you.

13,068. Do you really mean to say that there is a mystery about it now?—No. I should have been only too glad to have given you his name if I could have done so. I do not suppose there will be any difficulty in getting it.

13,069. You might just as well have found it before you came here?—I do not think I could. I did inquire of one or two parties.

13,070. You will have to come here another day.—Very well.

13,071. He was introduced to you at the "King's Arms?"—Yes.

13,072. And then he went with you to the "Sun" Inn and gave you the money?—He did not give me any money except for those two voters.

13,073. Miller, and who was the other?—A man named Riley who keeps the "Mitre" Inn.

13,074. What Riley is it?—George Cleminson Riley, I think his name is, of Marton Street.

13,075. He did not vote for you after all?—It is the same person that Mr. Wise spoke about the other day; he sent in a bill for 18*l.* 17*s.*, and my captains told me they thought he would be well paid with 18*s.* He came down with one of my men one afternoon and told me that if I would give him 14*l.* he would settle the bill for that and give a plumper for Lawrence, and the party that was with him would guarantee that he would do so; he was one of my men and I thought I could rely on their honesty; they went off together after he had got the money, and about 3 or half-past 3 word came to me that this man would not vote; so I went up to the "Mitre" Inn, and when I got there he was surrounded by a lot of publicans on the other side and I asked Riley to let me have a few words with him in a private room, and I took him out and reasoned with the man and tried to persuade him to go and vote; and I have no doubt that he would have done so, but up came Stephen Wright Wearing and Thomas Wise with a posse of 20 or 30 roughs and dragged him out of the house and put him into a carriage, and I believe Wise got into the carriage with him and drove him off.

13,076. Where was he driven to?—According to his statement I think they took him to the "White Horse."

13,077. They polled him?—I did not know where they had taken him till Wise made a statement the other day about it; they said there was 10*l.* lying on a form by the side of him and I suppose he would get that.

13,078. You paid him 6*l.*?—I paid him 14*l.* for his bill instead of 18*l.* 17*s.*

13,079. I understood you to say 6*l.*?—No, I paid 6*l.* to Miller.

13,080. At what time in the day did you pay him the 14*l.*?—About half-past 1 or 2 o'clock. I am not sure as to the time.

13,081. Was the stranger at the "Sun" Inn all that day?—Yes, he came there in the morning and he remained there till about 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

13,082. Did he appear to have much money?—Yes, I have no doubt he had. I do not know the amount.

13,083. Was there anybody of your party besides yourself with him?—I believe my deputy captain was the party that had to do with the voters that came in.

13,084. He worked the oracle?—Yes; I have no doubt he would be able to give you information.

13,085. Stanton?—Stanton.

13,086. Did the stranger seem to do business with voters in general?—No, I suppose he did nothing but pay the amount of money that was sent in for.

13,087. Suppose Stanton does not know his name?—It is possible I could furnish you with the name to-morrow.

13,088. I think you might if you tried?—I will try to do so.

13,089. With these two exceptions these are the only two votes you bought?—They are the only ones I had anything to do with in the way of bribery.

13,090. You did not mix yourself up with it?—No. I was a novice; this was my first attempt at electioneering, and I threw the burthen of the duty on the shoulders of my captains.

13,091. What public-houses did you visit in your district?—The only houses that I visited were the "Black Bull," the "Sun" Inn, and Bond's, the "Free Mariners."

13,092. Did you engage those houses or did Stanton engage them?—I think Stanton engaged them in my name.

13,093. Who paid for them?—I should pay them in those accounts.

13,094. In those accounts that you have given us?—Yes.

13,095. Was any sum specified at the time you engaged them?—No.

13,096. Were there any more than those?—No, I do not recollect any more; if there are any more my sub-captain will be able to tell you.

13,097. He will know better than you, will he?—Yes, I have no doubt he will.

13,098. Did you get any remuneration or anything for all this work and trouble?—For my services do you mean?

13,099. Yes.—No, not a farthing. I am money out of pocket I daresay.

13,100. Can you tell us of anything on the other side that has occurred that we have not heard of?—No, I cannot; I did very little at canvassing.

13,101. But on the day of the election and the day of nomination?—I do not know that I was in the enemy's camp.

13,102. Except this little matter of Mr. Riley?—No.

13,103. Did you see much of Mr. Lawrence during the election?—I saw him once or twice, but not to have any conversation with him.

13,104. Did you know him before he came in?—No.

13,105. Had you no conversation with him?—No.

13,106. Would Mr. Lawrence know that you were one of his captains?—I do not know.

13,107. And that you had the command of some money?—I do not suppose he would.

13,108. You only paid 57 staff-men and runners yourself?—I did not pay them, a man named Bowker paid them.

13,109. And Stanton engaged others besides?—Stanton paid a few and I think I paid a few, but I did not keep a correct account of the parties or of the sums paid; they came promiscuously to me.

13,110. Can you at all tell how many Stanton paid?—No, I cannot.

13,111. Had he as many as Bowker?—I do not know, I cannot say.

13,112. Do you think he had?—I really could not say.

13,113. Were there another 50 besides what you paid?—There would be another 50 to pay besides what Bowker paid.

13,114. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What we want to know is about how many there were?—Probably there might be another 50.

13,115. (*Mr. Newton.*) They were non-electors, were they not?—Non-electors, I believe.

13,116. Can you undertake to say that there were 100 altogether?—Probably there would be, more or less; I could not say for a certainty.

13,117. (*Mr. Hill.*) In your book, after putting in the accounts of what you have received and what was due to you upon the election, there is an entry, "No. 300, Gardner 10*l.*" What does that refer to?—There are two items there, 10*l.* and 8*l.*, I think.

13,118. One to a voter named Gardner and the other to a voter named Sykes?—Those are sums I received from Stanton.

13,119. Have you told us about them?—Yes, that is included in the 25*l.*

13,120. Does it mean received from Mr. Stanton 18*l.*?—Yes.

13,121. And were those two items made up of Gardner's 10*l.* and Sykes' 8*l.*?—Yes, I gave you the net sum.

13,122. You say that that sum was made up of a sum of 10*l.* received from Gardner and a sum of 8*l.* received from Sykes?—Yes.

13123. What were those paid to you for by Gardner and Sykes?—They were monies, I believe, that should have been paid for votes that Stanton received.

13,124. But you have not said anything about that?—No, because I think my sub-captain will be able to give you information about it.

13,125. How came you to enter them in your book, Gardner and Sykes?—I simply put them down and Stanton returned me the money.

13,126. But you knew about them yourself?—Yes, but I thought it better that Stanton should explain it.

13,127. When you are asked questions about this election you should tell us all you know about it, and not keep back anything?—I do not intend to do anything of the sort.

13,128. Who was John Gardner?—I do not know, they are voters.

13,129. How came Mr. Stanton to return the 10*l.*?—I do not know the circumstances.

13,130. But you remember him returning it?—I remember Mr. Stanton returning it to me, and he said that it should have been paid for a vote.

13,131. Do you mean that this entry only comes to you upon the report of Stanton?—That is all.

13,132. Why did you not leave it in your book simply "Received from Stanton 18*l.*" and not enter anything else?—He gave me the number of the voters at the time, and I just promiscuously put it down at the time.

13,133. Do you mean to say that that was the only reason for putting these two sums down?—It was.

13,134. Who had given these two sums to Gardner and Sykes?—I do not know whether they had received them or not. Mr. Stanton bargained with those two parties for the sums, and he would very likely receive the money from the stranger to pay those voters, and he afterwards returned the money to me; the votes were not paid for, I believe.

13,135. You say very likely Stanton got the money from the stranger to pay them, and that he did not pay them and returned the money to you?—Yes.

13,136. Did Stanton account to you for all the monies that he received?—No.

13,137. Then how came he to return these monies to you?—That was after the election.

13,138. I see your account runs thus: "Received on "account of election 100*l.*, paid on account 126*l.* 3*s.*, "owing to me 26*s.* 3*s.*, received back from Mr. "Stanton 7*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*, due to me 18*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.*," and then there comes, received from Mr. Stanton 18*l.*?—Yes.

13,239. "No. 300 Gardner 10*l.*, No. 805 Sykes 8*l.*;" do you mean that that money was paid by Stanton to you to recoup you the balance due to you of 18*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*?—Yes

13,140. Then there was still 17*s.* 3*d.* due to you upon the whole account?—Yes.

13,141. Is that what you mean?—That is what I mean I received sums of money after that to pay sundry accounts.

13,142. Then in fact this account you have given in to day is made out in a different manner from that which you made out at the time?—It is. I give you the total that was returned to me by Stanton, and he no doubt will be able to explain to you how he received that money.

13,143. Where in the account you have given us to-day does this appear?—I do not suppose it appears at all there in detail. I have not put those sums down separately.

13,144. This sum of 18*l.* would have been received by you from Stanton at a certain date?—You mean those two items?

13,145. Yes, making up the one sum of 18*l.*?—Yes, they were returned to me after the election.

13,146. You have given in that account dates at which certain monies were paid to you by Stanton?—Yes.

13,147. To which of those does the 18*l.* correspond, or in which is it included?—I do not think it includes any sum I paid him.

13,148. Tell me on what day you received that 18*l.*?—I cannot say; I have not got the date here when I received the 25*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* from Stanton.

13,149. Do you mean you put the two sums you have given us together as one?—I put them together as one; I have given you the total amount I received back from Stanton.

13,150. Then do you mean that this would represent the exact state of your account with reference to the election?—No, not all of it. There are several sums of money that I received after the election that I do not think are accounted for in that book.

13,151. You mean in that pocket book?—In that pocket book.

13,152. (*Mr. Newton.*) But they are all accounted for in the paper that you handed in?—Yes, all the sums of money I received are accounted for in that sheet.

13,153. (*Mr. Hill.*) Just read me from your pocket book those items on the 18th of July (*handing the pocket book back to the witness*)?—From Barker 30*l.*, paid workers 15*l.*

13,154. Which item is that?—That is the item for Bowker that I spoke of before for workers or staff men.

13,155. Is that the 57 staff men and runners per Bowker?—Yes, and there is another item of 3*l.* that was paid to Stanton.

13,156. Where does that come in?—I think it comes in among the workers.

13,157. In the Stanton 17*l.* item?—No, I think you will find a sum of 3*l.*

13,158. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you asked Stanton anything about these accounts at any time?—No, I thought it better that he should give an account of his stewardship himself.

13,159. There is a sum of 25*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* which you say you have received at different times from Stanton?—Those are the sums this other gentleman has been speaking about, 8*l.* and 10*l.*, and another item that made up the 25*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* that I received from him.

13,160. That is the sum you have been just now asked about?—Yes.

13,161. And you say you have never since gone into these accounts with Stanton?—No.

13,162. If you can tell us the name of the stranger to-morrow morning we shall be much obliged to you.—I will endeavour to do so.

PERCY WOLLASTON sworn and examined.

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13,163. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A clerk in the employ of Mr. Wilson.

13,164. Where at?—Liverpool.

13,165. What is Mr. Wilson?—A shipowner.

13,166. Whereabouts in Liverpool?—In Water Street.

13,167. How long have you been in the employment of Mr. Wilson?—More than 10 years.

13,168. And how long have you been acquainted with Lancaster?—I have known that there has been such a place, of course.

13,169. But I mean how long have you been acquainted with it by coming here and knowing the place?—I do not know the place at all.

13,170. Were you at all at Lancaster at the election of 1864?—I was not.

13,171. When did you first come over to Lancaster on the subject of the election of 1865?—On the day of the nomination.

13,172. What time in the day?—I forget. The nomination was over.

13,173. Was it morning or afternoon?—It was morning I fancy. I really forget the time, but the nomination was over.

13,174. What did you come over for?—I came by the direction of Mr. Wilson.

13,175. What did you come over for is my question?—To do whatever I was told to do by him.

13,176. When did Mr. Wilson give you directions to come over?—By a note received the day before.

13,177. Have you got that note?—I have not.

13,178. What was the effect of that note?—Merely desiring me to come the next morning.

13,179. Did he tell you where to meet him at Lancaster?—I do not think he did.

13,180. Did you know where you were to meet him at Lancaster?—I knew he generally stayed at the "King's Arms."

13,181. Did you know where you were to meet him at Lancaster?—No.

13,182. Where did you go to on your arrival at Lancaster?—To the "King's Arms."

13,183. Why did you go to the "King's Arms?"—For the purpose of staying there. It was the hotel at which I meant to stay.

13,184. Do you say that you did not expect to meet Mr. Wilson there?—No, I had no appointment to meet him there.

13,185. Then you had no reason at all for going to the "King's Arms?"—Nothing particular.

13,186. Did you bring anything over from Liverpool with you?—I did.

13,187. What was that?—Some parcels of money, at least some parcels I should say.

13,188. What was the character of those parcels?—There were four parcels.

13,189. What was the character of those parcels?—They were said to contain 500*l.* each.

13,190. Were they large or small, or what was the character of them? Were they brown paper parcels or bags?—I really forget whether they were brown paper parcels or bags.

13,191. What were you told were the contents of them?—500*l.* each.

13,192. By whom were you told that?—By the person that I received them from, to the best of my recollection.

13,193. Who was that?—W. E. Chambers.

13,194. Who is Mr. Chambers?—He is cashier to our firm.

13,195. When did you receive them from Mr. Chambers?—I believe at the railway station.

13,196. When is my question.—On the morning I left; the morning of the nomination day. I think it was at the railway station; I am not quite certain whether it was at the office or at the railway station, but that is immaterial.

13,197. Where did you take them to when you got to Lancaster?—After going to the "King's Arms" I took them to Mr. Wilson Barker.

13,198. Whom had you seen at the "King's Arms?"—I really do not know whether I saw anybody.

13,199. Had you seen anybody on the subject of the election?—No; to the best my belief I had not. I do not recollect seeing anybody.

13,200. How came you to go to Mr. Wilson Barker?—Such were my instructions.

13,201. From whom?—From Liverpool.

13,202. From whom?—W. E. Chambers.

13,203. What were Mr. Chambers' instructions to you?—To take that money or those four parcels to Lancaster and to deliver them to Mr. Wilson Barker.

13,204. Why did you first go to the "King's Arms?"—To put my bag there and my clothes.

13,205. Did anyone go to Mr. Wilson Barker's with you?—I think there were.

13,206. Who?—Mr. Scanlan.

13,207. Who is Mr. Scanlan?—He was at that time a clerk in our office.

13,208. Where is he now?—With the National Steam Company of Liverpool.

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13,209. Who else?—Mr. Eaves.

13,210. Who is Mr. Eaves?—He is a clerk in our office as well.

13,211. At present?—At present.

13,212. Who else? I do not think that anybody else went with me to Mr. Barker's. I do not recollect anybody going.

13,213. Did you hear that Mr. Barker had said there were three or four or five gentlemen, and are you sure that there were only yourself and these two others?—I say to the best of my recollection there were only those two.

13,214. Did anybody else come over from Liverpool with you?—Yes.

13,215. Who were they?—Mr. Bakewell.

13,216. Who is Mr. Bakewell?—A clerk in our employ.

13,217. Who else?—And Mr. Nelson.

13,218. Who is Mr. Nelson?—Another person in our employ. He came over in the same train.

13,219. Both those persons are still in your employ?—They are both still in our employ.

13,220. What did they come for?—To assist at the election I presume. I know of nothing else.

13,221. When you went to Mr. Wilson Barker tell me what took place?—I merely gave him the parcels or left the parcels. I really do not know whether I saw him himself at that time or not.

13,222. Do you recollect having any conversation with him?—I do not.

13,223. When did you see Mr. Barker?—Certainly I saw him during the evening.

13,224. Where?—At the "King's Arms."

13,225. Had you any conversation with him about these parcels?—I really am not sure whether I had or not. I do not recollect.

13,226. Did you say anything about having brought the sinews of war with you?—I may have made such a remark, but I really do not remember having done so. It is very possible I might.

13,227. You were talking I suppose generally about the election matters?—I presume so.

13,228. You have told me that these gentlemen came over from Liverpool with you. Were there any other persons who came over?—Not with me that I know of.

13,229. Were there any others who came over about that time, persons with whom you were acquainted, to assist in the election on behalf of Mr. Lawrence?—No, there were some over here before that.

13,230. Do you know a Mr. Haggard?—I do not, not by name.

13,231. Or Mr. Taylor, he has been mentioned as Mr. T. Taylor. I do not know his christian name?—I do not know him; that is, I have heard that the name of a certain person I saw at the election was Taylor, but I did not know him at the time.

13,232. Where does he live now?—I do not know.

13,233. Have you seen him in Liverpool since?—No.

13,234. Have you never seen him at all since the election day?—Not to my knowledge.

13,235. Is Mr. J. T. Lawrence a brother of the candidate?—Yes.

13,236. Where is he now?—I do not know.

13,237. Is he in Liverpool?—I have not seen him the last month or more, or six weeks. I may say that I have been out of town, and therefore I should not see him.

13,238. You had some talk with Mr. Barker about the election at the "King's Arms" that evening. Was there any money given to you then?—Not at the "King's Arms."

13,239. Was there any money given to you that evening?—There was.

13,240. Where?—At Mr. Barker's.

13,241. You went then to Mr. Barker's in the evening?—I did; that is to the best of my recollection. I think it was to Mr. Barker's.

13,242. Whom did you meet there, to the best of your recollection?—Mr. Barker.

13,243. Anyone else?—I do not think that anybody else was there.

13,244. Nobody else was present?—I do not remember. Yes, by-the-by, I think Mr. Maddock was there at the same time. I am not quite certain whether it was that night or the next morning, the morning of the election.

13,245. Who is Mr. Maddock?—A person from Liverpool.

13,246. He is not one of those who came over with you?—He did not come with me.

13,247. Was he over here on the business of the election?—I believe so.

13,248. Is he a person in the employ of Mr. Wilson?—He is not.

13,249. What is he?—I do not know what he is now.

13,250. What was he then?—He was out of business altogether, I believe.

13,251. When you went to Barker's what was said about money?—I was given a certain sum.

13,252. How much did you receive?—I think 180*l.*, if I recollect right.

13,253. From Mr. Barker?—From Mr. Barker, I think so.

13,254. At that time did Maddock also receive some money?—I say I am not certain whether it was at that time or in the morning.

13,255. You were present when he received some money?—Yes; it was through me he got it.

13,256. What was the next thing you did after receiving this 180*l.* from Barker?—I went out in the evening with some people whom I really do not know. I do not know their names, nor do I know where we went to.

13,257. You went canvassing?—Yes, into one of the villages of the neighbourhood, and I do not know the name of it.

13,258. Was Mr. Lawrence with you?—No, certainly not.

13,259. You know none of the parties that went with you?—No.

13,260. You went with them canvassing?—Yes.

13,261. You saw the voters and treated them?—Yes.

13,262. What time did you get back to Lancaster?—Between 11 and 12.

13,263. And when you got back to Lancaster did you do anything in the matter of the election?—Nothing that I recollect.

13,264. Did you receive any other money?—The next morning.

13,265. At what o'clock?—I really forget how early it was.

13,266. It was early in the morning?—Yes.

13,267. At about 6 or 7 o'clock?—Later than that.

13,268. Eight o'clock?—Somewhere about that time.

13,269. What did you receive?—I think the next sum was 50*l.*

13,270. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Barker.

13,271. What was the next sum you received?—100*l.* from Mr. Barker.

13,272. When?—Later on in the morning.

13,273. What was the next sum?—A further sum of 100*l.*

13,274. The next?—The next sum I received was 200*l.* from Mr. John Lawrence, and a further sum of 400*l.*

13,275. From whom?—From a person named Stritzaker I believe it was.

13,276. That was some time in the afternoon of the same day?—Yes, it was.

13,277. Did you receive any other monies?—None whatever.

13,278. Not from anybody during that election?—No.

13,279. I mean for the purposes of the election, of course?—No.

13,280. That makes a total of 1,130*l.*?—Yes, 1,130*l.*

13,281. You have read Mr. Barker's evidence. Those are the sums which he charges you with the receipt of?—I have not read the whole of his evidence.

13,282. You have read it I suppose as far as it concerns yourself?—Yes, I believe I did read that much.

13,283. How did you lay out that money?—In various ways. It is composed of a great many small sums.

13,284. Have you got an account there of the way in which you laid out the money?—Yes, I have. I may say that many of these names may not be correct, I being totally ignorant of the people, and I had to catch their names in the best way I could.

13,285. When you received this money, which you say was at about 8 o'clock in the morning, with the exception of 180*l.*, which you received over night, at what time did you make your first disbursement?—That night I think.

13,286. Where?—At this village which I do not know the name of.

13,287. How much did you disburse at the village?—There were four sums, I think, as far as I recollect.

13,288. What was the sum total of them?—33*l.*

13,289. You say you do not know who went with you at all there?—No, I do not.

13,290. Did you see them engaged in the election afterwards?—Really I do not know whether I did or not; I have not the slightest idea who they were.

13,291. How far was the village from Lancaster?—About a mile and a half I should imagine. I walked there and walked back again.

13,292. I suppose you know in which direction you walked. They did not blindfold you, did they?—No.

13,293. Was it across the river?—No, on this side.

13,294. Did you go up hill?—Yes, I believe, if there is such a street, it was Penny Street we went through, but what is the name of the village we went to I really do not know.

13,295. Whereabouts did you leave Lancaster?—I really do not know indeed.

13,296. Do you know the name of the public-house you went to?—No.

13,297. Nor the name of the person?—No. I have got the names of the persons to whom money was paid or left for them.

13,298. Was it a village called Scotforth?—Really I do not know. I am a total stranger to Lancaster, and I do not know where Scotforth is. There are four names here that I fancy were paid that night.

13,299. Give me the names.—The first is J. Bibby, 5*l.*

13,300. Is that J. Atkinson Bibby, Penny Street?—I do not know.

13,301. Was it on your way out that you paid it?—Yes; that was the first place we called at.

13,302. Did you pay him in his own house or at a public-house?—I do not recollect.

13,303. Who introduced you to him?—These people who were with me who I do not know.

13,304. Did you give it to him for his vote?—I believe that was the object.

13,305. Did you talk to him about it?—No; I merely held the money, and the others did the talk.

13,306. What sort of a man was Bibby?—I have no recollection.

13,307. Was he an old man or young man?—I am sure I cannot tell you. I paid no attention to them.

13,308. Is he a lame man?—I really cannot tell you that. I know nothing of any of the men.

13,309. Give me the other names. Perhaps we shall find out by his company who he was?—The next name I have is Proctor, whether Thomas, James, or John, or what not, I do not know.

13,310. How much did you give him?—6*l.*

13,311. What sort of a man was he?—I know nothing whatever of any of them. I should not know one of them again if I saw them.

13,312. Did you have any talk with him?—I do not know.

13,313. Was this in the same place that you paid Bibby?—I am not sure about that.

13,314. Do you mean to say that you have no recollection about it?—Not the least.

13,315. Your memory is a perfect blank upon that point?—Yes.

13,316. You mean to tell us that?—Yes, I do.

13,317. Did you carry the 180*l.* out with you, or how did you take it with you?—I believe I carried the 180*l.* with me.

13,318. Who was the third?—The next name I find is a man of the name of Thornton.

13,319. Do you know where you saw him?—I do not.

13,320. Was it anywhere near the place where you had seen Bibby and Proctor?—I think it was a little further on, but I am not sure.

13,321. Did you see him in a house or out of doors?—In a public-house I think, as far as I can recollect.

13,322. Do you recollect his appearance at all?—Not the least. They were all strangers to me. I do not recollect the appearance of one of them. I know nothing of the people.

13,323. How many persons were there with you who went on this round?—I am not sure whether there were two or three.

13,324. How much did you give to Thornton?—10*l.* I am not sure whether it was given to him, or left for him provided he would give his vote. I could not be certain whether it was given to the man himself or not.

13,325. Who was the next?—The next is R. Threlfall.

13,326. How do you know his christian name?—He was called "Bob," I think, and therefore I presumed it was Robert.

13,327. Did you have much talk with him?—No, I did not, but I believe the others had.

13,328. Did you pay him in the same place as you paid any of the others?—No.

13,329. Where did you pay him?—I did not pay him at all.

13,330. What money was given for him?—12*l.*

13,331. To whom was that given?—I am not sure whether it was given to his wife, or somebody else to give to the wife when he had voted.

13,332. Cannot you recollect what house Threlfall was paid in?—The money was paid, I think, in his own house.

13,333. Was he present? He must have been present because you heard him spoken to?—No, I do not think he was present.

13,334. Did they speak of him as "Bob Threlfall?"—Yes. The fact, I think, was that he was in some other house, bottled, and he was fetched out.

13,335. While you were there?—Yes.

13,336. You did see him?—Yes, I saw him afterwards.

13,337. What do you mean by "afterwards?"—When he was fetched out. He was not there when I went to the house.

13,338. How long were you in the house before he came?—I was at the door of the house some quarter of an hour or twenty minutes.

13,339. Before he was brought to you?—Yes.

13,340. Did he see the money given?—I really do not know whether he did or not.

13,341. Your memory upon that subject is also a perfect blank?—I do not know whether he saw it given or not.

13,342. Where did you go to next after Threlfall's?—Back to the "King's Arms."

13,343. Are those the only four you paid that night?—Yes, to the best of my knowledge.

13,344. How long were you away?—We were away from between 8 to 11 or half-past. I think it was

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somewhere about that time, but I really could not say exactly.

13,345. Where did you go to when you came back to Lancaster?—To the "King's Arms."

13,346. Did you do anything more in the matter of the election that night?—No, I think not.

13,347. What time did you set to work in the morning?—I think about 7 o'clock; between 7 and 8.

13,348. When you got back to the "King's Arms" were there any persons sitting together, and did you discuss any matters of the election?—I think I saw a Mr. Barker there that night, and I think I saw Mr. Coupland, but I am not sure.

13,349. Next morning between 7 and 8 what was the first thing you did connected with the election?—I went to some public-house as directed.

13,350. By whom?—By Mr. Wilson.

13,351. Where was that public-house?—It was in a narrow street somewhere not far from the "King's Arms," but I really do not know the name of the street.

13,352. What was the name of the house?—That I do not know.

13,353. Have you ever been there since?—No, never.

13,354. Who went there with you?—I suppose some one must have shown me the house, but I do not know who it was.

13,355. Who went with you? Did anybody come into the house on the same business as yourself and at the same time with you?—Not that I am aware of.

13,356. Do you say that nobody did?—I think not. I do not recollect anybody.

13,357. When you say a short distance from the "King's Arms" what do you mean, 50 or 100 yards?—Something under 100 yards I should fancy. It might be under 50. I do not know where it was. It was somewhere very near.

13,358. When you got there whom did you meet?—Only the landlord of the inn.

13,359. Who is he?—His name is Hodgson, or something of the kind.

13,360. Did you have any conversation with Hodgson on the matters of the election?—I think not.

13,361. Where did Hodgson show you to?—Into an upper room.

13,362. Was anybody else in that upper room when you went there?—No one.

13,363. Did anybody come to you in that upper room?—Only the voters.

13,364. Who came to you?—Do you mean the first person?

13,365. Yes.—Some man whose christian name is Robert; but I do not know his surname. I could not catch it at all.

13,366. Who mentioned it to you?—Hodgson.

13,367. Then he did speak to you upon the matters of the election?—I did not say he did not.

13,368. He was brought in by Hodgson; is that what you say?—Yes.

13,369. What took place when he came in?—Hodgson bargained with him for his vote, and I paid him the money.

13,370. How much did you pay him?—4*l.*

13,371. And in what way did you pay it?—In gold.

13,372. Did he bring you a ticket or was his name written down, or did you take any account of the money paid to him?—I merely made a memorandum at the time.

13,373. On a piece of paper?—On tablets.

13,374. Had you any one of these lists with you, and did you mark his name off?—No, I never saw one of the lists.

13,375. Who was the next?—I cannot tell you; someone through the same channel whom I paid 5*l.* What the name was I do not know.

13,376. He was also brought by Hodgson?—Yes.

13,377. Did Hodgson appear to you to know them as he brought them to you?—Yes, he knew them all by name apparently.

13,378. Had Hodgson any list of them, as far as you saw?—Not as far as I saw.

13,379. Had he to your belief some list?—No, I never saw one at all.

13,380. What do you say the second man got?—5*l.*

13,381. Who was the third?—I have got his name down T. Hodgson. Whether that is his name, or whether he was paid through Hodgson the same as the others, I really do not know.

13,382. How much did he get?—4*l.*

13,383. Hodgson, the landlord, knows him too?—I think he knows them all.

13,384. Was it some other Hodgson than the landlord?—It might be the name of the landlord; I do not know the man. I might have put his name down to represent something. They were all strangers to me.

13,385. Who was the next?—The next is blank; through the same channel again, 6*l.*

13,386. (*Mr. Newton.*) Your memory is a perfect blank upon that point?—Yes, perfectly.

13,387. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who was the fifth?—J. Dodgson, as it appears here.

13,388. Have you any recollection further as to who he is?—Not the least.

13,389. How much did you give him?—4*l.*

13,390. Who was the next?—A person of the name of Bond.

13,391. Have you any christian name to give him?—No, I have not.

13,392. How much did you give him?—3*l.* Then Bleasdale, 4*l.*

13,393. Do you know anything about him?—Not the least.

13,394. Who is the next?—Sharples.

13,395. How much did you give him?—4*l.*

13,396. Do you mean to say you cannot identify these with their christian names at all?—I cannot.

13,397. I know what the consequence will be. You will have to be here when these men are examined to identify them?—I cannot identify one of them. I do not know one of them.

13,398. You will have to be here and try.—I am quite willing.

13,399. Who was the next?—J. Sharples.

13,400. What did he get?—He got 4*l.* as well. Then there are two of the name of Hadwen, each 4*l.* Then somebody who has no name, by Hodgson, 4*l.* Then Curran, that is spelt to the best of my knowledge, I do not know him, 4*l.*

13,401. That would probably be, I should think, Curwen?—I do not know. Then Lodge, 2*l.*; then J. Curwen, 6*l.*; Harrison, 12*l.*

13,402. Have you got any name to him?—No; there were two of them apparently. One got 12*l.*, and the other 10*l.*—have no name to the second. It is merely a blank, and whether it was a Harrison or not I cannot say.

13,403. Then why did you say it was a Harrison?—I merely say it might be. Whether they were brothers, the same as above Hadwens, I cannot say.

13,404. You believe that the second was Harrison?—I fancy so, but I really am not sure.

13,405. What is the next after the blank?—The next is the name of Danson. It appears four times.

13,406. Did you give it to Danson?—Yes, I gave it to Danson.

13,407. You know him by sight?—I fancy I should know him.

13,408. Was this for Danson himself or for persons to be bought by him?—For distribution by him.

13,409. How much did you give him?—First, 40*l.*, 10*l.*, 60*l.*, 50*l.*, and 20*l.*

13,410. Is Danson in court? Is that he (*pointing to a person in the body of the court*)?—I believe it is.

13,411. You cannot very well mistake him?—Well, no. I should say it is him.

13,412. Who is the next?—The next is J. Sharples again; another J. Sharples, I presume.

13,413. How much did you give him?—10*l.*

13,414. Is that the same J. Sharples as before?—Not that I am aware of.

13,415. Who was the next?—Joseph Sharples, 10*l.*

13,416. How did you get the name of Joseph?—From Hodgson.

13,417. You note them down as Hodgson brought them in?—Yes.

13,418. Where is that piece of paper?—It was an old tablet which I destroyed just after the election.

13,419. Did you make out that list at the time?—Yes.

13,420. From the tablets?—Yes.

13,421. How long ago is that?—Just after the election, at the time I closed up the accounts.

13,422. You kept that list?—Yes.

13,423. Who was next?—S. Shaw, of Bolton. I have a note added to his name, 10*l.* Then J. Bibby again.

13,424. Is that the same Bibby?—I believe not.

13,425. How much did you give him?—10*l.* Then R. Littledale, 10*l.* The next is a blank; whether it would be another Littledale or not I really do not know.

13,426. Which do you think?—I do not know.

13,427. What is your belief?—I should think the explanation would be that I could not catch the name, and I merely put a dash and entered the amount.

13,428. How much did you give him?—10*l.*

13,429. Who gave you the name of Littledale?—I presume Hodgson did. I could not know it without.

13,430. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There is no "Littledale," a voter on the register?—Possibly not.

13,431. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was his name "Dale?"—I presume not, as I have got "Littledale," but I really do not know. I merely give it to you as I have got it. I have got another blank next to it, and that may be another Littledale. They were 10*l.* each. Perhaps it might be given to Littledale to give to somebody else.

13,432. Hodgson knew him, whoever he was?—I believe so. I believe all these sums were given in Hodgson's house.

13,433. Who was the next after the blank?—T. Shaw, 10*l.*; J. Jackson, 10*l.*; Danson, 9*l.* 10*s.*

13,434. Is that the same Danson?—Yes.

13,435. Was that for himself?—No, I presume not.

13,436. Why do you presume not?—I understood he was a captain, or somebody in authority at the election; that he got money to give to other people, the same as he got the first.

13,437. Who was the next?—T. Norman, as far as I have got it, 10*l.*; R. Thornton, 10*l.*; Danson again, 72*l.* Then Garnett or Garrett—

13,438. There is no "Garrett?"—It is only a small sum of 2*l.*

13,439. I suppose it was for his vote, whether the sum was small or large. Who is the next?—Dallabella, 10*l.*; J. N. Edmondson, of Poulton. I see I have a vote opposite his name.

13,440. Who was the next?—Danson again, 20*l.*; J. Shaw, ten guineas; Whiteside, 10*l.*

13,441. Have you any name to him?—No. Caton, 10*l.* Then Hodgson—

13,442. Have you any name to him?—No.

13,443. How do you spell him?—I have spelt it Hodson, or it may be Hudson. The names are not very distinctly pronounced, and one might easily mistake them.

13,444. How much did you give him?—5*l.*; J. Bradbury, 5*l.*; Crosshall, 5*l.*; Nicholls, 10*l.*; Pailing, 5*l.*; T. Mashiter, 7*l.*; Cottam, 15*l.*

13,445. Was it for himself?—I really do not know. A. Heald, 7*l.*; Whinray, 8*l.* Those are all the individual voters that had money given to them by me. There is a further sum made up of five or six different amounts, amounting to 180*l.*, which I paid to Isaac Jackson.

13,446. What was that for?—For distribution in the same way.

13,447. Give me the items?—First, 30*l.*, 20*l.*, 50*l.*, 50*l.*, 25*l.*, and 5*l.*, making 180*l.*

13,448. Are those all the sums that you paid?—Yes, those are all the sums I paid.

13,449. At what time of the day did you give these sums to Jackson?—At different times in the day, as he wanted them.

13,450. Who was Jackson?—He is from Liverpool.

13,451. Did he come for the monies himself?—Yes, he did.

13,452. Into the room to you?—Yes; on one occasion I think I left him in the room, and gave him money to distribute while I was away.

13,453. May Jackson have paid some men in the room whose names you have not mentioned?—He has paid this money away.

13,454. What time were you away from the room?—I do not recollect what time, I was away once or twice. I had to go and get some money, and I left him in my place while I went to get some money from Mr. Barker.

13,455. At what time of day did you pay most of these voters. Was it early in the morning, or getting on later in the day?—It was early in the morning, as far as I recollect, that is, before 12 o'clock.

13,456. Did they come in pretty continuously?—Yes, pretty continuously.

13,457. And Hodgson the landlord was there all the time?—Yes, I am not sure that all these people were paid in Hodgson's house.

13,458. Where else did you pay the voters except in Hodgson's house?—There was some money I gave in the street.

13,459. Who brought the persons to you in the street?—Really I cannot tell you who brought them. If I were to meet Mr. Coupland, and he had said, "Give me so much for such and such a person," I should give it to him and make a memorandum of it.

13,460. Have you got any memorandum of it?—They are all down in this list; they follow consecutively in this list, but what I say is, that I will not swear they were all paid in Hodgson's house.

13,461. In whose presence and at whose introduction, besides Hodgson, did you pay any voters?—I really cannot tell you.

13,462. You say Coupland?—I said, for instance, if I had met Mr. Coupland.

13,463. Did you pay any voters except on the recommendation of some person whom you knew?—I think not.

13,464. The only persons you knew were the captains?—Yes, and I did not know all of them.

13,465. Those were the only persons you knew?—Yes.

13,466. You knew Coupland?—Yes.

13,467. You knew Cross?—No.

13,468. You knew Storey?—I know him by sight.

13,469. And you knew him then by sight?—Yes.

13,470. You knew Hatch?—No.

13,471. You only knew Coupland and Storey?—I do not know who the captains were.

13,472. You knew Clark?—Yes, I knew Clark by sight.

13,473. It would be then on the introduction of one of those three, or Hodgson, that you paid voters, and only upon those introductions?—Yes, I think so, but I am not sure whether they did introduce any or not.

13,474. But it was either they or nobody?—Yes, they or nobody.

13,475. What sum of money had you left at the end of the payments?—I had altogether 345*l.* 10*s.*

13,476. To whom did you give that?—I paid it to Mr. Wilson Barker in two sums.

13,477. When was the first payment?—That afternoon.

13,478. What was the first sum?—311*l.* 10*s.*

13,479. And the second sum?—The second sum was 34*l.*

13,480. When was that paid?—I am not sure whether it was paid that evening or at a subsequent day.

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13,481. As you paid each of these men did they leave the room?—Yes, they left the room.

13,482. Whether they voted or not you cannot tell?—I cannot.

13,483. Does your list show them about in the order they came?—Yes.

13,484. Your memorandum is copied from a list in the order in which they came into the room?—The order in which I paid them, excepting with regard to Mr. Isaac Jackson. Those are all put together.

13,485. After you had finished paying this money did you go back to the "King's Arms?"—Yes, I did.

13,486. Whom did you meet there?—Really I cannot recollect who I met.

13,487. Was Mr. Wilson there?—I do not know that he was there when I went back.

13,488. Did he come in in the course of the afternoon?—Yes, I saw him there.

13,489. Was Mr. Lawrence the candidate there?—I did not see him.

13,490. Did you not see Mr. Lawrence at all during the time you were over here?—I do not think I saw him during the day of election at all.

13,491. Did you see him on the day of nomination?—As I came from the railway I met him crossing the bridge to the railway.

13,492. Had you any conversation with him?—None at all.

13,493. As far as you know you never met him at the "King's Arms?"—I do not recollect ever meeting him at all there.

13,494. Now be careful, did you bring over any other money, or had you anything to do with any other money except that you have told me of?—I had not.

13,495. That you swear?—Yes, to the best of my knowledge and belief I never touched any other money.

13,496. What do you mean by "the best of your "knowledge and belief," may you have had some and forgotten it?—I do not think it likely.

13,497. Then why do you say "to the best of your "knowledge and belief?"—I do not know of anything else, but you asked me to swear to it positively.

13,498. Yes, I do.—And I say to the best of my knowledge and belief I had no other money.

13,499. Did you hear of any other sums coming from Liverpool at that time?—No.

13,500. Did you see any sums of money paid by Mr. Wilson?—I did not.

13,501. Nor hear of any?—No.

13,502. Did you hear of any money brought over by Mr. Lawrence's brother?—No, I did not.

13,503. Mr. J. T. Lawrence?—No, I did not.

13,504. Did you stay here for any length of time after the election?—Certainly not any length of time, but I am not sure whether I went back the same night or the next day.

13,505. Have you since that time had any conversation with Mr. Lawrence the candidate upon the subject of the election?—I have never spoken to him on the subject.

13,506. Have you never spoken to him at all upon the subject?—I have not.

13,507. Have you discussed the subject of any further monies being paid with reference to this election with Mr. Wilson?—I have not; I know of no further monies.

13,508. You have not discussed the subject with him since the election at any time?—No, I had nothing to do with any money except that which I disbursed myself.

13,509. You say you did not at all agree with any of these voters yourself with regard to the price of the votes?—No, I did not.

13,510. Do I understand from you that Hodgson or whoever brought them to you named the person's name, and named also the price that was to be paid?—Yes.

13,511. And that price you paid without any further conversation?—Yes.

13,512. Both on the night of the 11th and the day of the 12th?—The night before the election and the day of election, I do not know the dates.

13,513. Do you mean to tell me now that going over this list of names you cannot give me any further information with regard to the persons?—I cannot.

13,514. When did you make up that account?—Immediately after the election.

13,515. You have kept it ever since?—Yes, I have.

13,516. Have you discussed this matter over with Mr. Wilson Barker?—No; he had a copy of this list sent at the time I rendered him his balance; I gave him a memorandum, and afterwards sent him the detail. I gave him a certain sum of money back of which I have told you, and then sent a copy of this account.

13,517. An exact copy of that account as it stands?—Yes, an exact copy; it is the only thing I have.

13,518. Have you had that in your custody ever since?—Yes, I have.

13,519. Have you asked Mr. Wilson Barker for his copy?—No.

13,520. Nor compared it?—No.

13,521. Have you not seen it?—No, not since I gave it to him.

13,522. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In what business is Mr. Lawrence?—I really hardly know; he is an East India merchant I believe.

13,523. He is not in partnership with Mr. Wilson?—Certainly not.

13,524. I mean in Liverpool?—No.

13,525. Is Mr. J. Lawrence in partnership with Mr. Wilson?—No.

13,526. You gave money besides the voters to Isaac Jackson and to Danson?—Yes, I did.

13,527. How came it that you gave money to Isaac Jackson?—Because he came and told me that he wanted money.

13,528. Nothing more than that?—No, he would say, "Give me 30*l.*, 40*l.*, or 50*l.*," or whatever he wanted.

13,529. At different times of the day?—Yes.

13,530. Did he press you for money, or did you give it to him without any pressing at all?—Without any pressing; I knew him very well.

13,531. Did you give the money to Danson without any pressing?—Yes, without any pressing.

13,532. As he required it?—Yes, as he required it.

13,533. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was there any secrecy about this paying of money?—Nothing more than that the men came up into an upper room.

13,534. You paid some of them in the street?—I am not quite certain whether I did or not; I only say if I paid anything that Hodgson does not know of I must have paid it in that way, but I have no recollection whether I did or did not.

13,535. Are there any other names that you paid besides those that are down on that list?—No, I paid money to nobody else but what you have had the particulars of.

13,536. That list being copied from your original memorandum?—Yes.

13,537. When did you copy it?—Immediately after the election.

13,538. Did you show it to Mr. Lawrence?—No, I never saw Mr. Lawrence at all, I had nothing to do with Mr. Lawrence.

13,539. Did you show it to Mr. Wilson?—I do not know that I did, I sent it to Mr. Wilson Barker, it was he I got the money from.

13,540. Did you go over it with Mr. Wilson?—I think not.

13,541. Did you or did you not? You must know.—How can I tell after the lapse of a year and some months whether I did or did not? I say I do not believe I did.

13,542. You do not think you did?—I do not believe I did.

13,543. Have you been over it with anybody since this inquiry has been talked of?—No.

13,544. You have not?—No.

13,545. Have you discussed the question with Mr. Wilson?—I think not.

13,546. You must know whether you have or have not?—I have not since this inquiry has begun; but if you mean have I ever spoken about the election with Mr. Wilson, it would be absurd for me to say that I have not.

13,547. Have you ever discussed with Mr. Wilson about how much money you paid away since this inquiry has been instituted?—No, he had nothing whatever to do with this list. I got the money from Mr. Wilson Barker.

13,548. You went there by his direction?—Yes, of course I did.

13,549. It was Mr. Wilson's money?—I do not know that it was.

13,550. It was given to you by his cashier; you know Mr. Wilson furnished it?—He furnished some of it.

13,551. Have you seen Hodgson since?—No, I have not seen him from that day to this. I do not see why it should be all Mr. Wilson's money; I received 400*l.* from Mr. Stirzaker, that is not Mr. Wilson's money, and 200*l.* from Mr. John Lawrence.

13,552. You brought over 2,000*l.* from Liverpool?—Yes.

13,553. You talk as if you were an injured man?—No, I am not at all.

13,554. Are we to understand that you have never gone through that list of names with anybody, since the transaction in China Lane?—No.

13,555. That is what you wish us to understand?—Yes.

13,556. And that is the truth?—Yes.

13,557. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say the money you received from Mr. Lawrence was not Mr. Wilson's money, how do you know that?—I received it from Mr. John Lawrence, I have no reason to know that it was part of the same money that I brought over from Liverpool.

13,558. Who introduced Mr. Danson to you?—I do not recollect.

13,559. Who pointed him out to you and told you that he was a man to whom you might pay money?—I do not remember.

13,560. Was it in the committee room?—I do not recollect. I know I should not give such sums of money without knowing he was a proper person to give it to; where I ascertained the fact I do not know, it might have been at the "King's Arms."

13,561. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you sleep at the "King's Arms" that night?—Yes.

13,562. Did Mr. Wilson sleep there?—Yes.

13,563. And Mr. Lawrence?—I believe so, but I never saw him.

Adjourned to to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

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FOURTEENTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Wednesday, 12th September 1866.

PRESENT:

Mr. Barstow. | Mr. Newton.

Mr. Hill.

Robert Hodgson sworn and examined.

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13,564. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You keep the "Lord Nelson" Inn, in China Lane?—Yes.

13,565. Do you remember the last election in 1865?—Yes.

13,566. Do you remember on the morning of the election a gentleman, who was a stranger to you, coming to your house?—Yes.

13,567. He has told us that you showed him into a room upstairs?—Yes.

13,568. He was there as we all know for the purpose of paying voters?—I believe he was.

13,569. It is said that you introduced the voters to him?—Yes; I introduced a good deal of them.

13,570. Did you know the voters whom you introduced?—Yes.

13,571. How did you introduce them?—I showed them into the room, and said that he would make them right for voting.

13,572. The stranger was in the room by himself, and you showed them into the room to him?—There was two strangers there.

13,573. Were there two strangers in the same room?—Yes; at least there was first one in, and then the other, you know.

13,574. When you ushered each voter into the room what did you say; what words did you use?—They told me what they wanted, and so I said they might go in and get it there.

13,575. That cannot have been exactly what you said; when you ushered any particular voter into the room what did you say?—I introduced him, and told them his name; I said "This is John Sharp," or whatever it was.

13,576. Did you mention the sum of money he was to have?—Yes, that he wants to have so much money.

13,577. Have you a list of those you introduced?—Yes.

13,578. Where did you get your list from?—I had it by putting them down as they went in, you know.

13,579. Who was the first you introduced?—You will take the Slyne voters first; John Sharples 10*l.*

13,580. You have not the numbers there, have you?—No; they are all freemen.

13,581. The next?—Joseph Sharples 10*l.*; Richard Sharples 10*l.*; Richard Sharples, junior, 10*l.*; he lives in Littledale does that one; he is a son of Richard Sharples.

13,582. Now the next?—John Hodgson, 5*l.*; Thomas Wilkinson Hodgson, 3*l.*; Thomas Shaw, 10*l.*; Richard Wadeson, Hest Bank Station, 10*l.*; Robert Bond, Bare, 5*l.*; Thomas Hodgson, 5*l.*; Charles Lodge, 3*l.*; John Lodge, 2*l.*; William Hadwen, 15*l.*; James Dudgeon, 15*l.*; James Bond, 15*l.*; John Bond, 10*l.*; Thomas Curwen, 5*l.*, of Torrisholme that is; James Curwen, 6*l.*; William Whitaker, 10*l.*; John Dean, 12*l.*; Thomas Shaw, of Bolton, 10*l.*; James Bibby, 10*l.*; Thomas Brennand Thornton, 10*l.*; Robert Barker, 10*l.*; Stephen Shaw, 10*l.*; James Shaw, of Warton, 10*l.*; Joseph Croskell, of Overton, 13*l.*; John Croskell, of Overton, 13*l.*; George Wilson, of Skerton, 13*l.*; William Fawcett, China Lane, 10*l.*; Christopher Fawcett, 5*l.*; that is all that I introduced into the room; there is William Fawcett and Christopher Fawcett. I believe Mr. Cross will tell you he paid them, but he did not pay them. Mr. Fawcett told me to mention to you that they never received nothing from Cross, they received it from Mr. Isaac Jackson, of Liverpool, in our house. Mr. Storey took Christopher Fawcett out of bed to vote; he voted for Fenwick and Lawrence.

13,583. Christopher Fawcett did?—Yes, and he received 5*l.*; at least his mother did for him. You will find if you send for the Fawcetts that they will give a true account of what they received.

13,584. You say they were paid by Jackson?—Yes.

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13,585. And not by Cross ?—Not by Cross at all.

13,586. Now I must ask you about your own affairs ; I suppose these voters were introduced by other people in your house ?—Yes.

13,587. Do you know who those people were who introduced voters to your house ?—I think there was one John Curwen, from Morecambe ; I think he brought some up, and Mr. Robert Richmond, of Slyne, was another.

13,588. Anybody else ?—Robert Wolfenden ; he is Mr. Booth's man, of Penny Street.

13,589. Anyone else ?—No, those are all that I can remember.

13,590. Curwen, Richmond, and Wolfenden ?—Yes.

13,591. Do you know the names of the men they introduced ?—No, I do not ; there was one I think that was a Croft, James Croft, that Richmond brought from Bolton with him ; the other party had taken him to the "Packet Boat" Inn ; he was bottled, and so Richmond brought him out and voted him ; he is a gentleman in Leonardgate.

13,592. You do not know what James Croft received for his vote ?—No, I do not.

13,593. Can you give us any other name ?—No.

13,594. Have you not got another list there ?—No, it is only my own ; this is what I received from Mr. Clark and Mr. Storey and Mr. Coupland before the election.

13,595. That is a list you received from them, and you ticked down there the names of the voters that you introduced to the strangers ?—Yes.

13,596. These voters that you have given us I suppose were those you introduced to both the strangers ?—Yes, to both the strangers ; well, they were both in the room at once sometimes, and when one was not there the other was.

13,597. Let me look at those lists that you have in your hand (*two papers are handed by the witness to the Commissioners*). Do you know what Messrs. Storey and Cross and Coupland gave you the list for ?—They gave it to me to get voters with.

13,598. They were the names of people that you were to canvass ?—Yes, they were for these that I have given you their names.

13,599. Did you see them before the election ?—Yes.

13,600. And did you settle with them the money they were to have ?—No, not exactly ; but I said I would be pretty near as equal as the others was ; that I would be very near as good, but not quite. There was a Mr. Tinker who rather outwitted me at Slyne ; he was a 25*l.* man ; I could not come up to him ; they would get a great deal of drink in the daytime, and so they would vote.

13,601. To whom did Alfred Tinker bid 25*l.*?—To John Sharples.

13,602. One of your voters ?—Yes.

13,603. Who told you that Alfred Tinker had offered 25*l.* to John Sharples ?—John Sharples told me himself.

13,604. I daresay Sharples would have been very glad if you had offered him 25*l.* too ?—Yes.

13,605. Which are the Slyne voters ?—John Sharples, Richard Sharples, Joseph Sharples, John Hodgson, and Thomas Wilkinson Hodgson, Thomas Shaw, and Richard Wadeson, of Hest Bank.

13,606. You had some money given you to canvass with ?—Yes.

13,607. First tell us what sums you received ?—12*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. George Clark ; I received it at three different times.

13,606. Two five pounds and a 2*l.* 10*s.* ?—Yes.

13,609. Anything else ?—5*l.* from Mr. Storey, 17*l.* from Mr. Coupland, and 6*l.* from Mr. Wilson, the night before the election, Mr. Wilson's friend ; Mr. Wilson did not give me the money but he was present at the time I got it.

13,610. (*Mr. Newton.*) Which friend ?—I believe it would be him as was up yesterday.

13,611. Mr. Wollaston ?—Yes.

13,612. Anything else ?—No.

13,613. When did Mr. Wollaston give you this 6*l.* ?—The night before the election.

13,614. About what time ?—It would be somewhere about six or seven o'clock, I should think.

13,615. In your own house ?—No, in the "King's Arms" room by the side of the door.

13,616. The door of the "King's Arms ?"—Yes.

13,617. Did these sums you have given us include your own payment ?—They include all that I received.

13,618. By way of a bill for the use of your house ?—6*l.* 5*s.* for the house after the election ; Mr. Gibson will give you an account of that.

13,619. You received your bill besides ?—6*l.* 5*s.*

13,620. From Mr. Gibson ?—Yes.

13,621. Are those sums, the first four amounting to 40*l.* 10*s.* and 6*l.* 5*s.*, all that you received in any way ?—Yes, in any way.

13,622. What did you do with the first sums you received amounting to 40*l.* 10*s.* ?—Mrs. Dobson, at Bare, 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

13,623. Who is Mrs. Dobson ?—She is the landlady of the "Dog and Partridge" Inn.

13,624. That was a tavern bill ?—Yes.

13,625. Who next ?—Mrs. Richardson, of Slyne, 6*l.* 19*s.*, that is at the "Cross Keys ;" Mr. Wilkinson, of the "Green's Arms," Slyne, 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

13,626. The next ?—Mr. Thomas Bradshaw, of Torrisholme, 4*l.*

13,627. Who is Bradshaw ?—He keeps a beer-house there.

13,628. What was that for ?—For refreshments ; for voters during the first fortnight before the election.

13,629. Who next ? — Mrs. Carter, of Bolton-le-Sands, 1*l.* 5*s.* ; Mr. Shaw, of Bolton-le-Sands, 3*l.* 10*s.*

13,630. Are these both inns ?—Yes ; one is the "Blue Anchor," and the other is the "Black Bull."

13,631. They were for refreshments to voters ?—Yes ; T. B. Thornton 3*l.* 10*s.*

13,632. Who is Thornton ?—He keeps a jerry shop there.

13,633. Was that for a bill ? — Yes, it was for drink.

13,634. Have you the bill there ?—Yes, I have the bill here.

13,635. What is the amount of his bill ?—3*l.* 10*s.* ; it was paid in separate sums was that in Bolton.

13,636. That is just the same amount as Shaw's ?—Yes, there was freemen at both houses, you know, and the same sum was spent at each house.

13,637. Where is T. B. Thornton's house ?—In Bolton-le-Sands.

13,638. Now the next ?—Robert Richmond 3*l.* 10*s.*

13,639. What was that for ?—1*l.* 10*s.* he gave to Thomas Baxter, but he turned over on the other side.

13,640. For a very good reason. What was the other 2*l.* for ?—He will give you an account of it.

13,641. He does not keep a jerry shop, does he ?—No, he is a farmer and maltster.

13,642. Now the next ?—Mr. John Sharples 1*l.* 15*s.*

13,643. What was that for ?—It was for his wages for a week, as far as I knew, before the election.

13,644. Now the next ?—Mr. Lodge, of Bare, 15*s.*

13,645. What was that for ?—To supply himself with some refreshments.

13,646. Who is the next ? — William Fawcett, China Lane, 1*l.* 15*s.*

13,647. What was that for ?—It was for his wages, I suppose.

13,648. Had he been employed in the canvass ?—Yes, he went along with me a fortnight before the election.

13,649. Now the next ?—Christopher Fawcett 15*s.*

13,650. What was that for ?—It was for his wages.

13,651. How long was he employed, do you recollect ?—A week.

13,652. How much ?—15*s.*

13,653. The same I suppose ? — Yes ; Thomas Shaw 10*s.* I thought you meant Mr. Christopher Fawcett ; it was 10*s.*

13,654. What was that for?—For a week's wages, I suppose, the same as the others; he is a Slyne voter.

13,655. Now the next?—There are no more; that is all I know.

13,656. There is a balance, I make it, of 21*s.*; 39*l.* 9*s.* you have accounted for. Did you return or did you keep the other guinea, or what became of the balance?—It went in drink in our own place.

13,657. Then did you receive no remuneration for all your trouble?—That is the remuneration I received.

13,658. The 6*l.* 5*s.*?—And the balance that went in drink.

13,659. I did not ask you when you made out this list that I hold in my hand?—It was always made out.

13,660. This is the original?—No, it is a copy of it.

13,661. When did you copy it?—This morning, but I knew them all personally.

13,662. From what did you copy this?—I copied it from what they got.

13,663. From what did you copy this list?—I had it down in a little book.

13,664. Where is the little book?—I do not know whether it is at home or not.

13,665. If you made this morning a copy from the book surely you must know where it is?—It is mostly from memory that is.

13,666. Where is your little book?—I have not a little book.

13,667. You just now told us that you made this copy from a little book?—Yes, but there was only some of the voters in it.

13,668. Where is your little book?—The little book will be in the house.

13,669. Let us have it directly; we will send for it?—If you please.

13,670. The police officer will go for it; just tell him what book to ask for?—It is a little green-backed book in the desk.

13,671. Who is he to ask for it?—He may ask the mistress; I think she will find it there; it has not all the voters in it. (*A policeman is directed to fetch the book.*)

13,672. (*Mr. Newton.*) How long have you been captain of this district; were you there in 1864?—Yes.

13,673. Did you then do the same sort of work that you have been doing now?—Yes, but it was not such heavy kind of business.

13,674. You mean it was not so expensive?—No.

13,675. When did they first come to you in 1865 about this?—It would be about 10 days before the election, I daresay.

13,676. Who came to you?—Mr. Lawrence Holder for Mr. Saunders's election.

13,677. But in 1865?—It would be a fortnight before the election.

13,678. Who came to you about it?—Mr. C. T. Clark asked me if I would assist him a little.

13,679. Were you called captain of any particular district?—No.

13,680. When did these gentlemen give you that list that you had in that house?—Which list is that?

13,681. The list that you had—the list that you have told us of, that you had when you ticked them all off?—They are most of them from memory.

13,682. The list that was given to you that day in your house?—They never gave me a list.

13,683. Take care?—Not the gentlemen that was in the room.

13,684. We know that; but Mr. Storey, and Mr. Coupland, and Mr. Clark?—Of the money?

13,685. No; do not fence with me. Tell me the story as it occurred. When did those gentlemen give you a list?—A list of the money?

13,686. No, a list of the names of the people that you were to bribe?—Mr. Clark gave it me.

13,687. Mr. Clark, Mr. Storey, and Mr. Coupland gave you a list. When did they give it you?—About a fortnight before the election—of the voters.

13,688. You kept that list?—Yes.

13,689. When were you first told that anybody was to come to your house to meet those voters?—The night before the election.

13,690. Who told you that?—Mr. H. T. Wilson.

13,691. What did he tell you?—He told me there would be a gentleman come to pay the voters.

13,692. What voters?—Slyne voters, and Hest Bank, and Bolton-le-Sands, and Torrisholme, and Bare.

13,693. Did he refer to that list that you had had in your possession?—No.

13,694. Then you knew perfectly well what voters were to be paid?—Yes.

13,695. Had you ordered these men to come to your house that morning?—Yes.

13,696. When?—I ordered them the night before the election, and previous during a fortnight.

13,697. What had you told them to come there for?—To get some money.

13,698. You told some of them as long as a fortnight before the election to come to your house to get money on the day of the election?—Yes.

13,699. Who was this other gentleman, besides Mr. Wollaston, who was at your house?—I think his name was Mr. Jackson, but I am not quite sure.

13,700. What time did he come in the morning?—I do not know exactly what time he would come. They would very near both come together, I think; they would come the first thing, before 8 o'clock.

13,701. You were in court yesterday when Mr. Wollaston was examined?—Yes.

13,702. Did you hear him state all those names and the money that he gave them?—Yes.

13,703. How comes it that, as to some of these names he mentioned, he says he gave them smaller sums than those you have told us of to-day?—Well, but he did not give them smaller sums. That is what they received, every man.

13,704. He did not tell us all then?—No, he did not, if he did not tell you that.

13,705. How many Bonds were there in your house that day?—I will tell you how many Bonds I voted. I voted three from Bare: Robert Bond, John Bond, and James Bond.

13,706. The first name he gave us was Bond, and he says he only gave him 3*l.*?—Bond had 5*l.*

13,707. He told us that he only gave him 3*l.*?—But Bond received 5*l.*, and he will tell you so if you get him here.

13,708. Do you know a man called "Roberts?"—No.

13,709. Did you introduce a man to Mr. Wollaston that morning of the name of "Robert?"—Only Robert Bond. That is the only man I introduced to him of the name of "Robert."

13,710. Was Bob Threlfall at your house that morning?—No.

13,711. Was there a man of the name of Bleasdale at your house?—Yes, I forgot to mention him.

13,712. Why did you omit to mention his name?—I forgot him seemingly.

13,713. Why did you forget him?—I really do not know; I must have overlooked him. William Bleasdale received 5*l.*

13,714. No, he did not, according to Mr. Wollaston's account?—Yes, he received 5*l.*

13,715. (*Mr. Barstow, showing a book to the witness.*) This is the book that the policeman has brought with him; is it the book you mean?—No.

13,716. He says that is the only book that your wife could find. Just tell me what other book he is to ask for?—It is in writing paper. (*The policeman is again sent for the book, and is directed to ask for any other books or papers relating to the election.*)

13,717. (*Mr. Newton.*) Why did you omit Bleasdale's name?—I have overlooked him.

13,718. How many other names have you overlooked?—None; and Bleasdale will give you an account when he comes, that he received 5*l.*

13,719-20. That is not the question. I want to know the names of those you introduced to Mr. Wollaston?—I overlooked Bleasdale.

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R. Hodgson.

12 Sept. 1866.

13,721. What do you say he received ?—*5l.*

13,722. What is his christian name ?—William Bleasdale, farmer, Pump House, Nether Kellet.

13,723. How many other names have you omitted ?—I have got none.

13,724. How many Garnetts were in your house ?—I do not remember any Garnetts being in our house.

13,725. Was there a man of the name of Garrett in your house that day ?—No ; I do not know a man of that name.

13,726. Dallabella ?—No.

13,727. How did Mr. Wollaston get the name of Dallabella ?—He never did get it in our house.

13,728. He says he did ?—Then he is wrong ; I never gave him the name.

13,729. Where was Dallabella paid ?—I do not know him ; I do not know such a name.

13,730. Where was Dallabella paid ?—I do not know him ; I do not know such a name.

13,731. How many Catons were there in your house that day ?—None.

13,732. Was there a Bradbury ?—No ; I do not know him.

13,733. Do you remember there being any Edmondsons ?—No.

13,734. Was there no Edmondson in your house that day ?—There might be ; there was a good many Morecambe men there, but I did not see any of them go into the room. I did not go into the room with any except those I have given you the names of.

13,735. There was no Caton there ?—No.

13,736. And no Bradbury in your house ?—No.

13,737. Where were you all the day ?—I was in the house, and down at the Boys' National School with voters.

13,738. Could people come in without your knowing it ?—Yes ; there was people come in without my knowing it.

13,739. Do you remember the name of Pailling ?—No ; I do not know any such name.

13,740. Or Mashiter ?—No ; I do not know any Mashiter.

13,741. Or Cottam ?—No ; I do not remember him in our house.

13,742. Nor Heald ?—No.

13,743. Crosshall ?—Croskell ; that I gave you.

13,744. Norman ; you have not given us that ?—No ; I do not know him.

13,745. Were there two men of the name of Littledale ?—I do not know them.

13,746. Do you know anyone of the name of Littledale ?—There is Richard Sharples, of Littledale ; I gave you him this morning.

13,747. You know no one of the name of Robert except Robert Bond ?—No, I do not.

13,748. There are 12 names I have got here, given us by Mr. Wollaston, that you did not see there that day ?—No. I did not see those that you have mentioned.

13,749. They might have been introduced by the other men ?—Yes, they might be ; I was not in the house all the while.

13,750. Do you think they were ?—No, I do not think they would be.

13,751. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have given us to-day the names of three men who received 15*l.*, and Mr. Wollaston, as far as my memory serves me, gave us no figures higher than 10*l.*, with one exception, namely Cottam. Are you sure that these three men, Hadwen, Dodgson, and Bond, received 15*l.* each ?—Yes ; they told me so themselves.

13,752. When did they tell you this ?—After the election.

13,753. About how long after the election ?—About a week or so.

13,754. Not lately, but a week or so after the election ?—Yes.

13,755. Do you mean to say you only knew it from having heard it from them a week after the election ?—Yes ; they told me that day and all they got 15*l.*

13,756. What do you mean by that ?—I said, "What have you got ?" and they said, "15*l.*"

13,757. I thought that you were the person that introduced them, and mentioned the names, and what they were to have ?—Yes ; I introduced them into the room, and I said they want so-and-so, and of course they got it.

13,758. Then what do you mean by saying that you learned afterwards that they had so-and-so ?—In talking it over afterwards.

13,759. You were the person who bargained for the votes and named the sum ?—Yes, I was.

13,760. How do you reconcile those two statements ? You were the person who absolutely named the sum ?—I absolutely named the sum, but we were talking of it afterwards.

13,761. You were there when they had the money ?—Yes.

13,762. Then what do you mean by saying you learned this by talking after the election ?—I did know it before, and after the election, and all.

13,763. When you ushered Hadwen, Dodgson, and Bond into the room what sum did you name to Wollaston ?—I said, "They want 15*l.*"

13,764. And you saw them get it ?—Yes, they got it.

13,765. Did you see them get it ?—I saw Mr. Wollaston give it to them in their hands, and then I took them to vote.

13,766. You absolutely saw them get the money ?—Yes.

13,767. Did Mr. Wollaston make any demur in giving these men 15*l.* ?—No ; he never did with any that went up.

13,768. He paid them as you mentioned the names ?—Yes.

13,769. Now I ask you the same question with reference to these persons, Joseph Croskell, John Croskell, and John Wilson ; did you also see them receive their 13*l.* ?—Yes, I did.

13,770. You know that Mr. Wollaston took down on his tablets the monies that he gave ?—Mr. Jackson paid the Croskells, both of them. He was a long while bargaining with them. They wanted 15*l.* each, and I said it was a shame for respectable farmers like them to come for that sum.

13,771. You think a respectable farmer ought to do it for less ?—Yes ; they said 13*l.* would do afterwards.

13,772. These were paid by Jackson ?—Yes.

13,773. They eventually dropped down 2*l.* ?—Yes, they dropped 2*l.*

13,774. Mr. Wollaston did not pay any Croskell at all ?—No ; he would be in the room most likely along with Mr. Jackson.

13,775. Would he take it down on his tablets ?—Very likely ; they were both writing down.

13,776. You know Mr. Wollaston only returned Croskell as receiving 5*l.* ?—He received 13*l.*

13,777. That you will swear ?—Yes, I will.

13,778. With reference to Wilson, how do you know he got 13*l.* ?—He was there.

13,779. Who paid him ?—Mr. Jackson, I believe, would pay him. He came from Skerton.

13,780. Was this George or John Wilson ?—I think it would be George.

13,781. How do you know George Wilson was paid by Jackson ?—I was there when he was paid.

13,782. Did he ask 15*l.* first ?—No.

13,783. How came he to get 13*l.* ?—He got what he asked.

13,784. You say you were present ?—Yes.

13,785. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I observe that in this book there are names on both sides of the page. What are these entries on *this* page ?—That is nothing to do with the election,

13,786. The entries concerning the election are written on the page facing us. Have you any objection to say what it is on this side ? I do not want to know if it is anything private ?—I have no objection to say what it is. It will be a "sweep," very likely.

13,787. You have not given us the name of Harri-

son in the list you have given us to-day?—I never had nothing to do with him.

13,788. Who had?—I think Foster would have to do with him.

13,789. On the same page with the Croskells you have Robert Harrison, 12*l.*?—No, I had nothing to do with Harrison.

13,790. Look for yourself (*handing the book to the witness*)?—That book might not be correct. I have merely put down from memory what they got.

13,791. Who is Foster?—He is a book-keeper in China Lane. I do not know where he is now. He was with Mr. Holding.

13,792. (*Mr. Newton.*) What does he know about it?—He would know all about Harrison.

13,793. Why do you refer me to Foster?—Because he was the captain of China Lane.

13,794. When did he leave Lancaster?—You had better ask Mr. Holden. He will be able to tell you. I know nothing about it.

13,795. (*Mr. Hill.*) When did you write *these* two papers?—They were written this morning, a lot of them.

13,796. You were up early at work?—Yes.

13,797. Were these the first items at your recollection?—Yes.

13,798. And you improved as you went on?—Yes.

13,799. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There are only 11 names of voters in this book at all?—I did not enter all the voters. I entered all those I had anything to do with.

13,800. Voters with sums placed against their names—there are only 11 altogether in the book?—I did not book them all on the day of the election.

13,801. You said you made out the list you have given us this morning from this book, and here is your book with only 11 names in it?—Well, the others are right.

13,802. Have you talked over this matter with anyone?—No.

13,803. With no one?—No one.

13,804. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who came to your house last night and talked it over with you?—Nobody. Never nobody was with me to talk nothing over.

13,805. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In truth you made out this list from memory?—Yes, I did, and it is right.

13,806. You ought to have said so, and you would not have put us to so much trouble?—That list what I have given to you is what every man received in our house.

13,807. (*Mr. Hill.*) You put down in your first effort of memory this morning the name of John Wilkinson?—I believe John Jackson paid him.

13,808. What made you put him down?—I was just going to give you the names of all I asked for a vote.

13,809. Why did you put the prices against them?—There is no price against him.

13,810. Yes, there is 2*l.*?—That is wrong. It is not a list at all is not that.

13,811. It is the list that you tried to put in your pocket so that we might not see it. Who is this John Wilkinson against whom you have put down 2*l.*?—He is dead.

13,812. Did John Wilkinson receive 2*l.*?—Not from me.

13,812*a*. From whom did he receive it?—I do not know. He did not receive none of me.

13,813. What made you put him down 2*l.*?—It is a mistake.

13,814. Why did you put him down 2*l.*?—I did not put him down.

13,815. There it is, in your own writing?—It is wrong.

13,816. What made you put him down 2*l.*?—I did not myself put it down, not to give you an account of it.

13,817. Is this your writing?—Yes.

13,818. Why did you put him down 2*l.*?—He did not get 2*l.*

13,819. Why did you put him down 2*l.*?—I don't know. I know nothing about it.

13,820. Why did you put him down 2*l.*; I will have an answer, so tell me?—I did not give him anything, or get him anything that I know of.

13,821. Why did you put him down?—I mentioned his name, and then I gave over when I found I was wrong with him.

13,822. You did not give over. You put down 2*l.* Who told you you were wrong with Wilkinson?—I told myself I was wrong with Wilkinson.

13,823. Who was John Wilkinson?—He was a householder, in Thurnham Street. He is Mr. Lodge's brother-in-law.

13,824. Now, knowing all about him, why did you put him down 2*l.*?—It was a mistake. I had mentioned his name.

13,325. What made you put 2*l.* down instead of some other figure?—I should not have put down 2*l.* because he did not get it.

13,826. Did you put down 2*l.* because he did not get it?—No. I mean to say George Danson paid John Wilkinson.

13,827. Have you got no better account to give of it than that?—No, I have not.

13,828. Were you writing down these names and taking shots at them?—No, I was not. If you summons every man whose name I have given you will find they got what I have put down.

13,829. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were the two Harrisons at the house that morning?—No.

13,830. How comes it that Harrison's name appears in that book?—He never received anything.

13,831, Why does Harrison's name appear in that book?—I do not know how it is.

13,832. Why does Harrison's name appear in that book? Look for yourself. You will see Croskell, Croskell, Harrison, 12*l.* Just explain to me why his name appears?—I will tell you. It was when Harrison was telling me he had received 12*l.* off Foster. He told me he received 12*l.*, and after the election, if anybody was telling me anything of the sort, I used to put it down.

13,833. You say Foster was a captain?—Yes.

13,834. Who would pay Harrison?—He would.

13,835. Not Wollaston?—No.

13,836. Wollaston said he paid 12*l.* to Harrison?—It is unknown to me. I had nothing to do with Harrison.

13,837. With neither of the Harrisons?—No, I had not.

13,838. Would Foster pay them both?—Yes. Foster would pay all in China Lane, except the Fawcetts.

13,839. Was Foster in your house that morning?—Yes, a little bit, but never upstairs.

13,840. Would he be introducing voters to the gentleman?—No, I do not think he would.

13,841. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is the second list? When did you make that?—I was writing that out this morning, very likely.

13,842. Were you copying it from anything?—No, from memory.

13,843. Had you the newspaper with you?—No, I had not.

13,844. Had you anything?—No.

13,845. From memory, of what were you copying it?—From memory of the voters.

13,846. Of those that you had paid?—Of those I had taken to be paid.

13,847. What made you put down in that list James Bond 3*l.*, when you say he got 15*l.* Explain that if you can?—He got 13*l.* from Mrs. Willasey before he came to our house.

13,848. Now, be careful, you have got yourself into a scrape. Why did you put him down this morning 3*l.* when you say he got 15*l.*?—I will tell you how it was. It was from memory that I did it all—that there.

13,849. Was your memory this morning that Bond received 3*l.*?—Yes, and 13*l.* from Mrs. Willacy—that is 15*l.* altogether.

13,850. 13 and 3 make 15?—No, 12*l.* from Mrs. Willasey.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

R. Hodgson.

12 Sept. 1866.

13,851. You have got a very convenient memory for arithmetic. You have told us this morning, when I drew your attention to James Bond's name before I saw this list, that he told you himself he received 15*l.* a week after the election, and on the day of the election, and all, and you said, "I swear that I saw him receive the money himself." Now, what do you say with regard to James Bond?—I mean to say he received 15*l.*

13,852. When?—On the election day.

13,853. From whom?—Up in our house.

13,854. From whom?—From Jackson and Wollaston.

13,855. Then what do you mean by telling me a minute ago that he received 3*l.* and 13*l.* from Mrs. Willacy, and now telling me, as you told me at first, that he received 15*l.* from Jackson or Wollaston?—He received it at our house.

13,856. What do you mean by telling those two stories in one minute?—They are not stories that I know of

13,857. Inconsistent stories; and what made you put down in this list this morning that James Dodgson received 2*l.*, and tell us now that he received 15*l.*?—James Dodgson received the same as James Bond.

13,858. Why did you put him down in this list this morning 2*l.*?—Because I was mistaken in my memory.

13,859. What were you taking this list from?—I was taking it from memory.

13,860. Did you write it this morning?—Yes.

13,861. It is impossible for me to believe what you say, because your stories are inconsistent. Did you write this list this morning?—Yes.

13,862-3. Now, be careful. At what time did you write it?—About 7.

13,864. Did you write it from your memory?—Yes, and the other, and all.

13,865. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were the voters all paid at once?—Two or three went into the room at one time.

13,866. Did the voters receive all the money they received in one payment?—They received it when they came.

13,867. Did each voter receive from the stranger, I will call him, his money in one payment, or in two or three payments?—Dodgson had not got enough when he came out the first time, so he went back for the other.

13,868. How much did Dodgson get the first time?—He would get 2*l.* the first time, and then he got it up to 15*l.* before he would go to vote. He had 15*l.* altogether, had Dodgson.

14,869. Did you take him yourself twice to the stranger?—Yes.

13,870. (*Mr. Hill.*) There is another name that my eye drops upon particularly—John Hodgson. You gave him in in your list to us this morning as receiving 5*l.*, and now in this list before me you have got him down as receiving 4*l.* Why did you alter it?—He would have another sovereign, too.

13,871. From whom?—From Isaac Jackson.

13,872. Was that after he had voted?—It was after he had voted.

13,873. Did you take him in?—Yes, I did.

13,874. What made you put down in your list this morning that he received only 4*l.*, when you recollect so thoroughly that he received, first, 4*l.*, and then another pound afterwards?—Because he got 5*l.*

13,875. Is that the reason you wrote down that he got 4*l.*?—No, he got it twice you know.

13,876. You have not put down his getting it twice; you put it down as only 4*l.*, and now you say he had 5*l.*?—Yes, I do.

13,877. Then why do you put down 4*l.*?—Because it slipped my memory.

13,878. That is the best answer you can give about that?—Yes, it is.

13,879. You know that this list you made secondly is a complete list?—The list I handed to you is an exact list.

13,880. But this second list is a complete list of the names?—Yes, but they are not right in that list.

13,881. What makes you put on the increased figures. Now, tell us the truth?—I have told you truth.

13,882. Tell us the whole truth?—I have no more to tell you.

13,883. What made you alter the figures on this list?—Because they were wrong.

13,884. You know these figures very nearly correspond with what Mr. Wollaston gave us yesterday. Why did you alter them, and increase the figures?—They say they got it.

13,885. What made you alter it between 7 and 10 this morning? This second list is a complete list?—Yes, that is a list.

13,886. What made you alter the figures from what Mr. Wollaston gave us yesterday, and put them to the amounts you have given us this morning?—Because they got the money.

13,887. No, that is not the reason?—I know the reason for it.

13,888. What made you alter it; we shall get at the truth?—I will tell the truth, and I have told you the truth.

13,889. We have got you under the screw, and we can have you indicted. Tell us the truth. What made you alter it from the figures Mr. Wollaston gave us to the figures you choose to give us now?—Because they got the money.

13,890. What made you alter the list?—Because it had slipped my memory.

13,891. Who are these persons who refreshed your memory?—I refreshed it myself.

13,892. I will not have this.—I really did, indeed, refresh it myself.

13,893. Who came to you, and got you to alter these figures, and write out a fresh list?—I wrote it out myself.

13,894. Who came to you, and got you to write it out? Be careful; I will have the truth out of you.—I will tell you who was there. My father was the only one who was there.

13,895. Who else was with you?—Nobody.

13,896. Who is your father?—Thomas Hodgson, of the "Bear."

13,897. Did he correct your figures?—He was in the room as well as me.

13,898. Did he correct your figures?—Yes.

13,899. After you made this list?—Yes.

13,900. Did you know that the figures you had given us were the figures that Mr. Wollaston gave us yesterday?—Yes.

13,901. What made you alter them?—Because they were wrong.

13,902. What made you write them down in the first instance?—I was comparing what Mr. Wollaston had said in court.

13,903. Did you write this from recollection of what Mr. Wollaston had said? Do you really mean to say that?—I mean to say that my memory was that there. My father was in the room as well as me.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) We are quite convinced that your story is not true. It is impossible to believe you. You may stand down. We expect to have to deal with you in a very different way to the other witnesses.

G. Danson.

GEORGE DANSON sworn and examined.

13,904. (*Mr. Newton.*) I believe you canvassed at the last election?—I did.

13,905. What are you?—An auctioneer.

13,906. Where do you live?—On Castle Hill, Lancaster.

13,907. Had you taken an active part in elections before this last one?—Yes.

13,908. In 1864?—Yes.

13,909. What were you then?—In the same way. I led the canvass for Mr. Saunders.

13,910. Is that a post of honour, may I ask?—I do not know. I am paid for it.

13,911. When did you first commence to take any part in the election?—Do you mean this last?

13,912. Yes?—I should think a month before the election; about the 12th of June I commenced.

13,913. What steps did you take?—I prepared my own canvass-book.

13,914. What was your district?—I had all the districts, but I divided the town and country into the districts as they voted; and the street lists in the same way, according to the different districts where they voted.

13,915. Then each district was placed under a captain?—Yes.

13,916. And you were at the head?—I do not know that I was, but I had to do with them all.

13,917. Did you engage the public-houses?—No, none.

13,918. Who engaged the public-houses?—The captains in each district had their own public-houses; I had nothing to do with it.

13,919. Did they make returns to you?—No, none.

13,920. Be good enough to tell us what money you received for the purposes of the election?—Altogether?

13,921. First of all, give it to us in gross, and then give us the items?—I received from Mr. Coupland, in five different payments, 22*l.* I received 2*l.* at the first commencement.

13,922. When did you commence?—On the 22nd of June.

13,923. Tell us the gross sum you received altogether?—As far as I can make out, 688*l.*

13,924. Was that from different people?—From different people.

13,925. What did you receive from Mr. Coupland?—I received 22*l.* in all from him.

13,926. When was the last payment you had from him?—On the 30th.

13,927. Nothing after that?—Nothing.

13,928. What other sums did you receive?—I received from Mr. G. C. Clark, on the 1st of July, 23*l.*, and I received on the 10th of July, from Mr. Clark, 40*l.* I received from Mr. Cross 5*l.* some time during the week.

13,929. The captain?—Yes. It was 5*l.* in two payments; then, on the 8th of July, I received from Mr. Wilson Barker 185*l.*; on the 12th, from Mr. Barker, 80*l.*; and on the 12th, in the forenoon, I received from what I call the man in the moon (I do not know his name at all), 273*l.*

13,930. That would be Mr. Wollaston?—Mr. Wollaston, I suppose; I do not know him.

13,931. Now that you see him you know him, I suppose?—No, I do not. I received that in various sums.

13,932. Was it in China Lane?—No.

13,933. Where did you receive it?—At the "Royal Oak." I never was in Hodgson's house at all on the day of the election. Then there is the 50*l.* I received for my services, that came in the lot.

13,934. (*Mr. Hill.*) From whom did you receive that?—From Mr. Gibson through Mr. Barker, but it is Mr. Barker who gives the account of it; it was through Mr. Gibson from Mr. Barker. Mr. Barker did not pay me but Gibson, but that 50*l.* is in Mr. Barker's account against me.

13,935. Is that all?—That is all I know of.

13,936. Be good enough to tell me where all these monies were paid to you by Mr. Wollaston?—In the "Royal Oak."

13,937. When?—On the morning of the election, at different times.

13,938. Where was Mr. Wollaston?—In the room upstairs on the third storey.

13,939. Was anybody with him?—No, not when I was with him.

13,940. It is not because he says he knows you to be George Danson that you know him to have been the man?—No.

13,941. Then it might have been somebody else?—It might have been. I really do not know the gentleman.

13,942. When you say you do not know him you mean you do not recognize him?—No, I do not.

13,943. What time was it when you were at the "Royal Oak?"—I should think I was there by 9 o'clock in the morning, or between 8 and 9.

13,944. And you were there at various times?—At various times.

13,945. Did you go up to the room as you wanted the money?—Yes.

13,946. About what time was it when you last went up?—I should think it must have been noon, or somewhere on there.

13,947. You had no money from anybody else during the election except what you have told us?—No, I do not think I had.

13,948. And you will not swear that it was Mr. Wollaston who gave you this money?—No, I would not swear it.

13,949. Mr. Wollaston says he paid you 272*l.*?—It was either 272*l.* or 273*l.*

13,950. But the question is whether it was at the "Royal Oak?"—It was at the "Royal Oak."

13,951. Now tell us how you spent these 688*l.*; have you an account there?—Yes (*producing a book*).

13,952. Just let us look at that book?—This is the original (*handing two books to the Commissioners*); those are all men that I paid on the Saturday night.

13,953. What are these men?—They are principally freemen.

13,954. Were they staff-men?—They called themselves committee-men.

13,955. You paid them all for being on the committee?—Yes.

13,956. Are these names that I am going to ask you to read from your book the names of the people who were on the committee?—Yes, they called themselves committee-men; they are accustomed to do so.

13,957. And were the sums that are set against their names paid them for services rendered?—Yes.

13,958. Now read the names, if you please, and the sums?—Richard Tomlinson, 15*s.*; Thomas Tomlinson, 15*s.*; Benjamin Mason, 15*s.*; William Gardner, 15*s.*; Frank Gardner, 15*s.*; John Gardner, 15*s.*; John Gardner, 15*s.*; Richard Gardner, 15*s.*; Richard Barber, 15*s.*; James Woodburne, 15*s.*; George Nelson, 15*s.*; William Nelson, 15*s.*; Richard Caton, 15*s.*; William Gardner, 15*s.*; Edward Smith, 15*s.*; Robert Palmer, 15*s.*; John Huntingdon, 15*s.*; Timothy Lawrence, 15*s.*; John Masheder, 15*s.*; William Masheder, 15*s.*; Henry Smith, 15*s.*; John Parkinson, 15*s.*; William Gibson, 15*s.*; Charles Parkinson, 15*s.*; William Cubin, 15*s.*; Richard Kearton, 15*s.*; William Powell, 17*s.* 6*d.*; James Woodman, 15*s.*; John Hinde, 15*s.*; Christopher Pimm, 15*s.*; Henry Thornton, 15*s.*; Thomas Ralph, 15*s.*; Joseph Forrest, 15*s.*; Charles Fawcett, 15*s.*; William Dean, 1*l.*; Robert Pimm, 15*s.*; Reuben Pimm, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Thomas Wilson, 15*s.*; Robert Threlfall, 15*s.*; William Helme, 15*s.*; Joseph Sowerby, 1*l.*; Samuel Ganson, 15*s.*; J. J. Harrison, 15*s.*; John Edmondson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Spencer Barrow, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Edmund Bond, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Charles Bond, 15*s.*; John Ball, 15*s.* That was the first Saturday night, the 1st of July.

13,959. Amounting altogether to how much?—I think 39*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* Then on the 8th of July, Richard Tomlinson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Thomas Tomlinson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Benjamin Mason, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Gardner, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Frank Gardner, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Gardner, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Gardner, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Richard Gardner, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Richard Barber, 1*l.* 10*s.*; George Nelson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Gardner, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Edward Smith, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Robert Palmer, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Huntington, 1*l.* 10*s.*; T. Lawrence, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Masheder, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Masheder, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Parkinson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Gibson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Cubin, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Richard Kearton, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Powell, 1*l.* 10*s.*; James Woodman, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Hinde, 1*l.* 10*s.*; C. Pimm, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Henry Thornton, 1*l.* 10*s.*;

Thomas Ralph, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Joseph Forest, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Christopher Fawcett, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Dean, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Robert Pimm, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Reuben Pimm, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Thomas Wilson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Robert Threlfall, 10*s.*; Joseph Lowesby, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Samuel Ganson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Ball, 1*l.* 10*s.*; E. Bond, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Walker, 1*l.* 10*s.*; James Shrigley, 1*l.* 10*s.*; R. Wilson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; W. Jackson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Willock, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Robert Norman, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Thomas Crosfield, 1*l.* 10*s.*; J. B. Richmond, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Christopher Towers, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Nelson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Brewer, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Brewer, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Shaw, 1*l.*; William Burrow, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Wilcock, 1*l.* 10*s.*; W. Speight, 1*l.*; Holt, 1*l.* A man named Holt assisted in the committee room; he is no voter. The next is F. Ellwood, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Harrison, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Hodgson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; — Bingham, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Thomas Hogarth, 1*l.*; he is not a voter. Then there is William Sharples, 1*l.* 10*s.*; — Mounsey, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Bond, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Daniel Hardy, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Thomas Calvert, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Frank Miller, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Joseph Townson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Richard Briscoe, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Jackson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; — Simpson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; James Sharples, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Harrison, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Hodgson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Robert Hodgson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; W. Front, 1*l.* 10*s.*; George Ireland, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Satterthwaite, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Simpson, 10*s.*; — Briscoe, 1*l.* 10*s.*

13,960. What is his christian name?—I do not know; he is a gunsmith, I think. Then there is a man named Baxter, 10*s.*, who was in the committee room; he is no voter. — Townson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; — Turner, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Woodburne, 10*s.*; Richard Harrison, 2*l.*; — Mallinson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; George Croskell, 1*l.*; J. Hodgson, 5*s.*; — Bailey, 2*s.*; John Ralph, 2*l.*; Charles Bond, 1*l.*; then there is Robert Hogarth, 1*l.*, he is not a voter; William Singleton, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Benjamin Singleton, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Singleton, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Singleton, 1*l.* 10*s.*; E. Harrison, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Jacob Simpson, 1*l.*, he has no vote; Henry Simpson, 1*l.*, he has no vote; John Miller, 1*l.* 10*s.*; James Harrison, 1*l.*; Thomas Harrison, 1*l.* 10*s.*; James Hartley, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Isaac Robinson, 10*s.*, no vote; William Parker, 1*l.*; John Harrison, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Richard Jemmison, 1*l.*; Thomas Gregson, 1*l.*; William Ireland, 1*l.*; Bartholomew Sharples, 1*l.*; — Sumner, 1*l.* 10*s.*; J. Taylor, 1*l.*; William Harrison, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Thomas Taylor, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Robert Ralph, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Robert Woodhouse, 1*l.*; Benjamin Sandham, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John King, 3*l.*, he is no voter; William Harrison, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Henry Hartley, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Simpson, 1*l.*; James Richardson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Metcalfe, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Dobson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; — Willoch, 1*l.* 10*s*; Thomas Marshall, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Richardson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Robert Parker, 1*l.*; William Woodhouse, 1*l.*; Thomas Woodhouse, 1*l.*; William Rennison, 1*l.*; Thomas Rennison, 1*l.*; Richard Lamb, 1*l.*; E. Williams, 1*l.*; William Eudgeon, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Christopher Eudgeon, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Helme, 1*l.* 10*s.*; John Lamb, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Edward Marshall, 1*l.* 10*s.*; James Pennington, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Redhead, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Henry Smith, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Lamb, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Richard Willacy, 1*l.* 10*s.*; George Wilson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Thomas Winder, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Robert Atkinson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; James Wearing, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Robert Wilson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; M. Pattinson, 1*l.* 10*s.*, he has no vote; James Redhead, 1*l.* 10*s.*; James Walker, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Thomas Roberts, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Thomas Middleton, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Thomas Knowles, 1*l.* 10*s.*; James Jackson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; William Atkinson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; Richard Earth, 1*l.* 10*s.*; R. Watkinson, 1*l.* 10*s.*; that amounts, I think, altogether to 219*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

13,961. (*Mr. Hill.*) Can you tell me the number of persons?—160 on the second list and 48 on the first.

13,962. (*Mr. Newton.*) When did you make the second payment?—On the 8th of July.

13,963. And you paid then how much?—On the 8th, 219*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

13,964. That is not included in the 39*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*?—No.

13,965. Has it been the practice for all these freemen to be put on the committee?—Yes.

13,966. And they always expect to be paid?—Always; I paid them before in the same way.

13,967. Do the 160 include the 48?—Yes.

13,968. You only paid 160 men altogether; they are all included in the 160?—Yes.

13,969. There were only 160 persons?—That is all.

13,970. Then these 160 persons considered it a right to be on the committee?—It has been the practice to do so.

13,971. (*Mr. Hill.*) A committee of the whole house?—Yes.

13,972. (*Mr. Newton.*) Had that been the practice in 1864?—Yes; not to this extent, perhaps.

13,973. Was it done so on the other side?—I should think so; I should think that some of those men got paid twice; I should fancy they got paid on the other side, some of them, at least I imagine so; I daresay they will tell you so, some of them.

13,974. This is the first time we have heard of a committee on the other side?—I have not heard of one.

13,975. Are you sure that there was one?—I imagine so; I fancy some of them will say so.

13,976. Do you know it?—I do not know it of my own knowledge.

13,977. Did you know it at the election, or is it what you have heard since?—It is what I have heard since; it is by report, that is all.

13,978. You say you imagine it, but have you any doubt about it?—I do not know it of my own knowledge.

13,979. Have you any doubt about it?—A party told me that one of those men was paid at the "Queens" the same night that I paid him.

13,980. Who was that?—They call him James Shrigley.

13,981*a*. He is on this list?—Yes.

13,981*b*. You think Shrigley was on both committees?—I believe so.

13,981*c*. (*Mr. Hill.*) There are two Shrigleys, and they both voted for Lawrence?—Yes, but I fancy they got paid by the other side; I think so.

13,981*d*. Did you ever take the trouble to look at these 160 names to see how they voted?—No; they are very slippery, some of them, the principal of them I should think.

13,981*e*. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you able to say whether they were actuated by any political views, or was it for the sake of money?—They do it for the sake of money, there is no doubt of that. As soon as an election is spoken of they drop work, they have to be kept. I should think 50 or 60 of those do.

13,982. In that category do you include the householders you have given us?—No, I do not include those householders, they were men who were assisting; there are only a very few of them.

13,983. They have no political principles?—No, I should think not; money is their principle, I should think.

13,984. If you had not paid these men 1*l.* 10*s.*, what would have been the consequence?—We should have lost half of them, I should think above half.

13,985. They would have gone to the other side?—They would have left us.

13,986*a*. You say half of them would have gone to the other side?—I should think above half.

13,986*b*. Would they have voted on the other side?—No doubt, if they had paid them.

13,986*c*. Would they have taken the trouble to vote on the other side if they had not been paid?—They would not for nothing.

13,986*d*. In your opinion, then, all these freemen are to be bought?—Well, it looks very like it.

13,987. You call it a committee. Where is there a room big enough to hold them?—The street; they very seldom attended otherwise.

13,988. Were you in a committee room?—I was there generally.

13,988*a*. Where was that?—In the "Royal Oak."

13,988*b*. How many times did you assemble in the week?—I should think I was there every day backwards and forwards, except when I was out canvassing.

13,988*c*. I suppose these 150 men were employed in trade?—Yes.

13,989. Did they ever take the trouble to go to the committee room of an evening?—No, they went into the districts when there were meetings at night. I should think a portion of those men out of each district attended the meetings in the districts at night.

13,990. They would go there?—No doubt they would.

13,991. What for?—For drink; that was the principle they went there for, just to keep them together.

13,992. They would go to these district committee rooms?—Yes.

13,993. And they were treated there?—Yes.

13,994. Was there any discussion at that time as to what was to be done in order to canvass and secure votes?—Not as far as I am concerned. I do not know of any; the committees were formed before the election to work up what we could not see or would not promise, and this man assisted in making them up; they caught them at night; when we could not catch them in the day, they had them at night; that was what those district committees at night were for.

13,995. Was any inducement held out to this man to do that?—There was their pay on Saturday night; they got on to my list. I put them on as I met them, anywhere.

13,996. What was the inducement that made these men look after voters who you say were shifty and so on?—The great inducement, I should think, was the beer at night and the prospect of their money on Saturday.

13,997. I suppose these men were very sorry when the election was over?—I should think so.

13,998. It lasted only three weeks?—It was about a month, I should think.

13,999. You began on the 1st of July, I see?—That was the first payment. If you look at that book you will see it is dated the 28th of June, when we opened our central committee room; if you look at the larger book, in the first page you will see when it was opened; that book laid on the committee room table, and I paid to that book the first Saturday night, three days, 15*s*.

14,000. Then they used to come cropping up, I suppose?—Yes.

14,001. Anxious to be put on the committee?—Yes.

14,002. I cannot understand why you did not get more?—I got all I could; no doubt the other side had them, and they were paid in some shape; whether through Mr. Tilly or not I do not know.

14,003. There are 900 freemen, and you only got about 160?—About 150, without the householders.

14,004. I am only supposing you did not get more?—I got what I could.

14,005. If there was a committee on the other side they were paid at a higher rate than that?—I do not know what they were paid. I think we should be on the same scale; 5*s*. a day was what we paid.

14,006. What was the general rank in life of all these 160 men?—They are all working men.

14,007. Men earning their weekly wages?—Yes.

14,008. Were the householders persons who were earning wages, too?—I should think they were assisting in the districts where they were living. Those two householders that are on there were assisting in the district where they were living, no doubt at nights and days as well.

14,009. And you say that according to your belief (and you must have extensive means of judging) they did not care twopence about politics?—I should fancy not, not a farthing.

14,010. Now we must go to how you paid the remainder of the money. Did you individually bribe any men yourself?—No, I did not. I paid Henry Waterhouse 3*l*. for keeping the district list for No. 5 district. He was poorly at the time, and he was badly off, and it was a little employment for him.

14,011. What is he?—He is a cabinet-maker. Then I was at Overton four times, and Heaton and other places during the time; for that I have 14*l*. for the four journeys.

14,012. What do you charge a journey?—It is expenses out of pocket.

14,013. Drink and refreshments?—Yes.

14,014. To voters?—Yes, and others. Then I had two journeys to Morecambe; I went to Morecambe twice; 6*l*. for that lot; then I gave John Dobson 2*l*. There were a lot of voters about him who wanted something to drink, I suppose; and I was at Galgate one night, when Mr. Lawrence made a speech; 3*l*. for that.

14,015. For refreshments?—Yes.

14,016. To voters?—Voters and others; there were plenty of them.

14,017. Who is Dobson?—A freeman.

14,018. What did you give it him for?—To treat some voters that he had with him. I gave that to him in the streets, then I gave John Bond, of Morecambe, 2*l*.

14,019. What for?—He has a lot of sons, and he was poorly, and I gave it him to treat them with and himself. He had several sons. Then William H. Winder, 2*l*.

14,020. What was that for?—He had been took up by his employers for embezzlement, and he was let out that day, and he was disgraced, and I gave him 2*l*. at night; I thought I could get his vote with it; he was out on bail.

14,021. Do you remember a voter who was in gaol and they wanted to get him out?—I do not know him.

14,022. It was not Winder, was it?—No.

14,023. (*Mr. Newton, to Mr. Shackleton.*) What was the name of the voter who was in gaol?—(*Mr. Shackleton*) John Bell.

14,024. (*Mr. Newton, to the witness.*) Now the next?—Then John Capstick, 1*l*.

14,025. What was that for?—To go to a public-house one night with a few of them.

14,026. To drink?—Yes; there is 33*l*. in that lot.

14,027. That would not be all?—No, I have the day of the election.

14,028. When were these journeys to Morecambe, and so on; were they all before the election?—Before the election.

14,029. What was the next item?—On the morning of the election, 12th July: 392, Thomas Hartley, Brook Street, mason, 10*l*.; No. 542, John Leatherbarrow, Spring Court, mason, 10*l*.; No. 590, Thomas Middleton, 10*l*., of Skerton, mason; No. 194, Thomas Crossfield, Halton, 10*l*.; No. 228, Samuel Mashiter Dodgson, 10*l*.; No. 230, Gibson Dodgson, 10*l*.; No. 312, John Garth, 10*l*., he is of Bulk, labourer; No. 163, Anthony Christopherson, Penny Street, 10*l*.; No. 164, John Christopherson, 10*l*.; No. 579, Benjamin Mason, 10*l*.; No. 502, Richard Kearton, 10*l*.; No. 288, John Gardner, 10*l*.; No. 287, John Gardner, 10*l*., one is a plasterer and the other is a spinner; No. 293, Frank Gardner, 10*l*.

14,030. What is he?—He is a plasterer; No. 292, William Gardner, 10*l*.; No. 300, Richard Gardner, 10*l*. The next is 9*l*. 10*s*. to John King for a man they call Nathaniel Richmond.

14,031. How much?—9*l*. 10*s*.

14,032. What is John King?—He is a young man at Slyne; he worked the Halton district, or assisted at any rate.

14,033. Was King going to get a commission out of this 9*l*. 10*s*.?—Not that I know of.

14,034. He was not going to sweat it?—No. The next is No. 384, John Harrison, 10*l*.; this man is from Middleton; No. 851, William Thralfall, 5*l*., of Carnforth, I think; No. 201, William Cubin, 5*l*.; No. 567, William Masheder, Queen Square, farmer. I think you have him before.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

G. Danson.

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14,035. How much?—8*l.*; then I had a man brought to me by Thomas Procter, of China Lane, Edmondson; I don't know the man, he was brought to me and I gave him 12*l.*

14,036. Did Procter get a commission?—No, I should think not. No. 366, John Harrison, 12*l.*

14,037. That is another Harrison?—Yes.

14,038. What Harrison is that?—He lives at the "Pointer," he is a smith. No. 760, William Sherson, Pothouses, labourer, 12*l.*; No. 117, John Hartley Bond, Monmouth Street, labourer, 12*l.*; No 750, William Shaw, George Street, joiner, 12*l.*; 486, William Jackson, Bulk Street, carter, 12*l.*; 677, John Punch, Monmouth Street, labourer, 12*l.*; these six men came together to me, and I got 72*l.* for them.

14,039. (*Mr. Hill.*) I have got seven?—Yes, but one was not in that lot; I think they came from the other side because they could not get what they wanted. They asked 15*l.* a-piece, and I bargained with them for 12*l.*

14,040. (*Mr. Newton.*) They never voted "Blue" before.

14,041. What time was this?—On towards noon I should think; I cannot recollect exactly, it was a long morning was that. No. 664, John Simpson, 6*l.*, Market Street, shoemaker; 1,380, a householder, John Wilkinson, 10*l.* He was very poorly at the time, and had been for some 12 months, or he would not have asked for anything he said.

14,042. What sort of a house did he live in?—He is a very respectable man. No. 180, Thomas Cottam, Overton, 10*l.*

14,043. Have you any more?—I do not know that I have any more.

14,044. (*Mr. Hill.*) What do you make it to be?—I make out a deficiency of about 31*l.*

14,045. What do those bribes come to?—307*l.* 10*s.*

14,046. You received 688*l.* and paid away 659*l.*?—I should think so.

14,047. What became of the balance?—Look at the company I had to keep for three weeks, all those men, they wanted refreshing every morning.

14,048. You have only told me, as near as you can, what money you actually gave away?—Yes, that is all.

14,049. There is about 40*l.* balance?—Very well; I expected a deal more, because I was at great expense with them.

14,050. There were 31 names?—Yes.

14,051. You paid away 307*l.* 10*s.*; for bribes, 259*l.*, for the committee 33*l.* and 50*l.*?—Yes.

14,052. Leaving a balance of over 40*l.*?—Yes.

14,053. That, you say, all went in incidental expenses?—Yes, and more I should think.

14,054. From where did you make out these accounts?—The men I paid I made from those books; those were the books used at the time.

14,055. When did you make out this list of voters?—I have been three weeks, perhaps, about at it. There was a man came and told me on Monday that I had paid two men 10*l.* a-piece; that I knew nothing about, that I had no memoranda of.

14,056. You have been making this list three weeks?—For the men that I paid I had to go and see the principal of them themselves. I was not aware that I had paid some of them anything.

14,057. Could there be any more than those you have given us?—Yes, there may be, but I do not know.

14,058. You had no memoranda at the time by you?—Only this small piece of paper here that I made some memoranda upon, but I can make nothing much of it; it led me to go to some of the parties to get the information from them that I wanted.

14,059. You have never told us where all this paying took place?—The first three men that I paid I paid at the "Bay Horse."

14,060. On what day?—On the morning of the election.

14,061. At what time?—I should think it would be before there was any polling at all.

14,062. Where had you slept that night?—I was at home about two hours, that is all.

14,063. And then you went out?—Yes.

14,064. You went to the "Bay Horse?"—Yes, I went to the "Bay Horse" with those men, and paid them there.

14,065. Had you got the money in your pocket?—Yes, I got 80*l.* from Mr. Wilson Barker that morning; then I went to the general committee room; I was ordered to go there.

14,066. Who by?—By Mr. Wilson.

14,067. Which committee room?—The general committee room at the "Royal Oak."

14,068. What did you get there?—I was there at anybody's call, I suppose.

14,069. Did you get some money there?—Yes.

14,070. Who from?—I got the remainder from the gentleman upstairs.

14,071. Who was the gentleman?—I suppose it would be Mr. Wollaston, but I do not know.

14,072. You saw him there and got this money from him?—Yes, I got it from him and the people came to me.

14,073. Where did you remain?—I was all up and down the house.

14,074. You say you paid these three men at the "Bay Horse," where did you pay Crosfield?—At the "Royal Oak."

14,075. You paid most of them there?—I paid all the rest of them there.

14,076. In one room?—Not particularly in one room, it depended upon what room they went into; the parties fetched me to them. The first lot I paid were four from Halton and Bulk; a man of the name of Briggs fetched me to them.

14,077. Who is Briggs?—Gibson Briggs, he keeps a shop in Church Street; he brought Crosfield, two Dodgsons, and Garth to me; he fetched me to them and I paid them.

14,078. Who arranged the price?—I paid them 10*l.* a-piece, that was about the general price. There were not many words about it.

14,079. Where did you pay them?—In the room on the left hand going in, I believe.

14,080. You paid all of them in that room?—No, I do not suppose I paid them all there. I fancy I paid one or two of them in the yard, which of them I do not know, but I think it was Mashiter I paid in the yard.

14,081. You paid any voters you saw who wanted money?—Yes, of course I did.

14,082. And you could get as much money as you wanted?—There was 272*l.* booked against me, and I suppose I got it. The next men who came to me were brought by a man of the name of Kealey, the two Christophersons.

14,083. Who is Kealey?—A gentleman's servant. I did not know that I paid those two Christophersons till Monday.

14,084. You have found out their names since?—The man who brought them to me told me that I gave them 10*l.* a-piece.

14,085. In fact hardly any freemen would have voted that day without being paid?—I think not, they were very scarce.

14,086. In your opinion, were all the freemen paid?—Not all of them; 500 or 600 of them would be paid, I should think, take them all through.

14,087. I do not mean by your side?—No; by both. I should think 500 or 600 would be paid.

14,088. Did you see Mr. Lawrence that day?—After the election I saw him for two or three minutes.

14,089. You did not see him during the day?—No.

14,090. Not at the "Royal Oak?"—No.

14,091. When it was all over, did he discuss the matters of the election with you?—There were a lot of gentlemen present; I just saw him, but I did not speak to him.

14,092. Did you hear any conversation going on?—He made a little speech after the election was over.

14,093. There was no private conversation?—No, no private conversation at all.

14,094. Are we to understand that there was no secresy about paying this money away at the "Royal Oak?"—No, it was as open as day.

14,095. With the exception of 50*l.*, you got nothing for your services that you know of?—No.

14,096. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you render any account of the money you had after the election?—They never asked for one.

14,097. You did not render one?—No.

14,098. I ask you that question because the other gentlemen who have been before us seem to have returned a very accurate account?—I was never asked for one.

14,099. Can you give any reason why you were never asked for one?—No; I thought it would be like all other elections; it would settle down.

14,100. You did not settle; you do not know why that exception was made in your instance?—No, I do not.

14,101. (*Mr. Hill.*) These 18 who received 10*l.* each, were they together in any club? Had they one spokesman for them, or did you arrange with each separately?—I think the Gardeners, Mason, and Kearton, pretty nearly all came together. They are generally plasterers, and such like, and I fancy they came all together, or as soon after one another as they could.

14,102. They were all in a band together, were they?—Yes, I think so.

14,103. They were all bent on going for the same price?—There is no doubt about it.

14,104. We will take the next six above them, Middleton, Crosfield, two Dodgsons, John Garth, and the two Christophersons?—They came from Halton. I paid Crosfield, the two Dodgsons, and Garth all together.

14,105. They were all in a band together?—Yes.

14,106. The first three you paid in China Lane?—Yes; I thought there were four of them, but I cannot find the other out.

14,107. Thomas Middleton looked out for himself, or was he with Hartley and Leatherbarrow?—He was with Hartley and Leatherbarrow. Those three were masons together.

14,108. How came you to get William Threlfall for 5*l.*?—King brought him to me; King, of Slyne; he is a porter on the railway.

14,109. He bargained with him for the lowest figure?—For anything I know.

14,110. Then Cubin, 5*l.*?—He is a man I have had many years for election matters; he told me he only got 5*l.* from me, and I believed him; I did not know that I had paid him anything till I asked him.

14,111. Did he get anything else from anybody else?—I should think not.

14,112. How came he to go for 5*l.* instead of 10*l.*?—I do not know; it is his own look out.

14,113. What is he?—A whitesmith.

14,114. Then John Simpson; how came he to go for 6*l.* only?—I only gave him a sovereign on the Saturday night; he was very stiff about the other money, and when I saw him afterwards, I said, "Have you voted?" and he said, "No." I said, "What will satisfy you?" and I said, "Will 6*l.* do for the deficiency on Saturday and your vote?" and he said, "Yes."

14,115. How much did he get for his vote altogether?—He had 1*l.* on Saturday night, and should have had 30*s.*

14,116. Did you give him 1*l.* plus 6*l.*, or 1*l.* plus 5*l.*?—1*l.* plus 5*l.*

14,117. 6*l.* altogether?—Yes.

14,118. If you recollect any others that you have paid, to make up the balance, you can come here again?—Yes, I will.

14,119. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were George Vince and R. Lawson with you in the Cable Lane district?—I was not in that district particularly; I was anywhere.

14,120. Were they in that district?—Mr. Lawson, I think, was mostly in Galgate and Ellel.

14,121. Were the voters paid by Mr. Lawson?—No, I think not. The Galgate and Ellel voters would be paid by Mr. Clark, I think.

14,122. Where was Vince?—I fancy he was at Morecambe, but I saw very little of him.

RICHARD EAVES sworn and examined.

R. Eaves.

14,123. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—I am a clerk in H. T. Wilson's office.

14,124. What is your residence?—Green Lane, West Derby, Liverpool.

14,125. How long have you been in Mr. Wilson's employ?—About 13 years.

14,126. When were you first spoken to on the subject of this last election?—The day before the nomination day.

14,127. July 10th?—Yes, about the 10th.

14,128. Who spoke to you?—Mr. W. E. Chambers, the cashier.

14,129. What instructions did he give to you?—Only that I would have to come to Lancaster the next day.

14,130. Were you to bring anything with you?—I did bring something with me.

14,131. When did he bring you instructions as to bringing anything with you?—On the morning of the nomination.

14,132. What took place between you and Mr. Wilson on July 10th?—I just spoke to him, that is all.

14,133. What did he give you?—Mr. Wilson did not give me anything, it was Mr. Chambers.

14,134. What took place between you and Mr. Chambers on July the 11th?—He gave me a bag.

14,135. At the office?—Yes.

14,136. Mr. Wilson's office?—Yes, in Water Street.

14,137. What bag was it?—It was said to contain money.

14,138. It was a bag of money?—I did not see the money.

14,139. There was no doubt about its being money. There is no concealment about these things now, it is not as if we were only just acquainted with them?—I did not see the money.

14,140. It was a bag of money?—Yes.

14,141. What sort of bag was it?—A small canvas bag.

14,142. You came over to Lancaster with that?—Yes.

14,143. Early in the day—in the forenoon?—I came by the 12 o'clock train from Liverpool.

14,144. Who came with you?—Mr. Wollaston, Mr. Bakewell, Mr. Scanlan, Mr. Nelson, and Peter Morgan.

14,145. Where did you go to on your arrival here?—To the "King's Arms."

14,146. Whom did you see at the "King's Arms?"—I saw Mr. Wollaston.

14,147. You came with him; he went there with you; whom did you meet there?—No one I knew.

14,148. Was Mr. Wilson there?—No.

14,149. Did you speak to anybody on the subject of the election?—No.

14,150. Did you receive any directions there?—Yes, I did, to go to Conder Green.

14,151. Where were you to go to at Conder Green?—A public-house there.

14,152. What was the name of the public-house?—I do not remember.

14,153. Had you ever been in Lancaster before?—Never before.

14,154. Who told you where to go to at Conder Green?—I do not know who it was. Some one came to me and inquired for me at the "King's Arms."

14,155. Is it any person you have seen in court?—No, I have not seen anyone, and I have looked round.

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14,156. Was it anyone you have been in conversation with since?—No, I have never seen him since.

14,157. What time did you go to the public-house?—About 5 or 6 o'clock, I think.

14,158. In the afternoon of that day?—Yes.

14,159. Did you take the money with you?—I gave the bag to Mr. Wollaston.

14,160. At the "King's Arms?"—Yes.

14,161. Whom did you see when you got down to the public-house?—A man of the name of Robert Holmes.

14,162. Who is he?—He appeared to be a captain of the district.

14,163. What did you arrange with him?—I was told to go and see him.

14,164. Did you receive any directions from him?—No, I told him I had come down there.

14,165. By the directions of the people at the "King's Arms?"—Yes, to inquire for him.

14,166. Then you had received directions at the "King's Arms" to go there?—Yes.

14,167. What did you arrange with him, or what did he arrange with you?—I stayed there.

14,168. Did he arrange that you should stay, or what was the arrangement made between you?—I told him I had come down there.

14,169. That he did not want telling, because he saw you. What did you tell him which he did not know?—I told him I had brought down some money.

14,170. Why did you not say that at first? What money did you tell him you had brought?—35*l.*

14,171. From whom did you receive that 35*l.*?—Mr. Wilson Barker.

14,172. When?—Just before I started for Conder Green.

14,173. At the "King's Arms?"—No, at his own place.

14,174. You said when you went to the "King's Arms you went from there to Conder Green?—No; I went to Wilson Barker on my way down.

14,175. Who told you to go there?—This gentleman I saw at the "King's Arms."

14,176. Not Wollaston?—No.

14,177. Then you did receive instructions at the "King's Arms" to go to Mr. Wilson Barker?—Yes.

14,178. You said you had received no instructions at the "King's Arms." Do attend to what I am saying, and do not contradict yourself so often. You were told by somebody at the "King's Arms" to go down to Wilson Barker's?—Yes.

14,179. And you went there?—Yes.

14,180. And received from Mr. Wilson Barker, what?—35*l.*

14,181. And you delivered that up to Holmes at Conder Green?—No, I kept the money.

14,182. Did you receive any other money at that time?—No, none.

14,183. What did you do there at Conder Green?—I stayed there.

14,184. All night?—Yes, all night.

14,185. You slept there?—I slept at a house near, not at the public-house.

14,186. What took place the next day?—The men were brought to me.

14,187. Were you in a room upstairs?—Yes, I was in a room upstairs.

14,188. You went from the place where you slept to Conder Green public-house?—Yes.

14,189. Do not let me have to suggest everything to you. You went up into a room upstairs?—Yes.

14,190. Who else was there?—Robert Holmes.

14,191. Was there anybody else there besides Robert Holmes?—The men were brought in one by one.

14,192. Was anybody else in the room with you, before the men were brought to you, besides Robert Holmes?—No.

14,193. By whom were they introduced?—Robert Holmes.

14,194. Who were they?—James Threlfall.

14,195. You were sitting in the room there?—Yes.

14,196. With your money?—Yes.

14,197. Who brought in James Threlfall?—Robert Holmes. They came in one after the other.

14,198. Tell me how it took place with regard to the first, and then we shall know it with regard to all the others. Tell me how the matter was managed with regard to James Threlfall?—Robert Holmes stood there all the time, and these men followed in one after another.

14,199. What did Robert Holmes say?—He said, "Pay him 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*"

14,200. "You pay this man 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*?"—Yes.

14,201. From what are you reading?—From a memorandum I made of the man's name and the sum paid.

14,202. You wrote his name down at the time?—Yes.

14,203. Is that the original memorandum?—No, it is a copy made from the original.

14,204. Where is the original?—It is destroyed.

14,205. When did you destroy it?—On Monday last.

14,206. Why did you destroy the original? Why did you make a copy of it?—The original had got soiled.

14,207. Was it so soiled that it was unfit to produce here?—I did not expect it would be anything of importance.

14,208. (*Mr. Newton.*) You, a clerk in a merchant's office, not knowing that an original document is of importance?—It was merely a memorandum of my own.

14,209. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are not quite so accurate as you might be to lead us to place implicit confidence in your evidence. What else was written on that memorandum besides what you copied?—Nothing.

14,210. Was it written in pencil or in ink?—In ink This is a correct copy.

14,211. You must know it was a very improper thing to destroy the original?—I was not aware of it, or I should not have done it.

14,212. Especially to destroy it last Monday when you knew this Commission was sitting. Who is the next?—Joseph Threlfall, 3*l.* 3*s.*; Thomas Threlfall, 3*l.* 3*s.*; William Whiteside, 3*l.* 3*s.*; James Gardner, 3*l.* 3*s.*; James Gardner, junior, 3*l.* 3*s.*; Thomas Mason, 3*l.* 3*s.*; and I paid for a vote at the "Royal Oak" 4*l.* 10*s.*

14,213. To whom did you pay that?—I do not know who it was. He was in the committee room.

14,214. How came you to pay it at the "Royal Oak?"—One of the gentlemen came to me.

14,215. Who was that gentleman?—I do not know. I never saw him before.

14,216. Who was present?—There were several men present.

14,217. Who were they?—I do not know.

14,218. Was Mr. Wollaston present?—No.

14,219. Was Danson present?—I do not know him.

14,220. Was Coupland present?—I do not know him.

14,221. Was Storey present?—I do not know him. I do not know anyone scarcely.

14,222. Was Jackson present?—No. They were strangers to me.

14,223. Do you not know to whom you gave the money?—It was for a person of the name of Tarlton or Townley.

14,224. Was it after this man had voted or before?—I think it was before.

14,225. It was a split vote then?—I do not know how he voted. I never inquired.

14,226. Was this person who introduced you some person who was there in the committee room?—Yes, he did not introduce me. He got the money from me for this man.

14,227. Did you give it to the voter?—No.

14,228. Was Townley present?—No, I think not.

14,229. He mentioned the name to you?—Yes.

14,230. You did not ask anybody whether he was a man to whom you ought to pay it?—No, I thought he was right.

14,231. Did you write it down on the paper?—Yes; I wrote it down on a piece of paper, of which this is a copy.

14,232. Did you not write his name down?—No.

14,233. How do you recollect his name was Tarlton or Townley?—I knew it was either the one or the other. I remembered it.

14,234. Is there anyone else?—No, no one else.

14,235. That makes 27*l.* What did you do with the other 8*l.*?—Robert Holmes I gave 6*l.* to.

14,236. Was that for his vote?—I suppose so. I did not ask any questions.

14,237. Did you hear Holmes bargaining at all with these voters?—No.

14,238. Was Holmes present when you gave the money for the voter at the "Royal Oak?"—No, he was not there. I did not see anything of him after the men had voted.

14,239. You know nothing more about it than you have told us?—No, nothing more.

14,240. Did you receive any other monies?—No, not a fraction.

14,241. How long did you remain in Lancaster?—I came away about 6 or 7 o'clock that night, directly after the election was over.

14,242. Where were you after you had finished paying?—I went to the "King's Arms," and there I got my tea, and from there I went to the station.

14,243. At what time did you finish your paying?—It would be about half-past 8 o'clock in the morning when I finished at Conder Green.

14,244. You did all this in about half an hour?—Yes, it was soon done. They were all there waiting.

14,245. It was very early in the day?—Yes.

14,246. And they only got these small sums?—That is all they got.

Adjourned for a short time.

SYDNEY BAKEWELL sworn and examined.

S. Bakewell.

14,247. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you come from?—From Liverpool.

14,248. What is your employment?—I am in the office of Wilson and Cunningham, of Liverpool, as a shore purser.

14,249. I suppose you came to the Lancaster election in July 1865?—Yes.

14,250. When were you first spoken to about coming here?—On the morning of the nomination.

14,251. July 11th?—July 11th.

14,252. By whom?—By the cashier; he was the first.

14,253. Mr. W. E. Chambers?—Yes.

14,254. I think we have heard that you came with these other gentlemen?—Yes.

14,255. How many of you came together?—Four or five. I am not quite certain.

14,256. That is just what we want to know; we want to know whether there were four besides yourself, or five?—Four.

14,257. (*Mr. Hill.*) Four besides yourself?—I think so.

14,258. Are you sure?—Yes.

14,259. Quite sure?—Quite sure.

14,260. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Five in all?—Five in all.

14,261. Did you bring anything with you from Liverpool?—I did; a brown paper parcel.

14,262. Containing what?—I do not know.

14,263. Come, did it contain stockings?—No, it was rather too heavy for that.

14,264. Shirts?—No, it was a heavy parcel.

14,265. Was it money?—I could not tell; it was wrapped up too carefully.

14,266. How was it wrapped up?—It was wrapped up in brown paper. I do not know what was inside.

14,267. Could you not feel through the paper what was inside?—No, I could not.

14,268. What was the bulk of it?—It was about nine inches square.

14,269. We know perfectly well what it was, but we want you to say?—I really did not know at that time. I know now; that is, I have reason to suppose it was money.

12,270. In short it was rouleaux of gold, was it not?—I suppose it must have been from what I have heard since.

12,271. Do not give us the trouble to hammer at every question; you know quite well what we want, therefore just answer at once; who gave you that paper?—Mr. W. E. Chambers.

14,272. Where?—In the office, at Wilson's office; Wilson and Chambers, then.

14,273. Where did you go to first when you came to Lancaster?—To the "King's Arms."

14,274. Did you go there with these other gentlemen?—No.

14,275. You went by yourself?—By myself.

14,276. Where did you carry your parcel to?—To the "King's Arms."

14,277. How did you carry it?—In my hand.

14,278. Did you see anyone whom you knew, except these gentlemen who came with you from Liverpool?—No, not when I first went.

14,279. I am asking when you first went?—Not when I first went.

14,280. I suppose you did not stay long at the "King's Arms?"—No.

14,281. Where did you go to from there?—I was walking about for some time.

14,282. Carrying your parcel?—No.

14,283. What did you do with your parcel?—I inquired for Mr. Wilson; he was engaged, and I did not see him then.

14,284. That is no answer to my question. What did you do with your parcel?—I eventually gave it to one of the officials at the "King's Arms," and told him to give it to Mr. Wilson or Mr. Barker.

14,285. Was there any address upon this parcel?—No.

14,286. By an official, you mean the boots?—Yes.

14,287. And then you walked about the town?—Yes.

14,288. Did you ever get that parcel again?—No.

14,289. After you had walked about the town did you return to the "King's Arms?"—Yes.

14,290. What did you do then?—I waited some time till I saw Mr. Wilson.

14,291. What did you say to him when you saw him?—I did not say anything to him.

14,292. He said something to you?—Yes.

14,293. What did he say to you?—He asked me what I was doing.

14,294. Did you say anything to him upon that?—I said nothing.

14,295. And that was the end of the conversation, was it?—He said "Oh, then, you had better go to the "committee room;" that was in the square where the committee room was held, the "Royal Oak" I think it was.

14,296. Did you go to the committee room at the "Royal Oak?"—Yes.

14,297. What befel you there?—I went into the committee room, and mentioned to a gentleman that was there (a tall gentleman), that I was at his service.

14,298. What did the tall gentleman tell you?—He said, "I have plenty of work for you."

14,299. Do you know who the tall gentleman was?—I do not.

14,300. You do not now know?—No.

14,301. Was he a very tall gentleman?—I suppose he might be about 5 feet 8, as near as I can guess.

14,302. That is not very tall for Lancaster. I do not know what it would be at Liverpool. You said you were at his service?—Yes.

14,303. What service did you perform for him?—He pointed out to me one of the captains of the district and said, "If you will go with him you can assist him."

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S. Bakewell.

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14,304. A captain of what district?—The Skerton district.

14,305. It all comes to this, that at the committee room you saw the captain of the Skerton district?—Yes.

14,306. After all these questions and answers we come at last to that; may we add that you went with him to Skerton?—Yes.

14,307. I presume you did not go empty-handed?—Yes, that time.

14,308. That time you took nothing?—Nothing at all, except what I had of my own.

14,309. Do you know what was the name of the captain?—No, I do not.

14,310. When you went to Skerton what did you do?—We went visiting at different houses.

14,311. You left your card upon the voters, did you?—No, we merely went collecting them and mustering them together to one house, with that intention.

14,312. I suppose you finished mustering them at some time or other?—Yes.

14,313. At what time was that?—About 1 o'clock, or after 1.

14,314. That would be 1 on the morning of the 12th; we have got to that time now?—Yes.

14,315. When you had finished mustering them what did you do?—We mustered them at this public-house, gave them plenty to eat and drink, and left them there safe for the morning; it was late on in the morning.

14,316. In how many public-houses did you muster them?—Only in the one that I was at.

14,317. What public-house was that?—I cannot tell the name, it was on the right hand.

14,318. On the right hand as you go over the bridge?—Yes.

14,319. Then you left them safe, with plenty to eat and drink, I suppose?—Yes.

14,320. What did you do yourself?—I stopped there and went to bed.

14,321. At Skerton?—Yes.

14,322. Had you plenty to eat and drink?—Yes, as much as I required.

14,323. And I hope you got up quite well next morning?—Yes.

14,324. As fresh as a daisy?—I got up at 5 o'clock.

14,325. And did you take a walk before breakfast?—Yes.

14,326. Where to?—To the "King's Arms."

14,327. Whom did you see at the "King's Arms?"—I did not see anyone; they were not up.

14,328. You walked about till they were up, I suppose?—Yes.

14,329. When they were up what took place?—I did not see anyone that I wanted to see, and so I went to the committee-room, and from there to Mr. Barker.

14,330. Did you see Mr. Barker?—Yes.

14,331. About what time in the morning was it that you saw Mr. Barker?—Between 6 and 7, as near as I can recollect.

14,332. What did you get from Mr. Barker?—150*l.*

14,333. The first that must be; you got two sums of 150*l.* from him?—Yes.

14,334. What did you do with that money?—I took it down to the house at Skerton.

14,335. When you got to the "Black Bull" what did you do?—I went into a room upstairs.

14,336. Who took you upstairs?—The captain of the district.

14,337. You do not remember his name?—No, I do not; there were several of them.

14,338. If you were to hear it should you know it?—I fancy I should.

14,339. Was the name Atkinson?—He was one.

14,340. But he was not the one who took you upstairs?—I do not think he was; he was one working with me.

14,341. Carruthers?—Yes, I think he was.

14,342. Did he take you upstairs?—I really could not be sure which of them it was.

14,343. It was either Atkinson or Carruthers?—Yes, it was one or the other.

14,344. I suppose you were not left very long alone?—No.

14,345. Did Mr. Atkinson or Carruthers introduce any friends to you?—Yes.

14,346. Did they bring any letter of recommendation with them?—No.

14,347. I suppose they mentioned their names at any rate?—Yes.

14,348. And with the name some sum of money?—Yes.

14,349. And you paid that sum?—Yes.

14,350. Do you happen to know the landlord's name?—No.

14,351. I see you put your hand in your pocket, that is to produce to us a list of these names, I am sure?—Yes, that is correct.

14,352. Before we have the names just tell me what that list is, and when you made the list you are going to produce to us now?—It is a copy of the original list; a copy from my book.

14,353. Where is your book or the original list?—It is with me. I have it (*producing it*).

14,354. You have both the original and a copy?—Yes.

14,355. Then have the goodness to hand up the original and keep the copy yourself?—The question is whether you will understand it; it is merely pencil memorandums (*handing the book to the Commissioners*).

14,356. I believe we have had it from you before, but it seems to have escaped my brother Commissioners that you received two sums of 150*l.*?—Yes.

14,357. 300*l.* altogether?—Yes.

14,358. Was that the whole of the money you received?—The whole of the money.

14,359. I think we may go now to the names of the persons you paid. As each man came in did you jot down his name and the sum that he received?—Yes.

14,360. And are they the names that you wrote down at the time?—Yes, I think they are all in; I will not be sure.

14,361. Who was the first?—I do not know who was the first that I paid.

14,362. Give us the first name on your list?—There is W. Atkinson for three; that is Martin Ireland 10*l.*

14,363. The next two names are "per Atkinson?"—Yes.

14,364. What is the next?—H. Huntington, D. Irving.

14,365. (*Mr. Hill.*) You wrote these down as they were given you?—Yes.

14,366. (*Mr. Barstow.*) 10*l.* to each?—5*l.* to Irving.

14,367. And the others 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

14,368. Now the next?—W. Trought.

14,369. What did he get?—10*l.*

14,370. The next?—W. Helme, 8*l.*

14,371. The next?—J. Redhead, 8*l.*; R. Atkinson, 7*l.*; then to J. Wilson, for six voters, 72*l.*

14,372. That was for six voters?—Yes, including himself.

14,373. Is this George Wilson, of Skerton, cabinet-maker?—I do not know.

14,374. Have you the names of the voters?—Yes. W. Redhead, George Wilson (the one that received the money for the others), Edward Marshall, W. Gudgeon, and C. Gudgeon.

14,375. They received 12*l.* each?—Yes.

14,376. Now we wish to know how this was managed, and how George Wilson got the money; did you see the voters?—No, not all of them.

14,377. George Wilson, I suppose, came into the room?—Yes.

14,378. Were any of the voters with him?—If I recollect right, there were one or two of them.

14,379. What did Wilson say to you when he

asked you for the money?—I referred to the captain of the district as to what was the sum.

14,380. Did they authorize you to pay it?—Yes.

14,381. Did they make any demur to paying it?—I did.

14,382. You made some demur, but the captains settled your scruples?—Yes.

14,383. Did they say they had made any bargain with Wilson?—No; I had made a bargain with them for 5*l.* in the early part.

14,384. You had made a bargain with Mr. Wilson for 5*l.*?—With most of them I had.

14,385. Do you mean most of those six?—No, I could not say for those six.

14,386. But the voters generally?—Yes, the voters generally; about 5*l.* was my calculation.

14,387. What did Wilson say?—He said they would not be satisfied with less than 12*l.*

14,388. But did he say anything about voting, or did he say that he had had a more liberal offer from the other side?—No; he told me the enemy had got into our camp, and reported the sums that they were giving on the other side.

14,389. Did he mention any sum that they were giving?—Yes.

14,390. What sum was that?—12*l.* to 15*l.*

14,391. This, I suppose, was before 8 o'clock?—Yes.

14,392. Did you infer from anything he said that if you did not pay him 12*l.* he would vote the other way?—Yes.

14,393. I should like to know what he said that induced you to think so?—He said that unless we came out with the money for the voters they would not vote for us.

14,394. Then, I suppose, the captains saw that they were hard pressed and authorized you to pay his demand?—Yes.

14,395. Now go on with the rest, if you please?—J. Leighton, 12*l.*; R. Bell, 12*l.*; J. Jackson, 12*l.*

14,396. Those payments must have pretty well exhausted your 150*l.*?—Yes; previous to paying that money I sent up word to the committee room the fix that I was in.

14,397. Who did you send?—I do not know who it was.

14,398. You sent a messenger, but you do not know who?—No.

14,399. You mean previous to paying Wilson's demand?—Yes.

14,400. Before paying any of the twelve-pounders?—Yes.

14,401. Then we may take it that before you paid these sums of 12*l.* you sent for instructions to the committee room?—Yes.

14,402. To whom did you send?—I did not give any name; I told the messenger to go to the committee room.

14,403. Did you give him a note?—No.

14,404. He took a verbal message from you to the committee room?—A verbal message.

14,405. Did one of the captains go for you?—No.

14,406. You do not remember at all who it was?—No, I do not.

14,407. Was he recommended to you by a captain?—Yes, he was recommended.

14,408. Did the same person come back to you?—Yes.

14,409. What instructions did he bring you?—Nothing satisfactory, further than not to lose any votes, that was all.

14,410. I suppose by this time your eyes were opened as to the mode in which votes were gained in Lancaster?—Yes.

14,411. Did he bring back the means of gaining those votes?—No, I went for the means myself.

14,412. To whom did you go?—To Mr. Barker.

14,413. And then we may take it that you got the other 150*l.*—Yes.

14,414. Now go on, if you please, with the payments?—J. Jackson, I think, was the last—M. Bailey.

14,415. How much?—12*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

14,416. Now the next?—Cash to T. Winder for three voters, 36*l.*

14,417. Can you give us the names of the voters?—Yes; H. Smith, Winder, and Knowles.

14,418. Do you know Knowles's christian name or initial?—It is T.—Thomas.

14,419. 12*l.* each?—Yes.

14,420. Now the next?—F. J. Jopson, 10*l.*

14,421. The next?—J. Wearing, 5*l.*

14,422. The next?—J. Moseley, 10*l.*; J. Ellershaw, 5*l.*; W. Burrow, 12*l.*; J. B. Richmond, 10*l.*; W. G. Richmond, 10*l.*; R. Aldren, 5*l.*

14,423. Senior or junior?—I do not know which it would be.

14,424. Did you not pay both?—No.

14,425. Are you quite sure?—No, I have only one.

14,426. Do you know who paid the other?—No, I do not; William Armstrong, 6*l.*

14,427. Is there not another Armstrong?—No.

14,428. What is next?—That is all I think.

14,429. Then you had some money to return?—Yes.

14,430. About what time had you finished paying?—About 2 o'clock.

14,431. Two in the afternoon?—Yes.

14,432. Then, I suppose, you left the "Black Bull?"—Yes.

14,433. Where did you go to?—I went to the committee room.

14,434. Did you see anyone there?—No one particular.

14,435. Where did you go to from the committee room?—I waited there till the close of the poll.

14,436. And then where did you go to?—I returned to Liverpool.

14,437. About what time did you return to Liverpool, 6 or 7 o'clock?—I think it was 6 o'clock.

14,438. What did you do with the balance?—There was 30*s.* I paid to Mrs. Cowell, a publican: that was on the evening before.

14,439. The 11th?—Yes.

14,440. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who is Mrs. Cowell?—A publican.

14,441. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you make any other payment?—2*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for sundry expenses; 7*s.* 6*d.* myself, and 1*l.* 15*s.* I paid for others, amounting together to 2*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* 9*l.* 5*s.* I returned to Mr. Barker.

14,442. Do you happen to know whether there was any other Liverpool gentleman in Skerton that morning?—No.

14,443. When you say no, do you mean that there was no other, or that you do not know whether there was or not?—I do not know; there was nobody but me so far as I know.

14,444. That was the end of your connexion with the Lancaster election?—Yes, and very glad I was when it was over.

14,445. You see it was not quite over?—No, I am sorry to say it was not.

14,446. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you know Mr. Lawrence previously by sight?—Yes.

14,447. Did you see him that day?—Yes.

14,448. Where?—At the "King's Arms."

14,449. After the election?—Yes.

14,450. When you had done all your work?—Yes.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

Mr. T. E. Taylor.

12 Sept. 1866.

Mr. Thomas Edward Taylor sworn and examined.

14,451. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A merchant in Liverpool.

14,452. Are you a merchant on your own account?—I am in partnership.

14,453. With whom are you in partnership?—With Mr. Lawrence; with the two Mr. Lawrences and Mr. Pennell.

14,454. What is the name of your firm?—Edward Lawrence and Company.

14,455. Of course you are a personal friend of Mr. Lawrence, the candidate?—Yes.

14,456. Mr. Edward Lawrence?—Yes.

14,457. We understood yesterday that you were at Lancaster on the day of the nomination?—Yes.

14,458. Will you be so good as to tell us what induced you to come here?—I was asked to come by Mr. Wilson and Mr. John Lawrence.

14,459. Had you ever any conversation on the subject with Mr. Edward Lawrence?—No, not before the election. I had only recently come from abroad. He may have said something to me about it.

14,460. You did not come here at his request?—No.

14,461. How long before coming here had it been arranged between you, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. J. Lawrence, that you were to come?—Three or four days.

14,462. Was anything said when that arrangement was made as to the purpose of your coming?—No; they asked me to come to Lancaster and assist in the election.

14,463. What did you understand by assisting at the election?—To make myself generally useful.

14,464. But something more than that, I think?—I understood that I was to assist them by canvassing, or in any way else in which I might be useful.

14,465. You understoood you were to make yourself generally useful?—Yes.

14,466. In what way?—By canvassing or otherwise.

14,467. If you had been in court this morning you could have heard that there were canvassers enough?—I found there was no use in canvassing when I came here.

14,468. You say you understood you were to make yourself general useful by canvassing or otherwise; what do you mean by "otherwise?"—I can hardly tell you.

14,469. You came to Lancaster on the day of the nomination?—No, two or three days previous.

14,470. At what house did you put up?—At the "King's Arms."

14,471. Mr. Lawrence was there?—Mr. Edward Lawrence was there.

14,472. Did you dine and breakfast with him?—No.

14,473. May I ask where Mr. Lawrence breakfasted and dined?—I do not know; I dined in the coffee-room all the time I dined there, and he dined, I believe, upstairs, to the best of my knowledge.

14,474. Where was his brother? Where did he dine?—He was not there, he only came on the day of nomination.

14,475. What did you do with yourself those two or three days?—Almost nothing.

14,476. When did you begin to do something?—On the morning of the election.

14,477. The morning of the polling?—The morning of the polling.

14,478. On the night of the nomination?—The morning of the polling. I went round to several places the night of the nomination, but I did not do anything.

14,479. You went round to see what was going on?—Yes.

14,480. The first thing you did, I suppose, was, you went to the committee room on the day of the polling?—No, I did not go into the committee room fitst.

14,481. Where did you go?—I went from the hotel, I think, to Mr. Wilson Barker's, to the best of my recollection.

14,482. I suppose it had been arranged beforehand between you and Mr. Barker?—Yes; I do not think I had had much conversation with him.

14,483. Who did you arrange with, then?—I met Mr. Coupland the night before.

14,484. He was a captain of a district?—I believe so.

14,485. And you arranged with him the night before?—Yes; he was to call for me at the hotel, and we were to go, to the best of my recollection, to Mr. Wilson Barker's together.

14,486. Coupland and you arranged to go to Barker's, and you went there?—Yes.

14,487. Did Mr. Barker give you anything?—He gave me 300*l.*

14,488. How was this 300*l.* done up?—It was in a parcel I think—a parcel or a bag, I am not quite sure which.

14,489. We have heard that some of this money was wrapt up in rouleaux?—I think it was.

14,490. Was it in a canvas bag?—I really cannot recollect, it was either in a parcel or in a bag; I think it was in a parcel.

14,491. And then you started off?—Yes.

14,492. With Mr. Coupland?—With Mr. Coupland.

14,493. Now tell us what you did that morning, and where you went?—We went to a public-house together; I do not know which public-house.

14,494. I think I might tell you the "Boar's Head?"—I should not know the name if I heard it again.

14,495. But I can tell you that was the house; you went there with Mr. Coupland?—With Mr. Coupland.

14,496. What time in the morning was it when you got to the "Boar's Head?"—I think about 8 o'clock, perhaps it was a little before.

14,497. What did you do then?—I went into one room, and he went into another.

14,498. Upstairs?—Yes.

14,499. On the same floor?—I do not know where he was, he was in some other room.

14,500. You were closeted up there by yourself?—Yes.

14,501. You were upstairs?—I was upstairs.

14,502. What then happened?—He sent some men to me with pieces of paper.

14,503. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you quite sure this was Mr. Coupland?—I am told so.

14,504. What was his appearance? What was he like?—I had never seen him before; he was pointed out to me in court, or I should not have recognized him.

14,505. You went into one room and he into another?—Yes.

14,506. Can you give me the name of anybody you saw there that you knew?—No.

14,507. Do you know the name of William Harrison?—No.

14,508. Or James Harrison?—No.

14,509. Have you a list of the money you paid away?—No.

14,510. Have you a list at all?—No. I merely made a memorandum at the time, just of the sums, but no name on it.

14,511. When was the memorandum made?—Just at the time when I was in the room.

14,512. What became of that memorandum?—I do not know.

14,513. I am sure you will tell us, to the best of your recollection, what occurred that morning. You say you do not know what became of the memorandum—whether you destroyed it or whether it was lost?—I have not destroyed it, and I do not know where it is; it has been mislaid or destroyed, I do not know which.

14,514. Have you ever looked for it?—No; it would be useless my looking for it, for I do not know where to look.

14,515. It was not such a common occurrence you know coming over to Lancaster to distribute 300*l.*?—It was merely a memorandum to remember certain figures; there were no names on it, I merely put down on it the sums I disbursed.

14,516. What was the use of making it if no names were put down upon it?—It was only to see how much I paid.

14,517. You wrote down no name against the figure?—No name.

14,518. Merely a sum of money?—The sum I paid.

14,519. But not the man's name?—No.

14,520. Did you inquire for their names?—No, I did not know a single name.

14,521. I suppose you would have a long list of figures in a row?—Yes.

14,523. When did you last see that list?—I cannot tell.

14,524. Within a year?—I could not say when I saw it last.

14,525. Have you ever looked for it since, for the purpose of this inquiry?—No.

14,526. Has it never occurred to you to look for it?—No; and even if I found it it would be of no use.

14,527. Yes, it would be of great use to us, because it would enable us to know whether Mr. Coupland has told us all right?—If I can find it you shall have it.

14,528. Just tell us what occurred then?—A number of men came into the room with pieces of paper.

14,529. Did they come in by themselves?—They came one by one.

14,530. Were they introduced by anybody?—There was a man at the door.

14,531. There was a man at the door was there?—Two, I think; I think there were two men at the door.

14,532. You never heard the men's names?—No.

14,533. Were the men at the door changed, or were they always the same men?—I think they were the same men.

14,534. Who opened the door?—One of these two men, and ushered other men into the room.

14,535. Did he say "Mr. Hodgson," when he ushered a man in, or did he mention any name?—No; they merely presented the slips of paper.

14,536. The door-keepers did?—No, the men who came into the room.

14,537. What were these tickets?—Merely a ticket with a sum of money written on each.

14,538. And the name?—No name.

14,539. And according to the sum written on the ticket you gave?—Yes.

14,540. How long did this last?—I fancy two or three hours.

14,541. Which ended first, you or the voters?—The money ended first. I had a second instalment of money.

14,542. You say you wrote down the sums on this paper; did you account to anybody for the sums you had paid away?—No; I merely left the balance I had left with somebody at the "King's Arms."

14,543. But you did not account for this 300*l.*?—No, I got it from Mr. Barker; I think I gave him a receipt for it, but I am not sure.

14,544. Was it a stamped and legal receipt?—I cannot remember; I rather think it was not.

14,545. When the 300*l.* was paid away what did you do next?—I sent for Mr. Coupland and told him I had paid it all away, and he got me some more.

14,546. Coupland being in the house?—Yes.

14,547. Who did you send?—One of the door-keepers.

14,548. Tell us what sort of message you sent?—I asked Mr. Coupland to come and see me, and I think I told him that the money was done, and he sent for some more.

14,549. Did he go for more?—I do not know whether he went for it himself or whether he sent another person.

14,550. However, you got some more?—I got some more.

14,551. What time would that be?—I should think about 10 or 11 o'clock.

14,552. How soon after that did you get some more?—Perhaps half an hour or a quarter of an hour after.

14,553. How much did you get?—300*l.*

14,554. Who gave you that?—I do not know whether Coupland gave it me personally or sent it by somebody.

14,555. Did you give a receipt for it?—I do not think I did.

14,556. Did the same process go on again?—Yes.

14,557. The door was locked and door-keepers appointed?—I do not think the door was locked.

14,558. How long did this 300*l.* last you?—I did not spend the whole of it.

14,559. You got 600*l.* in all?—Yes, 600*l.* altogether.

14,560. The same thing went on again?—Yes.

14,561. How long did this last the second time?—I should think till about 1 or 2 o'clock, to the best of my knowledge.

14,562. Which ended first, your voters or the money then?—The voters.

14,563. How much money had you remaining?—I think about 70*l.*

14,564. What did you do with that balance?—I left it at the "King's Arms" in the evening.

14,565. With whom?—I do not know; I left it with somebody with instructions to give it to Mr. Barker.

14,566. How much?—I think about 70*l.*

14,567. Do you mean to say you gave the 70*l.* to a man you did not know?—It was somebody connected with the election; I did not know him; I was in a hurry to catch a train. I should not be able to recognize him now if I were to see him.

14,568. How many payments do you suppose you made that morning altogether?—I should think, perhaps, 40 or 50, I can hardly tell.

14,569. You got back to the "King's Arms" about 2 o'clock?—Yes, I believe so.

14,570. Did you see Mr. Lawrence on that day?—I do not think I saw him till after the close of the poll.

14,571. Had you seen him the night previous?—Yes, I saw him the night previous.

14,572. At what time?—I fancy it would be about 9 o'clock, 8 or 9 o'clock; I do not know when, some time in the evening.

14,573. Was that before you saw Mr. Coupland?—I think I had seen Mr. Coupland before that, and I saw him after as well.

14,574. I suppose Mr. Lawrence knew perfectly well what you were going to do the next evening?—No; to the best of my belief I do not think he did.

14,575. Was it kept an entire secret between you and Mr. Coupland?—Mr. Barker knew it.

14,576. Who else?—I think Mr. Wilson did.

14,577. Where was Mr. Edward Lawrence on that day?—I think he was at the "King's Arms" nearly all day; I believe so. Of course I was not there myself, but I think he was.

14,578. Where was Mr. John Lawrence that day?—I do not know; I saw him when I came to the "King's Arms."

14,579. Did you see him that morning?—No; I saw him at the committee room.

14,580. You did not see him that morning?—No; I saw him after midnight, about 1 in the morning.

14,581. Did you see him later in the morning?—No.

14,582. I suppose you heard where he was?—No, I do not know where he was.

14,583. You heard where he was?—No, I did not hear where he was anywhere especially, unless he was at the committee-room all day.

14,584. You do not think he was employed similarly to yourself?—No, I do not.

14,585. What makes you think so?—Because I I think he would have told me if he had been.

14,586. Did you tell him what you were doing?—He knew afterwards.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

Mr. T. E. Taylor.

12 Sept. 1866.

14,587. When did you tell him?—I think the same night. We went to Scotland together.

14,588. From Liverpool?—From Lancaster.

14,589. (*Mr. Hill.*) Besides paying these voters in the manner you have stated, did you leave any sums with a person whom we tell you was Coupland?—I think there were some odd sums disbursed besides; I cannot tell you exactly what.

14,590. Can you tell me about the amounts?—I think there was an amount of 8*l.* or 9*l.*

14,591. What was it for?—I do not know.

14,592. Was at for a bill or to give to some person?—I think it was for a bill. It was not for the same purpose, I think, as the other.

14,593. You gave it to Coupland?—I do not know whether I gave it to him, but I know I gave it to somebody. There was an odd sum given.

14,594. You can recollect whether that was for a public-house bill or for what it was?—I think it was for a bill.

14,595. That is not provided in the money given to the voters?—No; it is exclusive of money for voters.

14,596. Was that the public-house in which you were?—I do not know what it was for.

14,597. You gave it to some one, and do not recollect to whom?—No.

14,598. Do you think it was to Coupland?—I think it was.

14,599. Did you not also give to Coupland another sum of 10*l.* for one of his sub-captains?—I cannot recollect. I know I gave several sums exclusive of the money I gave to voters.

14,600. One of those you have told us was about 8*l.* or 9*l.* What would the other sums be?—I do not suppose they would amount altogether to above 20*l.*; perhaps about 20*l.*

14,601. Would that be all for bills, or other payments to voters?—I think it was all for bills.

14,602. Is there any other payment you can think of?—No.

14,603. You really have no recollection of any of the names of these voters?—No, not one.

14,604. Have you read Mr. Coupland's evidence?—Yes.

14,605. To the best of your belief is that evidence correct?—Yes, it is.

14,606. You recollect, as far as your memory serves you, no inaccuracy in it?—No.

14,607. Should you know any of these voters whom you paid by seeing them again?—No.

14,608. If they were placed before you?—No.

14,609. Can you tell by looking round the court whether any of them are present?—(*Having looked round the court.*) No.

14,610. If you find the memorandum which you have lost you will furnish us with it?—Yes.

P. Wollaston.

PERCY WOLLASTON recalled and further examined.

14,611. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understand you wish to make some statement?—I made some slight mistake, and that was with regard to a sum of money paid to a man of the name of Jackson. I suppose I put it down to I. Jackson instead of J. Jackson, and confused it with Isaac Jackson. It is with regard to the money I paid at the village, which turns out to be Scotforth.

14,612. You have found out that you went to Scotforth?—Yes; I met a gentleman at the "King's Arms" last night who went with me.

14,613. Who was that?—Mr. Halstead. No doubt I entered it to J. Jackson, and confused it with Isaac Jackson.

14,614. I do not quite understand it now?—In addition to the names I gave yesterday, I paid J. Jackson, which, I believe, is James Jackson or John Jackson, 7*l.*; and I presume I put it in error to Isaac Jackson, so that really I only paid Isaac Jackson 173*l.* instead of 180*l.*

14,615. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are we to strike out Isaac Jackson for J. Jackson?—No. I stated yesterday that I paid several sums to Isaac Jackson amounting to 180*l.*; and the first payment of 30*l.* is made up of this 7*l.* which appears to have been paid to John Jackson, so that I paid him 23*l.* instead of 30*l.*

14,616. So that we are to put, in addition to your list of paid voters, J. Jackson, 7*l.*?—Yes, and it will make Isaac Jackson's money 173*l.* instead of 180*l.*

14,617. (*Mr. Barstow.*) By what process of thought did you come to find out that you paid J. Jackson, 7*l.* instead of 30*l.* to Isaac Jackson?—Mr. Halstead told me that I had paid it. I saw him last night, and he told me I had made a mistake in part of my evidence and had omitted the name of J. Jackson.

14,618. That is all that passed?—Yes, that is all that passed. I found I had left it out, and the only way I could account for it was that I had entered it to J. Jackson and confused it with Isaac Jackson.

14,619. (*Mr. Hill.*) Why did you not read out your list yesterday in the order in which it is down?—I did.

14,620. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What was Mr. Halstead doing with you at Scotforth; did he walk there with you?—Yes.

14,621. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was he in court yesterday?—No; he read my evidence in the paper, and said that I had made a mistake, that I had paid a man 7*l.* which I had not mentioned.

14,622. Where was this?—At the "King's Arms.'

14,623. Last night?—Yes, I casually went in and found him sitting there and he made that remark; he said I had omitted mentioning one person to whom I had paid 7*l.*

14,624. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had Halstead gone there to meet you, do you suppose?—No, I had not the slightest idea he was there.

G. Vince.

GEORGE VINCE sworn and examined.

14,625. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—An auctioneer and appraiser.

14,626. Where?—In Lancaster.

14,627. You are a Conservative?—Yes.

14,628. And you were engaged upon the side of Mr. Lawrence at the last election?—Yes, I was.

14,629. What were your duties at the last election?—I went down to Morecambe on the day before the election, otherwise I did not interfere much in the election at all.

14,630. By whose instructions did you go down?—I volunteered partly to go.

14,631. Whom did you see, and with whom did you arrange that you should go?—Mr. Bulfield of, the "Cross Keys," Mr. Mashiter, and Thomas Procter.

14,632. You arranged with Bulfield and others?—Yes, five of them altogether.

14,633. Did you all six go down together?—No, there were five of us together.

14,634. Where did you go to at Morecambe?—The first place I went to was the "Joiners' Arms."

14,635. What did you go to the "Joiners' Arms" for?—To get every information I could from the opposite side.

14,636. You went into the enemy's camp?—Yes; I did not hire anyone to go in like Mr. Shackleton did; I went myself.

14,637. Did you do anything in the matter of the election at the "Joiners' Arms?—Yes."

14,638. What was that?—I gained information that Mr. Shackleton was going to pay the whole of the voters he could get hold of on Saturday, at 4 o'clock, half of the money that they were to have.

14,639. From whom did you learn it?—I learnt it from the landlord. He was not aware what I was after, but I got what I wanted.

14,640. That was from Mr. Edmondson?—Yes.

14,641. Having got that piece of information what

steps did you take?—I thought it was a nice opportunity to be taking the wind out of Mr. Shackleton's sails.

14,642. How did you proceed upon that nautical practice?—I came up to Lancaster after consulting with Mrs. Willacy what was best to be done.

14,643. Who is Mrs. Willacy?—The landlady at the "King's Arms Hotel."

14,644. At Morecambe?—Yes.

14,645. Did you take her advice?—Yes, and my own as well.

14,646. What was her advice?—She said we must be in before them.

14,647. She said the first in would win?—Of course I knew if we were not in first we should not get any voters.

14,648. You came to Lancaster?—Yes.

14,649. And saw the committee?—Yes, I saw Mr. Coupland, and with Mr. Coupland stated the case to Mr. Wilson and I got some funds.

14,650. From whom did you get the funds?—From Mr. Coupland, he went down with me.

14,651. With what funds did Mr. Coupland supply you?—80*l.*; I see by a statement he gave me 80*l.* on the 7th July, that is the Friday before the election.

14,652. What other monies did you receive for the purposes of the election?—I received 2*l.* from Mr. Bulfield before, when we went down in the conveyance.

14,653. What else did you receive?—Nothing that day; on a future day I received 20*l.* from Mr. George Clark, that was on the Monday before the nomination.

14,654. July the 10th?—Yes.

14,655. What else did you receive?—I received nothing further before the election.

14,656. What else did you receive at any time?—I think about 7*s.* 6*d.* or 8*s.* to pay Mr. Longmire for a conveyance, and I think 50*s.* to pay five staff men.

14,657. From whom did you receive that?—Mr. Gibson, after the election.

14,658. You received altogether from Mr. Gibson 2*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes, I received a further sum on the 26th of June, from Mr. Coupland, of 2*l.*

14,659. In June or July do you mean?—June, and I returned to him 25*s.* a day or two after.

14,660. You received from him then 15*s.*?—Yes.

14,661. Did you receive any further sums?—No, I think not.

14,662. Did you receive nothing further after the election?—No, I think not.

14,663. I have got 80*l.*, 2*l.*, 20*l.*, 2*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* from Gibson, and 15*s.* from Coupland?—Yes, that is right.

14,664. Making 105*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

14,665. What monies did you pay away during the election?—The first money I paid away, or rather, the first man I saw was Richard Hall, he is in the Morecambe list; I had seen him before; he said he was a Conservative, but on account of the pay he went to the Liberals in 1864; I went to see him; he wanted 7*l.* to buy some bottles with to commence a ginger beer trade. That was about three weeks before the election. I took him to Mr. Coupland, but I thought he was too heavy a metal man and so I dropt him.

14,666. You thought at that time 7*l.* would be too much to pay?—Yes. The next man I saw was Levi Baines, who was far gone in consumption, and out of the 2*l.* I got from Mr. Coupland I got him two bottles of wine, and that accounts for the 15*s.*

14,667. What next?—I went down to Morecambe.

14,668. When was that?—That was the Friday before the election, and I paid Richard Armistead, senior, 2*l.*

14,669. Poulton-le-Sands, labourer?—I do not know them; Mrs. Willacy would know; she paid some and I paid the others, but it was all out of the money I had received.

14,670. What was that 2*l.* for?—A retainer I call it.

14,671. What was the next?—William Beesley, 2*l.*

14,672. W. T. Beesley, Poulton-le-Sands, tailor?—Yes.

14,673. Did you give that to him as a retainer?—Yes, Richard Bond, son of Thomas, Poulton-le-Sands, fisherman; Thomas Armistead, Poulton-le-Sands, fisherman, 2*l.*; Nathan Armistead, 2*l.* I gave that to Mrs. Willacy, and she gave it to him, William Armistead, senior.

14,674. He voted Fenwick and Schneider?—That may be.

14,675. How much did you give him?—2*l.*, James Armistead, son of William, Poulton-le-Sands, fisherman, 2*l.*; Jonas Edmondson, junior, 2*l.*; William Bond, junior, farmer, Poulton-le-Sands, 2*l.*

14,676. Are you quite sure that was William Bond?—Yes, I know him very well, I have occasion to know him.

14,677. You do know him? Why do you shake your head?—He was a bad one to manage. He was too fond of money.

14,678. He was not satisfied with the 2*l.* you gave him?—No; and if I had had a cart full, I do not think he would have been satisfied with that.

14,679. Who is the next?—William Bond, senior. I gave 2*l.* to his son for him. He is since dead; Thomas Bond, son of John, 2*l.*; Charles Bond, 2*l.*

14,680. Is he a husbandman?—Yes, I think it would be him; George Bond, son of Thomas, I have it down here, but I think that is a mistake. It must have been son of John. I gave his brother 3*l.* for him.

14,681. Who was his brother?—William. He was away and he wanted 1*l.* for him to come.

14,682. He got 3*l.*?—Yes; Thomas Bond, 3*l.*; William Hadwen, junior, 2*l.*; Daniel Bell, 2*l.*; Robert Edmondson, butcher, 2*l.*; Richard Armistead, son of James, 2*l.*

14,683. Is he a fisherman?—I really cannot tell you.

14,684. Did he vote for you?—I believe he did. There is one of them did not.

14,685. Is it Richard Armistead, Poulton-le-Sands, labourer?—Yes, that is him. The next is John Threlfall, Henry Threlfall, James Threlfall, and William Threlfall, 2*l.* each. I am not sure that one of them did not take the lot.

14,686. What was William Threlfall?—They are all fishermen, I believe.

14,687. I am afraid Henry Threlfall only gave you a split vote for your money?—Very likely; it would not be all he got. Then Curwen, 2*l.*, I believe he spent that.

14,688. I suppose most of them did. Who was the next?—James Howson, 2*l.*; Richard Armistead, son of William; I offered him the money, but he would not have it then, and told me to give it into the hands of Mr. Bulfield, and he would call for it on Saturday morning following.

14,689. How much?—2*l.*

14,690. Did he get it?—Yes; I have seen the receipt for it, but I do not know whether Mr. Bulfield has it or not. He voted against us; he got more money besides, and voted against us; and I believe got nearly a thrashing for it. He got the money from Mr. Bulfield and denied ever receiving it.

14,691. Is he the son of James?—I cannot tell you. He voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

14,692. How much did you give him?—I gave 2*l.* to Mr. Bulfield for him. He got it and then denied having it.

14,693. You discussed this matter fully?—I talked about it at the time. He got paid besides that, and had to refund.

14,694. What I mean is it would be no use his denying it now. You have discussed it out?—Yes. We have talked about it many a time since; a little rascal I called him. Then comes Richard Bond. I believe they all voted for us, except two.

14,695. Did you pay all those who voted for you? No, I did not pay all of them. There are some that

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I did not see. Mrs. Willacy will tell you who they were. She vouched they were all right.

14,696. How much did you give to Bond?—2*l.* Then Thomas Hadwen I paid that night 2*l.*

14,697. Did you give him anything more afterwards?—No.

14,698. What did you say "that night" for?—I came away. I had finished as far as I could.

14,699. Is this the end of them?—No. Would you like to have the rest of the payments I made that day?

14,700. I want all the voters you paid?—John Edmondson I paid on the Monday night, 2*l.*; I paid him that as a retainer. I think I have made a mistake with regard to one of the Bonds, I think William Bond took 2*l.* for his brother Edward.

14,701. You have not given Edward Bond?—No. I think I have made a mistake in putting Richard.

14,702. Do you mean that you have given us one Richard too many, or that you have given us an Edward short?—I think I have given you an Edward short.

14,703. Will Mrs. Willacy know it?—I do not know. She had no memorandum, and I had.

14,704. She has a good head?—She says she has a bad memory.

14,705. What is he?—He was scalded to death in one of the steamers.

14,706. You gave it to William?—Yes, I think so, but I am not positive.

14,707. Who was the next?—John Edmondson, 2*l.* I gave Edward Edmondson and Edward Edmondson, junior, 2*l.* each. I gave it to Thomas Edmondson for them. They are Heysham men. I thought they might make a double on me, and I see I made a memorandum against their names "See Mr. Hatch."

14,708. What has Mr. Hatch to do with it?—I think they were in his district.

14,709. What is the next?—That is all I paid.

14,710. Those are all the voters you paid?—Yes; but here is a lot of money I spent, and some of it was given to voters. I called again at Edmondson's after I had done that to see if there were any stray sheep.

14,711. When was that?—July the 7th. When I was ushered into the committee-room there were a lot of freemen there, and I gave them 10*s.* to drink Mr. Lawrence's health.

14,712. Was this at the "Joiners' Arms," on the evening of the 7th?—Yes.

14,713. We will call that refreshment to voters?—Yes; I gave Mr. Maud, who keeps the "Black Bull," 20*s.*

14,714. Is he a voter?—Yes; I told him that if any of the voters came there, he was to treat them. I gave to Mr. Bradshaw 20*s.*; he did not want it, but I gave it to him to counteract the resident captains on the other side. I gave it to him to give to any voters he met. That was on the Friday night.

14,715. What is he?—A surgeon, or doctor, in Morecambe.

14,716. It was to cure the voters then?—Yes, to give them a black draught if he liked. Then I gave to Thompson, of Overton, 2*l.*

14,717. What was that for?—It was for refreshments at Overton. He came to me and said he could not get on without funds, that the other side were spending a deal of money. Then I sent to Thornton, of Bolton, 40*s.*

14,718. What Thornton is that?—T. B. Thornton.

14,719. What was that for?—To refresh voters. Then on Saturday night I went to Morecambe again, and gave to Mr. Maudslay 20*s.* He is not a voter. It was to assist us, and treat voters. I gave to Mr. Jacobson, 20*s.* He is not a voter. It was just to counteract the captains on the other side. There were three or four men resident there, and if the voters were thirsty in the morning I was not always there to do the amiable, and so I gave it to them. Then Wilson, 20*s.*

14,720. What is he?—I think he was a spy for both sides. He was paid to look after our committee-room.

14,721. Was he a voter?—No. I found he was paid by the other side so well, so he got me plenty of information about the other side.

14,722. It was not Joseph Wilson?—No; but he is going to live at Morecambe, so that if there is another election he will be handy.

14,723. You will have your eye on him?—Yes.

14,724. What did you give the spy?—20*s.* I gave William Bond after he got the money for his vote, one sovereign. He said he wanted some for his father, who was very ill, and indeed he died about a week after the election. I gave him a sovereign for that, for some brandy he wanted for his father. I believe he put that in his pocket, got four bottles of brandy, and put it down in the bill. After I had paid him that money, he had a brother either in Leeds or Bradford, and of course he must come and see the fun, and nothing would do unless I gave him 3*l.* to pay his fare with, but I did not give him 3*l.*

14,725. What did you give him?—2*l.*

14,726. Did his brother come, do you know?—Yes, he came to me on the Monday, and wanted some more.

14,727. He brought his brother to ask you for more?—Yes.

14,728. Who was the next?—Mr. William Whitehead. I gave him 20*s.*, but he transferred it over to another gentleman who is in court here, Mr. Peckover. He was on our side, but handed it over to Mr. Peckover, saying that he could do better with it than him.

14,729. Was Mr. Peckover a voter?—No, Mr. Whiteside was, and a highly respectable man.

14,730. Did Mr. Peckover get 1*l.*?—Yes; then Levi Baines, 2*l.*

14,731. What was that for?—For refreshments. He was very ill, and his wife was very ill at the time. I gave him 2*l.* at different times, and 12*s.* I gave for wine. Then I come to John Bond again; he had arrived then from Leeds.

14,732. What did he get when he came from Leeds?—He wanted 5*l.*

14,733. Was he a voter?—No, he was off the list fortunately.

14,734. What did he get?—He wanted 5*l.* to go and get his brother from Carnforth. I could not help it. They would not go and vote unless I gave them something, and I gave him 2*l.* They were an expensive lot were those Bonds. Then on Monday, I gave Procter 20*s.*

14,735. Did you not make any payments on Sunday?—No.

14,736. You thought they would not be legal. What did you give 20*s.* to Procter for?—He went round with me to look up the voters on the Monday. We were frightened of their being bottled.

14,737. He is a voter?—Yes.

14,738. And keeps a public-house?—Yes. Then Mr. Bulfield, 40*s.*

14,739. What was that for?—To help and assist. It was no use going without money.

14,740. Is Bulfield a voter?—Yes. Then Mr. Thomas Cross, 40*s.* He went with me.

14,741. Was he a captain?—Yes, he was partly.

14,742. Not the head captain?—No, he had 40*s.* He was at one of the houses we had.

14,743. Was that for assistance?—Yes, to assist. Then Mr. Edward Masheder, 40*s.*; John McCann, 20*s.*; and Mr. Jackson, 30*s.*

14,744. Which Jackson was that?—I cannot remember; I have got here, "Mr. Jackson, 30*s.*"

14,745. Was he a voter?—I cannot tell you; I think not. Then I gave Mr. Maudslay again to assist us on the day of nomination, 20*s.* He is a non-voter. Then I gave to Mr. Bradshaw for old Daniel Edmondson, who is 85 years of age, 2*l.* He did not want anything for his vote, and did not ask for a shilling, but we thought we would make him a present of 2*l.*

14,746. You made him this present after he voted?—Yes, we thought he ought to have something as he had not cost us anything.

14,747. You paid him after voting?—Yes, he was paid after voting. I did not pay him myself. Then I gave to Thomas Edmondson 40*s.*

14,748. Was that for his family?—No, he said he wanted it to have a jollification at a beer-house close by.

14,749. The "Joiners' Arms?"—No, it was down by the mill. I gave John Curran 20*s.* on the nomination day, at night, to spend, and I gave to Mr. Bradshaw, before I left Morecambe, 20*s.* to see if any voters were left behind, and to look after them. That is all.

14,750. How much do you make the total of that expenditure?—I think it is 99*l.* 17*s.*

14,751. You received 80*l.* 15*s.* from Coupland?—2*l.* from Bulfield, 20*l.* from Clark, and 2*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* from Mr. Gibson?—Yes, and out of that 2*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* I gave 2*l.* 10*s.* to five staff men.

14,752. Were they non-voters or voters?—Non-voters. I called at my house, and I got the money for them, and they gave me a receipt, which I handed to Mr. Gibson, and then there is 7*s.* 6*d.* I gave to Mr. Longmire for conveyance.

14,753. Anything else?—No, I think there is nothing else, unless it is some odd half-crowns. I know there were two or three I gave away.

14,754. I make that 103*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes, that will be correct. That (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*) is a list of the voters who voted for us without any bribery at all.

14,755–6. To the best of your knowledge are these the whole of the voters at Morecambe who voted for Lawrence without being bribed?—Yes, I think so; I will not be quite positive, but to the best of my belief it is so.

14,757. What are the names?—James Bell, Dr. Bradshaw, Daniel Edmondson, senior.

14,758. You rewarded him afterwards?—Yes; but he did not know anything about it at the time. Then there is the Reverend E. Manby, and the Reverend John Manby, and Mr. Overend.

14,759. Who is he?—He is a gentleman living at Morecambe.

14,760. And William Whiteside?—Yes, he is another. I may have missed some out, but I think not. I may as well say that there is John Curwen; I do not think he got anything for his vote beyond what he spent. He was very active on our side, and whatever he got he spent it.

14,761. Were any of these other gentlemen who got nothing active?—Yes; Dr. Bradshaw was, and Maudslay and Jackson.

14,762. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We are told that the first "Bond" in the list got something. Do you know from whom he got it?—I do not know him at all. I see he voted for Fenwick and Schneider, and I do not doubt he would get something.

14,763. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you got anything further to tell us as to money matters?—No; that is all the money I gave, and all the money I spent and paid.

14,764. I suppose the balance, if any, was spent in expenses?—Yes; I believe I had 1*s.* 6*d.* or something of that sort, left at 4 o'clock on the day of the election.

14,765. Do you know where these gentlemen sat, Isaac Jackson, for instance?—I do not; I had nothing whatever to do with him.

14,766. Do you know anything of the Liverpool gentlemen?—No; one of them went down with us, but I do not know his name. He was an Irishman.

14,767. With a brogue?—He was a regular "broth of a boy."

14,768. Did he do you good service?—There is no doubt he did.

14,769. You do not know his name?—No; I do not know his name. The "Bonds" we could not manage.

14,770. I was going to ask you a question as to those people to whom you gave 2*l.* Did they receive from Mr. Lawrence's side any further sums?—I do not know, except from what I have heard, but I make no doubt they did.

14,771. Who went to look after them when it got near polling time? Did you not look after them after the Monday?—We looked after them on the nomination day, at night.

14,772. Did you bring them to the poll?—No.

14,773. Did anybody?—Yes; they were brought to the poll. They were, no doubt, made all right by that party that was down.

14,774. The Liverpool party?—Mrs. Willacy, I believe.

14,775. We have got to hear more about it from Mrs. Willacy?—Yes, no doubt.

14,776. Did Mrs. Willacy and the "broth of a boy" do that between them?—Not all; there was some of it they could not manage.

14,777. They did all they knew?—Yes, they did all they knew how.

14,778. The Irish stranger and Mrs. Willacy did all they could?—Yes.

14,779. They looked after them at the polling-time?—Yes, assisted them to get into the conveyances.

14,780. Did they require a good deal of assistance?—I fancy they would, some of them. We had to send for help.

14,781. Have you told us all you know about them?—Except that Mrs. Willacy reported to me, and I make no doubt it is correct, that the "Bonds" had been offered 15*l.* each by Mr. Shackleton.

14,782. That she will tell us of?—They have always polled on the Conservative side before, I believe; they got 10*l.* each, Mr. Shackleton tried to raise the prices.

14,783. What did Mr. Shackleton bid for them?—15*l.*, and tried to take them away besides.

14,784. They voted for 10*l.*?—I believe Mrs. Willacy gave them 10*l.*, and the 2*l.* I gave besides. There is another man called Howson, to whom Shackleton offered 15*l.* He came to me on the morning, and said he would not vote under 10*l.*, and the 2*l.* he had got.

14,785. Were you present at any other payment to the "Bonds"?—No.

14,786. You left to bring them to the poll?—I stopped to see if there was any stragglers behind, and came up afterwards by omnibus.

14,787. What remuneration did you get for all this trouble that you took?—Not a shilling.

14,788. Do you mean to say that you were paid nothing?—No, not a farthing.

14,789. You, I suppose, as an appraiser, were sent down as a proper person to value the votes?—I do not know what the price would have been if I had offered the votes by auction.

14,790. You had no remuneration at all?—No, not a farthing.

14,791. No per-centage?—No, not at all, nor none of the parties that assisted me, I believe.

14,792. Here is your list of the pure voters, it is very short indeed, I am afraid?—I could give you another list, I think, a deal shorter.

14,793. What is that list?—That (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*) is a list of the pure on the other side.

14,794. I see on looking at this list that there are some put in very faintly. You will be glad to hear that you agree in this matter pretty nearly with Mr. Shackleton. From what did you draw out this list?—From the position and standing of the parties; I do not think they would take a bribe. I may add that I do not think all the money spent on the other side, at Morecambe, has come out.

14,795. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your reason for saying so?—From what I hear they had a great deal of public-house bills for larger sums than what they have accounted for.

14,796. (*Mr Hill.*) Do you think they have sweated them down for the purpose of this inquiry?—They were saying the other day there was one bill for 60*l.*, and they got 18*l.* knocked off.

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14,797. Where was that?—At the "Queen's Hotel." It is what is reported. Mr. Isaac will tell you about it; he is the owner of it, and he is a great friend of Mr. Schneider's. I heard him say, just now, it was not true.

14,798. What do you say the bill was?—I heard that it was 60*l.*, and they knocked 18*l.* off, and then they put in another bill for 16*l.*, the same day, for champagne. I saw him coming up with the bill himself, and he said it was the second.

14,799. Who was it said that?—Mr. Swayne, the landlord; I met him in the street, and he was going to get it paid at the committee-room. I do not know whether he did or not.

14,800. When was this?—About a week before the election.

14,801. What was the amount of that bill?—I think it was about 25*l.*.

14,802. Did he say anything about what the former one had been?—No, he did not; I have good reason for thinking what I have stated is correct, because when I went to Edmonson's I asked him why he had gone over to the other side.

14,803. Which Edmondson?—Daniel. We lost about 12 votes by his going over. I asked him why he went over to the other side, and he said the Conservative party had been up and would not engage his room, and it was ruin and beggaration to him, they had been spending so much at the "Queen's," and had had open house there for a week or a fortnight.

14,804. And drawing away the customers from his house to the "Queen's?"—Yes, so I understood him. I may add that I do not believe Edmondson knew what I was after at the time. He did not think I was pumping him.

14,805. How many votes do you calculate it lost you, Edmondson's going over?—I think from 10 to 12.

14,806. You think that Edmondson could influence that number?—Yes, one with another went over with him.

14,807. I do not exactly understand it now. What do you suppose was the whole amount that was paid for that election at the "Queen's Hotel?"—I cannot tell you that.

14,808. Do you mean that 60*l.* was for a bill after the election besides the two others?—No, before the election, so it was said.

14,809. The whole bill before this election was 60*l.*?—Yes, and then there was another put on. They knocked off 18*l.* I was told, but I cannot say it is a fact.

14,810. You say that you understood that the bill at the "Queen's" was 60*l.*?—Yes.

14,811. That was before the election?—Yes.

14,812. They sent in a bill of 60*l.*; how much of it was paid?—18*l.* short I understood.

14,813. And then they sent in the second bill, including the 18*l.*?—No, they knocked off the 18*l.*, and then they put on a second bill. They run up a second bill.

14,814. Did they submit to the loss of 18*l.*?—Yes.

14,815. So that they received 42*l.* upon the first bill?—Yes, I suppose so.

14,816. And how much upon the second?—I do not know.

14,817. It was the second bill that Mr. Swayne spoke to you about?—Yes, I think so.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Lancaster Castle, Thursday, 13th September 1866.

PRESENT:

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON.

MR. HILL.

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GEORGE VINCE recalled and further examined.

14,818. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We understand that you wish to make some statement?—If you please. I wish to state that when I left the Court yesterday, after giving my evidence, I was surrounded by a lot of roughs at the entrance door, headed by a man named James Ellershaw. The first question he asked me was, "How much didst thou get for telling that damned "lie? Thou got as much for telling it as thou didst "at the election. Thou deservest to have thy damned "head knocked off, and thou wilt get it, too." I was going down the Castle Hill, and met Mr. Shackleton coming down with his friends, and he pointed me out and said, "That Vince is the biggest liar in Lancaster." Now, I ask for the protection of the Court, not for myself, for I am not afraid, but for other witnesses who might be deterred from giving their evidence if such conduct is to be allowed.

14,819. Is Mr. Ellershaw or Mr. Shackleton here? As you say, I do not suppose that you are much afraid of it. I do not think from your appearance that these people would find it a very easy matter to knock your head off; but if what you state has occurred it was a very gross piece of misconduct, and conduct which very much surprises us. For my own part, I must say that I have hitherto seen nothing in the conduct of the people in Lancaster which would lead me to believe that any of them would be guilty of the gross misconduct of abusing or insulting any witness on account of evidence which he has given in court. To do so is, no doubt, a gross contempt of court, which we have power to punish, and which we shall undoubtedly punish. We should be unwilling, however, to do so on this the first occasion that has occurred?—I do not wish it on this occasion. I only mention it in order that other witnesses may not be deterred from giving their evidence.

14,820. We have the power to commit any person guilty of misconduct, and we most certainly shall exercise that power if anything of the kind you state should be repeated. We should wish everybody to know that?—I forgot to give you a list of captains on the opposite side at Morecambe. I think you have not had the name of a man named Thomas Boardman, a grocer, in Penny Street. He is a voter. There is a man also of the name of Johnson, a coach builder, in Lancaster.

14,821. What is his christian name?—I do not know his christian name. He is a coach builder. He is not a voter. I do not know where he lives; he is with Mr. Gilchrist. There is a man also named Horrocks, a brush maker, who has left the town. He was a voter; and there was a man of the name of Thomas, a gasman, and a local preacher, at Morecambe, I believe; I understand so. A number of people attacked our house about 12 o'clock at night to take our votes away. There were about 40 of them down at Morecambe.

14,822. Did you see any of these men you have mentioned with the party who attacked your house?—Yes. Horrocks was a party who was trying to get through the window. He got his receipt as he went on——

14,823. What do you mean by "getting his receipt?"—He got thrashed before he got into the window. I

see Mr. Shackleton refers in his evidence to half-a-crown having been paid for mending a man's coat tail. He was one of the men who were breaking into the house, and he got his coat tail shut in the door, and we cut it off.

14,824. These men whose names you have mentioned were active on the Liberal side at Morecambe?—Yes.

14,825. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who is Thomas?—He lives at Morecambe.

14,826. When you say they were active, what did they do?—They were staff-men or something of that kind. The reason why I found Thomas out was, that we cut his coat tail off, and he was minus that the next morning.

14,827. Did he do anything more than attack your house?—He was looking after the voters. He was one down on the other side, from Lancaster.

14,828. Do you know or believe that he was entrusted with any money to pay away?—That I do not know.

ROBERT LAWSON sworn and examined.

14,829. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a land agent?—Yes.

14,830. And you live in Lancaster somewhere?—Yes, at No. 34, Cable Street.

14,831. We have heard that you were assisting Mr. Clark in the late election?—Yes.

14,832. And you canvassed Galgate, I believe?—Yes. I canvassed Ellel, Halton, Cleveley, and Wyresdale.

14,833. For that purpose, I suppose, you received some money?—I did.

14,834. What was the first sum you received?—5*l.*

14,835. From Mr. Wilson Barker?—Yes.

14,836. On what day?—On the 1st of July.

14,837. The next?—10*s.* from Mr. George Clark.

14,838. On what day?—I think it was on the 6th, to the best of my recollection; 5*l.* from Mr. Coupland. That was on the 8th. I received 7*l.* more from Mr. Barker.

14,839. On what day?—The 11th.

14,840. Then after that what did you receive?—That was all I received.

14,841. Did you not receive 10*l.*?—No.

14,842. (*Mr. Newton.*) That makes 17*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

14,843. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you dispose of this money?—2*l.* I gave to Mr. Alexander Harrison.

14,844. Who is Mr. Alexander Harrison?—He was assisting me in the district. It was the night before the election that I gave him that.

14,845. Well?—Thomas Huntington, 1*l.*; William Sharples, 10*s.*

14,846. What do you consider these sums were given for?—To spend; to treat voters and their friends. 5*s.* to a man of the name of Mounsey.

14,847. Was that for treating?—Yes. William Preston, 10*s.*

14,848. These were all small sums?—The only sums that I gave away, with the exception of what I paid for drink myself, amounted to about 5*l.* 5*s.*

14,849. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much against William Preston?—10*s.* It makes up altogether about 5*l.* 5*s.* The remainder I spent in travelling expenses.

14,850. Who is the next after Preston?—There is no one else. There is 15*s.* I paid for toll-gates and other expenses. The remainder I spent in treating voters and travelling expenses.

14,851. That is 12*l.* 15*s.* in treating voters and travelling expenses?—Yes, voters at Galgate, and different meetings we had there.

14,852. (*Mr. Hill.*) 12*l.* 10*s.*?—The balance from the 5*l.* 5*s.* We had three houses in Galgate where I spent money, the "Bay Horse," in Ellel; the "New Holly," in Forton; and the "Fleece," in Ellel.

14,853. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In short, you treated people in these houses?—Yes, in all the houses.

14,854. How were you employed upon the day of the election?—I went down into the Ellel district the night previous to look up the voters, and got them to the different public-houses where they had their breakfasts and refreshments.

14,855. They had not their breakfast that night?—No. I went down that night for the purpose of looking them up early next morning.

14,856. You did not look them up that night, did you?—Yes; I saw several of them at the different houses and treated them, as many as I could get together.

14,857. What did you do on the morning of the election; what time were you out?—About 3 o'clock, and then had some breakfast, and took a carriage and went and picked up voters and brought them to the "Bay Horse."

14,858. How many did you get together?—I cannot give the exact number.

14,859. Whatever number you did get you brought up to Lancaster?—Yes.

14,860. Where did you take them to?—The "White Cross," in Penny Street.

14,861. What did you do with them when you got them to the "White Cross?"—I had them all shown into a room upstairs, a large room. The first thing that was asked was for something to drink.

14,862. We will pass by the drink at present; we have had a great deal of that.—Then I took them one by one into another room to Mr. George Clark, and I told him what price they asked for their votes. If the bargain did not suit him he made a bargain with them himself, and gave them a slip of paper to take into another room, and there they got their money. I had in some measure arranged with them previously.

14,863. If you had agreed for too large a sum, then, I suppose Mr. Clark beat them down?—Yes.

14,864. Had each voter a slip of paper?—Yes.

14,865. Do you know what was written on the paper?—No, I do not.

14,866. You do not know at all?—No.

14,867. You never saw one of the papers?—I could not understand what the papers meant. There were some letters, but I could not understand what they meant. I suppose they represented so much money.

14,868. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you mean that there were some figures or letters?—I think letters. I think he put the figures in a book that he had alongside of him.

14,869. Did he write on the slip of paper figures or letters to represent money?—To the best of my recollection they were letters.

14,870. Letters to represent money?—Yes, that is to the best of my belief.

14,871. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Mr. Clark did not tell us so?—To the best of my recollection, it was so.

14,872. (*Mr. Hill.*) Something like shop letters or price tickets?—Yes, something of that sort.

14,873. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did the voters do with these slips of paper?—Took them into another room, a back room.

14,874. They were a sort of bank note, in fact?—Yes.

14,875. And then they got them cashed?—They got them cashed there.

14,876. Were you ever in that other room?—Yes.

14,877. Who did you see there?—A gentleman, but I did not know him at all; I did not know him, and had never seen him in my life before.

14,878. He was a stranger?—He was a stranger to me.

14,879. What sort of looking man was he?—To the best of my recollection he was a dark-haired man. I do not know that I should know the man again if I were to see him now. I think I was only in the room once or twice, at the outside, with him.

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14,880. How long did you stay there?—I was in and out pretty nearly the whole of the day, taking voters to the poll and looking round generally.

14,881. Do you know anything of the sums that were paid to these men?—I think they would generally run about 10*l.*

14,882. Do you know the men?—Yes, some of them I do.

14,883. Did you keep any list?—No.

14,884. You did not make any list of them at the time?—No, I did not.

14,885. You have, perhaps, heard or read what Mr. Clark has said?—Yes.

14,886. Do you believe his account to be correct?—I do.

14,887. Who engaged the inns or public-houses in your district?—I do not know that there was any special arrangement about the houses. I went to houses without making any arrangement as to payment for them.

14,888. You found them open in your interest when you got there?—Yes. The "Green Dragon," at Galgate was open on both sides, and the "Bay Horse" and the "New Holly" was also open for both sides.

14,889. You had some assistants, I suppose?—Yes, I had.

14,890. Who were they?—There was Alexander Harrison assisted me at Galgate.

14,891. Who else?—Henry Nelson assisted in the Wyresdale and Ellel district. Henry Smith assisted.

14,892. Where was that?—In Ellel and Cleveley, and Forton; in fact, he assisted in the district where he could be of use.

14,893. Anyone else?—Mr. Richard Thomson assisted me.

14,894. Who is Mr. Richard Thomson?—He is a gentleman living in Ellel.

14,895. A gentleman?—An independent gentleman, living at a place called Low Abbey, in Ellel.

14,896. A yeoman or what?—He has a small property there which he lives on.

14,897. Any other?—Mr. Rothwell also took an active part.

14,898. Do you remember any other names?—No, I do not.

14,899. John Speight?—No.

14,900. He did not assist you?—No.

14,901. Do you know him?—I know John Speight, a twine spinner, in Lancaster.

14,902. Was he active in the election?—Yes, I think he was; but I do not know that he was down in my district at all. I do not remember seeing him there.

14,903. Did you see him at the "White Cross?"—I think I did on the day of the election.

14,904. You saw him exerting himself there?—Yes.

14,905. You do not know more than that; you do not know what he did?—No. I know I went one afternoon with him and Mr. George Clark canvassing in Lancaster.

14,906. Did you see the other Speight?—Which other Speight?

14,907. John Speight, junior?—I do not know him.

14,908. Did you receive any remuneration for your services?—Not a penny. I am about 18*s.* out of pocket.

14,909. Did you render any account of the money you received to anyone?—No.

14,910. (*Mr. Newton.*) You did not tell us the names of all the public-houses. We were to get information from you as to the country public-houses, and you just stopped in the middle. Just tell us the names of the houses?—There is the "Green Dragon," in Galgate, the "Eagle and Child," the "Plough," the "Bay Horse," the "Fleece," and the "New Holly."

14,911. How many were there in Galgate?—The "Green Dragon," the "Eagle and Child," and the "Plough."

14,912. And where were the other three?—Two in Ellel and one in Forton.

14,913. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were those all open for both sides?—The "Green Dragon," and the "Eagle and Child," and the "New Holly" also were open for the other side. There are several public-house bills in that district unpaid yet.

14,914. Do you know a man named Barrow?—Yes; I forgot to mention him. He assisted in the district.

14,915. In what district does he live?—In Lancaster somewhere.

14,916. Did you bring him up to Mr. Clark?—No.

14,917. Who brought him up to Mr. Clark?—I do not know. I do not know the man you are alluding to.

14,918. You did not bring him to Mr. Clark?—No.

14,919. Had you any staff-men in your district?—No.

14,920. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was there no payment to non-electors in your district?—Not a penny, to my knowledge.

14,921. (*Mr. Newton.*) All those in this list you have given us were chiefly men in your district?—A good many, chiefly.

14,922. How many do you suppose you brought up?—Between 30 and 40 I should say.

14,923. What style of men were they?—Some were well-to-do farmers, and others were labourers.

14,924. Do you mean men who worked for day wages?—Yes.

14,925. Just give us the names, if you can, of the well-to-do farmers?—The first is John Lawson, of Leach House, in Ellel, and there is Thomas Cottam; I am not sure whether he went up with me or not, but I do not think he did.

14,926. Now give me the name of another well-to-do farmer?—There are some of the Fox's; there were several of the Fox's.

14,927. How many of those?—William Fox, he is a farmer, and his sons.

14,928. Are they labourers or farmers?—They assist the father on the farm.

14,929. What acreage has that farmer got?—I cannot tell you exactly; I should think upwards of 100 acres.

14,930. He wanted money for his vote?—Yes, I believe they all got money.

14,931. Now tell us another?—Richard Craig, I think he got money.

14,932. But he only got 5*l.*, I see?—I daresay he did not get any more.

14,933. What is he?—A farmer.

14,934. David Craig, what is he?—That is his brother.

14,935. What sort of farm has he?—He has left the farm he was then on; it was a very good farm that he was then occupying.

14,936. What should you say was the extent of it?—I think the rent would be between 200*l.* and 300*l.* a year.

14,937. Now tell us another?—I do not remember any other farmer.

14,938. Were there any tradespeople at Galgate, respectable people, who sold their votes?—No, I do not know; there is Parker, a joiner, who got money.

14,939. A master joiner?—I think his master was living then; he is a master joiner now.

14,940. Is he a householder?—Yes, he is a freeman; but he has a house of his own.

14,941. (*Mr. Hill.*) What sort of a house?—Only a small house.

14,942. Ten or 11 pound a year rental?—No.

14,943. Then there are others; what were they?—Farm labourers and workmen.

14,944. What induced these men to sell their votes? Was it because they saw the farmers do it?—No; I fancy they had been in the habit of receiving money for their votes previously.

14,945. You think that was what induced them on this occasion, because they had been in the habit of getting money previously?—Yes, at previous elections.

Mr. ISAAC JACKSON sworn and examined.

14,946. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Huyton, near Liverpool.

14,947. What are you?—I am a painter.

14,948. That is rather a wide definition. Are you an artist?—No, I am a paint manufacturer and oil merchant in Liverpool. I keep painters and plumbers at work as well.

14,949. Where is your place of business?—In Liverpool; 12, Wapping, in Liverpool.

14,950. And your residence is Huyton? Do you go backwards and forwards to Huyton?—Yes.

14,951. Are you any relation or connexion of Mr. H. T. Wilson's?—Yes, he is my brother-in-law; I married his sister.

14,952. And you were on intimate terms with Mr. Wilson?—Of course.

14,953. Through Mr. Wilson I conclude you know about the election at Lancaster?—Yes.

14,954. And I suppose Mr. Wilson had some little conversation with you upon it?—He asked me to come down.

14,955. To Lancaster?—To Lancaster.

14,956. When?—I think it was on the Monday before the election; I think so.

14,957. Was that the day he asked you?—I will not be positive; I came down on the Monday evening.

14,958. Had you, previous to that, had any conversation with him?—He might ask me on the Friday or Saturday. I cannot tell the day he asked me.

14,959. You think the Friday was the first time?—I really cannot tell what day it was; it was a few days before the election.

14,960. A few days previous to your coming here?—A few days previous to my coming here.

14,961. And you came here on the Monday?—I came on the Monday.

14,962. Had you ever been to Lancaster before?—Oh, yes.

14,963. What is there that provokes you to smile?—It is my native town; I was in business here for 14 years before I went to Liverpool.

14,964. And you were well acquainted with the town?—Yes.

14,965. When did you leave Lancaster?—I left at the end of 1853.

14,966. When you came here on the Monday where did you go to? First, did you come with anybody?—Yes.

14,967. Who did you come with?—I brought one of my sons with me.

14,968. What is his name?—Henry Threlfall.

14,969. When you came here where did you go to?—I went to the "King's Arms."

14,970. I suppose you knew that that was the headquarters of Mr. Lawrence?—No, not when I came. I went there because I generally stay there when I stay at any hotel in Lancaster.

14,971. The hotel where Mr. Wilson was staying?—I did not know he was staying there.

14,972. When you got to the "King's Arms," who was the first person connected with the election that you saw?—I cannot remember.

14,973. Try and remember?—I cannot remember the first person I saw connected with the election, because after I got in, my son and I had tea, and then I went round the town to see several of my friends.

14,974. Who did you go and see?—I went to see Mr. Grant.

14,975. And Mr. Barker?—No.

14,976. Not Mr. Wilson Barker?—No.

14,977. Who is Mr. Grant?—A private friend of mine; I did not go to him with reference to the election at all, I merely called on him as a friend; he was not in.

14,978. Who was the first person you saw in Lancaster connected with the election? Where did you first see Mr. Wilson Barker?—I saw him at the "King's Arms," in the evening.

14,979. That same evening?—That same evening. I saw Mr. H. T. Wilson and Mr. William Storey, and several there.

14,980. Who else? Did you see Mr. Lawrence there?—No.

14,981. What did you do on the Tuesday?—On the Tuesday I went to the nomination; that was on the Tuesday morning.

14,982. On Tuesday evening what did you do?—On Tuesday evening I was at the "King's Arms."

14,983. Did you see those gentlemen then?—Yes.

14,984. Had you any communication with either Mr. Barker or Mr. H. T. Wilson?—We had a conversation about the election, but no special conversation.

14,985. Was anything said as to what was to be done on the following day?—No.

14,986. Nothing?—Nothing.

14,987. Where did you sleep that night?—At the "King's Arms."

14,988. At what time did you get up next morning?—I think between 4 and 5.

14,989. What made you get up so early?—I was knocked up.

14,990. Who by?—I cannot tell who by; perhaps the boots.

14,991. An official called the boots?—I presume it was one of the domestic servants. I was rather annoyed at being called up so early, to tell you the truth.

14,992. We will take it it was an official or domestic connected with the establishment who got you up?—Yes.

14,993. Was there a message given to you?—I was requested to get up and come downstairs.

14,994. For what purpose?—To go to Carnforth.

14,995. And you got up and came downstairs?—When I got downstairs I found there a youth who had walked all the way from Carnforth early that morning.

14,996. What was the youth's name, do you know?—I think his name was Greenall. He said that the celebrated Joseph Wilson was taking all the voters away.

14,997. The "celebrated" Joseph Wilson?—I do not know that he said "the celebrated Joseph Wilson." I think he said Joseph Wilson; but of course that is a term of my own. I think he said that Joseph Wilson was taking all Mr. Lawrence's voters away from the "Carnforth Inn," so I was requested to go to look after them, and I went there.

14,998. Did you go anywhere else before you went there?—No.

14,999. You went straight from the "King's Arms" to Carnforth?—Yes.

15,000. Did you walk to Carnforth?—No, we took a conveyance from the "King's Arms." The youth went back with me.

15,001. No one besides you and the youth?—No one besides me and the youth. When we got there I found that they had got two or three voters away; three, I think, but two certainly; the two Whormbys; and if my memory serves me, a man named Mashiter.

15,002. Where did you go when you got there?—To the "Carnforth Inn," I think it is called, or hotel.

15,003. The public-house?—Yes.

15,004. How did you find out that these voters had gone?—I was told so when I got there. There were five or six voters there when I got there.

15,005. What did you do next?—The youth took me up to Mrs. Whormby's, up to Mrs. Whormby's house—I think she was his aunt, I think he said so—to inquire for them, and she was down with them at the public-house, and so of course we did not see her.

15,006. Go on, and tell us what you did?—Then we went to a voter. I think his name was Miller, a farmer or something; and I solicited his vote on behalf of Mr. Lawrence, but I could not get any promise from him. Then we went back to the public-house again.

15,007. Was anything like money talked about?—No.

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Mr. I. Jackson.

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15,008. What was the voter's name?—I think it was Miller. Then we went back to the public-house, and the voters that were there had breakfast, and then I sent them off in the conveyance I had brought with the youth; and there was a conveyance came up from Warton at the same time, and they all came together.

15,009. What became of you?—I came back with the train.

15,010. What time was it when you got back to Lancaster?—I think a little after 9, from 9 to 10. I do not know exactly, but I think it would be a little after 9.

15,011. What did you do when you got back to Lancaster?—The first thing I did was, I had breakfast at the "King's Arms."

15,012. What did you do after breakfast?—Just as I had finished my breakfast a man came running in to inquire if any of Mr. Lawrence's friends were there; that he had some voters at his house, and that unless some one went he should lose them; so I got up from the table and went with him and he turned out to be the landlord of a public-house in China Lane.

15,013. Hodgson?—Yes.

15,014. Did you go to China Lane?—I went to China Lane.

15,015. Straight?—Yes, I went direct with him.

15,016. You did not call on Mr. Barker by the way?—No, we went there and there were a few voters there, and they were waiting for some one that had been there previous to me, one of Mr. Lawrence's friends; and from the description they gave of his person I concluded it to be Mr. Wollaston, and I waited until he came, and he gave me some money. He said he was required elsewhere and would I pay a few voters until he returned.

15,017. How much money did he give you?—I think he gave me 50*l.*, but I am not certain.

15,018. Did you give him any receipt of any sort or kind?—No.

15,019. How was the money; was it in gold or how?—I think it was in notes.

15,020. Where did you go when you were in the house?—Upstairs, into a room.

15,021. Just tell us what occurred when you went upstairs into the room?—There were two men in I think, and I only know the name of one of them.

15,022. What was his name?—His name was Richard Wadeson. He seemed thoroughly ashamed when he saw me go into the room.

15,023. Why did he seem ashamed?—Because he had known me for 30 years, and he did not expect—

15,024. To be caught out?—I daresay we were both ashamed. I was thoroughly ashamed I can tell you. Hodgson told me that they were to have 10*l.* each, so I gave them the money, or else I gave it to Hodgson for him to give them, I forget which.

15,025. Did you see these two men?—Yes, I saw them in the room; they were in the room when I went in.

15,026. Was Wadeson one of the men who had the 10*l.*?—Yes.

15,027. Your friend; you do not know who the other was?—No.

15,028. Did you give them the 10*l.*?—Yes.

15,029. Into their hands?—I do not know whether I gave it to them or whether I gave it to Hodgson, and he gave it to them.

15,030. But you feel satisfied that they had it?—Yes, they had it no doubt.

15,031. What did you do with the remainder?—There were other voters who came in afterwards.

15,032. Who were they?—I cannot give their names. I received altogether from Mr. Wollaston a little over 180*l.*, I think.

15,033. He came back again?—Yes, and told me that he could not take my place; that he was required elsewhere and would I stay there, and he gave me more money.

15,034. How much more did he give you?—I cannot tell. I think he gave it me at three or four times during the day.

15,035. How much altogether did he give you?—About 185*l.*

15,036. Can you tell us any other voters that you paid?—No.

15,037. Did you write down their names?—I did at the time.

15,038. What has become of the paper on which you wrote their names down?—I destroyed it long ago.

15,039. When?—I just wrote them down in pencil.

15,040. When did you destroy that paper?—Immediately after I sent some money back to Mr. Barker. I am only sorry that I did not keep it. I only remembered another name last night. On looking over Hodgson's evidence last night my memory was refreshed as to one or two more. There was one called Fawcett.

15,041. Do you know his christian name?—No, I do not.

15,042. Nor the amount?—I think it was 10*l.*

15,043. Is there anyone else?—I paid 7*l.* or 8*l.* to one or two voters.

15,044. You said you thought you could remember another name?—That is Mr. Croskell, of either Overton or Middleton.

15,045. Do you know his christian name?—I do not. There were two brothers came into the room, and I reasoned with them, and one of them went out of the room.

15,046. Is that all you can tell us?—Yes.

15,047. What time did you leave China Lane?—I think about 4 o'clock.

15,048. You stayed there till it was over?—Yes.

15,049. When you finished and left, how much money had you?—It was either 12*l.* or 13*l.* that I returned.

15,050. When did you return it?—I returned it perhaps a week after. Mr. Barker was in Liverpool, and I gave it to him, and it was placed to Mr. Wollaston's credit. I had had no money from Mr. Barker, and I told him to place it to Mr. Wollaston's credit, so that that will have to be deducted from the 180*l.* odd I got. I may mention that I gave to a man who came to me twice, Storey is his name, I think—

15,051. Is it William Storey or John Storey?—It is a brother of those gentlemen. He came to me and asked for 5*l.* for a voter of the name of Varley.

15,052. What did you give to Storey?—5*l.* I hesitated to give it to him at first, but he came a second time, and I gave it him.

15,053. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was this during the day?—Yes, I think it was in the afternoon.

15,054. (*Mr. Newton.*) What made you hesitate?—I did not know whether Varley had voted or not.

15,055. How did you know the others had not voted?—I had to take Mr. Hodgson's word for it.

15,056. Hodgson was not present when Storey came?—No.

15,057. Is George Storey a voter?—I really cannot tell whether he is or not.

15,058. Where did he come from?—He is residing here, I think, or near Ulverstone.

15,059. Hodgson was not in the room?—I think he was not in the room at the time. I gave Hodgson, I think, two or three sums of money to pay to voters that I did not see. He said he had them in another room, and mentioned the names of them at the time.

15,060. What sort of sums did you give to him?—All the sums I gave ranged from 7*l.*, 8*l.*, and 10*l.*, except one to whom I gave 12*l.*, and that was Croskell. The two Croskells wanted 20*l.* each, but the money I gave was principally in ten pounds, but Croskell said he had been offered 20*l.* by the other side, as he came up the street, and I said, "Why do you not go and vote for them?" I told him I was surprised to see respectable men like them asking anything for their votes.

15,061. Had he been offered that sum by the other side?—Yes, and I told him I should not give him 20*l.* He said, "I have always voted 'Blue' and never had a

shilling for voting in my life before," and I said, "Why do you not go like a man and vote to-day for nothing."

15,062. What did he say to that?—He said, "It is "all very good talking, but there is plenty of money "stirring, and I do not see why I should not have "some of it as well as other people."

15,063. What is Croskell?—He is a farmer, I think. I told him the franchise was given to him as a trust, and not to barter with like a cow.

15,064. (*Mr. Hill.*) You paid him the money, and improved the occasion?—That is the only man I bargained with direct.

15,065. (*Mr. Newton.*) What was the generality of these men that you paid?—All of them, I understood from Hodgson, came from the neighbourhood of Slyne, Bolton, Hest Bank, and Torrisholme. I did not know anything of them personally except Wadeson. There was one town voter of the name of Fawcett, but I do not know which Fawcett it was.

15,066. Were they well-to-do men, or labourers?—Some of them were farm servants. I did not see the whole of them.

15,067. But with regard to those you saw, were they a better class of people, or not?—They were all dressed up in their best clothes, and they all looked respectable that I saw.

15,068. You could tell whether they were labourers or not?—Some of them might be small farmers, I cannot tell.

15,069. Do you know a man named George Wilson of Skerton?—No.

15,070. He came with Croskell, according to Hodgson's evidence?—No.

15,071. Hodgson says those three men all came together, the two Croskells and Wilson, and that they all would not vote without they got 13*l.* a piece, and that you bargained with them? Were you in court yesterday?—No, but I heard of Hodgson's evidence.

15,072. Is that account true?—No, it is not correct, because when I was reckoning with them, one of the brothers Croskell went out of the room, and I did not see him again. Hodgson might get 12*l.* from me afterwards to give him, but I do not think he did.

15,073. You paid him 12*l.*?—One of the brothers, I did.

15,074. He says those three men, the two Croskells and Wilson, each got 13*l.*?—I did not pay 13*l.* to anyone. I paid one 12*l.*, at least that is my firm impression. If Croskell says he got 13*l.*, I may be wrong by 1*l.*, but I do not think I am.

15,075. Can you give us any more information?—No. I gave a voter in Liverpool, a week or two before the election, a sovereign.

15,076. What is he?—His name was Thomas Hatton. I sent one of my foremen to canvass two or three voters, and I asked Hatton to go with him, and he said he could not go without he had a little money in his pocket, and I gave him 1*l.*

15,077. Was that 1*l.* ever repaid you?—Yes, I deducted it before I sent the 12*l.* or 13*l.*

15,078. You paid yourself out of the balance?—Yes.

15,079. You must have known perfectly well what you came over from Liverpool for?—I came over to render general assistance. To assist to take up voters.

15,080. To give that assistance which you have just now told us of, that which took place in China Lane?—No; I would not have gone to China Lane if I had known I was going to do that. I knew nothing at all as to the proceedings that were to take place that day.

15,081. Did you bring over anything with you from Liverpool; any parcel?—No; no money except for my own personal expenses.

15,082. Were you asked to bring any parcel over from Liverpool?—No, I was not, and did not bring any.

15,083. Not even any black bag, canvas bag, or brown paper parcel?—No, nor green bag either.

15,084. You told us you were out of pocket; I suppose by that we are to believe that you received no remuneration whatever for your services?—No.

15,085. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What time was it you were called in the morning at the "King's Arms"?—I think it was between 4 and 5.

15,086. Was the house up then. Were people stirring about?—Yes, there were not many; there were one or two servants.

15,087. Was that all?—There were not many people about; it was very quiet.

15,088. Were there any persons about connected with the election?—Mr. Wilson was up. He asked me when I came downstairs if I would go to Carnforth.

15,089. You have told us that you only gave one voter 12*l.* to the best of your recollection. Could you give us a rough sort of guess as to how many voters you paid altogether?—I should think about 15 or 16.

15,090. You remember giving one voter 12*l.*, and that you say was your top price. Can you remember what was the next greatest price you paid?—10*l.*

15,091. Did you pay many 10*l.*?—They were most of them 10*l.*, but I remember there were one or two at 8*l.* and 7*l.*, but most of them were 10*l.*

15,092. You could not put the price, I suppose, to any individual person, if I was to mention the name?—No. Wadeson had 10*l.* and I think Fawcett had 10*l.* Is there a man called "Bond," down?

15,093. Yes.—I fancy that was one name.

15,094. How much had he?—I cannot say whether it was 8*l.* or 10*l.*

15,095. Do you remember paying more than one "Bond"?—No.

15,096. Do you remember paying a man named Dean?—No.

15,097. Do you remember paying any Sharples?—No, I do not.

15,098. Do you remember a man named Dallabella?—No.

15,099. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was Hodgson acquainted with all those that you paid?—Yes.

15,100. Do you recollect for how many voters you gave money to Hodgson?—For about 15, I should think.

15,101. Then there was but one that you paid yourself?—Sometimes he brought them into the room, or I gave him the money to pay them, and then in the afternoon he had two or three he told me, in another room, and I gave him the money for them. He gave me the names and amounts.

15,102. How many do you suppose you paid absolutely into their hands without going through Hodgson's hands at all?—I should think I should pay, or see paid in the room, about 12 or 13 of them.

15,103. You can speak only to 12 or 13 having received the money?—I can speak positively to 12.

15,104. You can speak to them positively as having received the absolute money you gave to Hodgson?—Yes.

15,105. And of which you can feel pretty sure none stuck to Hodgson's fingers?—He paid them in the room.

15,106. That is no answer to my question. We shall come to what we believe about Hodgson afterwards. You can speak to 12 as having received the money from you?—Yes.

15,107. Through Hodgson, or from your hands direct?—Yes, about 12.

15,108. You say you paid altogether about 16?—Yes.

15,109. Then there are four, for the payment of whom you have only Hodgson's word to rely upon?—Just so.

15,110. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you pay any voters at Carnforth?—No.

15,111. I understand you to say that at that time you had received no money?—No.

15,112. I put it to you directly. Did you pay a man named Mashiter, at Carnforth?—No, not a shilling.

15,113. (*Mr. Hill.*) 9*l.*?—No; I did not pay a shilling at Carnforth.

15,114. You say that 12 of the men you know received the money?—Yes.

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Mr. I. Jackson.

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15,115. Do you know of any other person in the house excepting Hodgson, besides yourself and Wollaston, who paid money ?—No.

15,116. Can you say pretty certainly that there was no person except yourself and Wollaston who did pay money in that house?—I do not think there was. I did not see any, and never heard of any other. Hodgson is quite wrong in saying that Wollaston and I were together, because I was at Carnforth.

15,117. He appears to have been wrong a good deal in his evidence ?—I wish I had my list.

15,118. I wish you had. I have half a mind to tell Hodgson what I have written against his evidence on my notes.

W. Maddock.

WILLIAM MADDOCK sworn and examined.

15,119. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A commission merchant.

15,120. Will you be kind enough to tell me what a commission merchant is ?—Buying and selling on commission.

15,121. Is it different from a commission agent ?—About the same thing. There is very little difference. I am an insurance agent as well.

15,122. Where do you reside ?—My office is No. 23, Water Street, Liverpool.

15,123. What is your private residence ?—Rock Ferry, Cheshire.

15,124. Any street ?—Green Lawn, Rock Ferry.

15,125. Is Green Lawn the name of the house ?—No ; there are a number of houses built in a square and it is called Green Lawn.

15,126. Is there any number to your house ?—No ; they are all semi-detached villas.

15,127. When were you first spoken to on the matter of the Lancaster election in 1865 ?—It would be about a week or 10 days before the election. I do not even know the date.

15,128. By whom were you spoken to ?—By Mr. H. T. Wilson.

15,129. Did he ask you to come over to Lancaster ?—He did.

15,130. Did he give you any special instructions before you came ?—Not any whatever.

15,131. Did he tell you what you were to come over for ?—Merely to assist at the election.

15,132. Had you been engaged in business with Mr. Wilson ?—I had been formerly but not at the time.

15,133. On which day did you come over to Lancaster ?—I could not tell you the date exactly. It was about 10 days before the election—eight or 10 days.

15,134. What did you do in the matter of the election when you first came over to Lancaster ?—When I first came over I was sent to Morcambe.

15,135. Who sent you to Morecambe ?—Mr. Wilson.

15,136. Was he over in Lancaster at the time ?—Yes ; I came up with him.

15,137. What did you do at Morecambe ?—I simply went to the "Queen's Hotel," which they call the enemy's camp, and I reported all I heard there to Mr. Wilson, from time to time.

15,138. You went over to act as a spy upon the enemy ?—Well, yes.

15,139. What part of the enemy's proceedings were you especially to spy into ?—Any conversations that might take place with reference to bribery or anything of that kind, or as to the number of voters they expected to get.

15,140. What did you represent yourself as at the "Queen's Arms" ?—Simply as a tourist.

15,141. A Liberal tourist ?—I never mentioned my politics at all.

15,142. How did you get into conversation at the "Queen's Arms" ?—With the people as they came into the bar.

15,143. Did you talk to them about the beauties of the country ?—Yes, I did. I admired it amazingly.

15,144. What information did you get ?—It was of a very meagre character.

15,145. And you came back with your meagre information into Lancaster ?—Yes ; I simply told all I heard and saw.

15,146. What was the next thing you did in the matter of the election ? Did you go back to Liverpool ?—No ; I remained in Morecambe until the day of the nomination.

15,147. Still spying out ?—Yes, with the exception of coming backwards and forwards to Lancaster.

15,148. Was your information all the time of a meagre character ?—Very, indeed.

15,149. Now we come to the nomination day ?—On the nomination day, I am sorry to say, I came over to Lancaster, and the first thing I got there was a shower of eggs, and in the evening of that day I was introduced to two men, a Mr. Gorst and a Mr. William Thompson, I think, of Overton.

15,150. By whom were you introduced ?—By Mr. Wilson.

15,151. For what purpose were you introduced to them ?—They were to take me to Overton to point out certain voters who had to be bribed the night before the election.

15,152. Had you at this time received any money from any one ?—At that time I was sent to Mr. Barker.

15,153. Before you went over to Overton ?—Yes ; before I went to Overton.

15,154. You went to Mr. Barker ?—Yes.

15,155. And received from him 200*l.* ?—Yes, 200*l.*

15,156. What is the next money you received in the matter of the election ?—The next sum, in different sums, amounted altogether to 250*l.* That was on the day of the election.

15,157. Besides that 200*l.* and that 250*l.* did you receive any other monies for the purpose of that election ?—I think Mr. Wilson gave me a sovereign on the day of going down, as I had no change with me, to treat the people that night.

15,158. At Overton ?—No ; the first night I went to Morecambe.

15,159. Besides that sovereign and the 450*l.* did you receive any other monies ?—No ; I did not.

15,160. Not from anyone ?—No.

15,161. Neither before nor after ?—Neither before nor after.

15,162. Nor as commission ?—Nor as commission nor anything else.

15,163. You received your expenses for coming over here ?—My railway fare was paid.

15,164. Those you would deduct afterwards from the 450*l.* ?—Yes, just so.

15,165. What was the first payment you made in the matter of that election ?—The first payment was to John Cottam, Oxcliffe Hall.

15,166. Was this on the night of the nomination ?—Yes.

15,167. Where did you pay him ?—In his own house.

15,168. At what time of night ?—It would be early in the evening. I suppose about 5 or 6 o'clock.

15,169. How much did you give him ?—10*l.* John Cottam, junior.

15,170. Is that his son ?—I am not sure whether it was his son or not, but I believe it was. They are all strangers to me. I never saw them before nor afterwards.

15,171. He was also of Oxcliffe Hall ?—I will not say that.

15,172. How much did you give him ?—10*l.*

15,173. Was that at the same time and place ?—Yes.

15,174. Who was the next ?—Adam Cottam, Oxcliffe Hall, 10*l.* ; William Jackson, Overton, 10*l.*

15,175. Was he a young man ?—I do not remember any of them ; I only saw them for a very few moments.

15,176. Who was with you at the time you paid

these men ?—Mr. Gorst of Lancaster. I think he is a baker and provender dealer.

15,177. He introduced them to you ?—Yes; he pointed out the houses.

15,178. You paid Jackson at his own house ?—Yes.

15,179. Did Gorst introduce all these men to you ?—Yes; Gorst and William Thompson, they were together with me.

15,180. Who was the next ?—Thomas Jackson, Overton, 10*l.*; Thomas Cottam, 10*l.*; John Woodman, Overton, 10*l.*; William Nelson, shoemaker, Overton, 10*l.*; Thomas Nelson, Overton, split between Fenwick and Lawrence, he got 5*l.*; Benjamin Latham, Overton, 10*l.*; Joseph Woodman, 10*l.*; Richard Willacy, Skerton, 10*l*; Tobias Hadwen, Overton, 11*l.*, he would have the odd pound; John Crosskell, Overton, 10*l.*; Robert Baxter, Middleton, 10*l.*; Thomas Woodman, Overton, 10*l.*; John Woodman, 10*l.*

15,181. Were they paid together ?—Very likely they would be.

15,182. Have you written them down in the order in which you paid them ?—Yes; Thomas Caton, 10*l.*; Joseph Hadwen, 11*l.*; Matthew Jackson, of Heaton, 10*l.*; William Thompson, of Overton, 10*l.*;—he was one of the parties with me on this round.

15,183. Did you give him anything for his trouble in going round with you ?—Nothing more than the 10*l.* I do not remember giving him anything, but I possibly might. Then there is James Thompson, 10*l.* Those were all the voters I paid in that round; then there is an item to R. Snatcham—he is a publican, 1*l.*

15,184. Was that that night ?—Yes.

15,185. What was that for ?—For refreshments to some of the voters, I think. Then there was an amount I paid at the "Ship Inn" at Overton, for suppers and breakfasts for freemen who were going to vote on the following morning, 6*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*

15,186. Have you any voucher for that ?—I had, but I tore it up shortly after the election was over, I did not want to keep it.

15,187. Did you show it to anyone before you tore it up ?—I do not think I did.

15,188. When did you pay that ?—That was on the nomination night.

15,189. You paid it on that night, did you ?—No, I beg pardon; I paid it the next morning when I took the men away; they had supper as well.

15,190. What was the next payment ?—I believe that is all, it is all I can remember; I paid my own bill at the "Queen's Hotel."

15,191. Did you pay a man named Thompson for the use of his shanty to bring voters ?—Yes, I did not put that down.

15,192. Was that the same Thompson ?—I rather think it was—William Thompson.

15,193. Publican ?—No he was not a publican, he was a farmer.

15,194. You paid him for the use of his trap 1*l.* ?—Yes.

15,195. What other payments did you make ?—I have no memorandum of any others.

15,196. Then you returned a balance of 225*l.* ?—No.

15,197. What did you do with it, then ?—On the day of the election I was engaged the whole of the day in Lancaster.

15,198. Then you have another list to give us ?—No, I have not ? I was engaged the whole day in Lancaster among entire strangers, and never took a single name down.

15,199. You spent the 225*l.* ?—Yes, nearly so.

15,200. And you have no account to give us of the way in which you disposed of it ?—No, I did not know the name of a single man; I simply saw the men vote.

15,201. Be very careful in what you say. There is a balance of 224*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to be accounted for, and I intend to get an account of it from you, and so I tell you. Now begin and tell us how you account for that sum ?—As soon as I had polled the men from Overton and the neighbourhood I then turned my attention to any voters I possibly could find,

15,202. What time in the day was that ?—From 10 to 12 o'clock, in fact the whole day.

15,203. After 10 o'clock in the morning ?—Yes.

15,204. You had disposed of the Overton voters by 10 o'clock ?—Before 10 o'clock.

15,205. Did you go with them to the poll ?—With the majority of them I did; the others, Mr. Gorst and other parties went with, and whether they polled them or not I cannot tell.

15,206. Where did you go to after you had polled your men ?—I went to the "Bull Inn" and one of the captains (I do not know whether it was Mr. Dauson or not) told me there were a number of men there that wanted looking after, and that I had better go and get some money, and I went and got 50*l.* I think that was the first money I got from Mr. Barker.

15,207. Then this is the second part of the money ?—That is the second part of the money.

15,208. Was this the first instalment of the second sum from Mr. Barker ?—Yes.

15,209. You had paid away at that time 224*l.* ?—Yes, but I had borrowed some money from Mr. Thompson to meet the outlay on the nomination day at Overton.

15,210. How much money had you borrowed from Mr. Thompson ?—I cannot remember now, but I paid it out of the 50*l.* I got.

15,211. Had you borrowed from him the difference between 200*l.* and 225*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* ?—Yes.

15,212. Then you had borrowed 25*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* from Mr. Thompson ?—About that.

15,213. As soon as you had got the 50*l.* from Mr. Barker did you repay Mr. Thompson the 25*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* ?—I did.

15,214. How soon after you got the 50*l.* did you repay that money ?—Almost immediately.

15,215. At what time in the day had you got that 50*l.* from Mr. Barker ?—I should think it would be about 10 o'clock in the morning, as near as I can judge.

15,216. What was the next thing that you did ?—The next thing I did was—there were some voters standing at the door of the "Bull Inn," they were pointed out to me and I went and polled them; I forget how many there were.

15,217. About how many ?—I believe there were ten altogether, but I had not money enough out of the 50*l.* to pay them, and I went back to Mr. Barker and got some more; I believe there were ten, but I will not be certain.

15,218. Did you pay those that you could with the money that was remaining to you before you went for some more money ?—No, they went up-stairs into the room and waited there for me,—into a private room locked up.

15,219. Then the ten men went upstairs into the private room ?—Yes; just so.

15,220. How much did you get from Mr. Wilson Barker when you went the second time ?—I believe it was 100*l.*, but I will not be sure; I did not take any notice of it.

15,221. This was at the "Bull"?—At the "Bull."

15,222. As soon as you came back with this 100*l.* what did you do ?—I went and polled the men.

15,223. Did you pay them before you polled them ?—I did.

15,224. How much ?—10*l.* each.

15,225. Now give me a list of them ?—I cannot; I did not take down the name of any one of them.

15,226. Nonsense.—I beg your pardon, I did not; this, you will remember, was on the day of the election, and it was almost impossible.

15,227. Let me look at your book. (*The book is handed by the witness to the Commissioners.*) What is the meaning of this first entry—"Overton, 15; Middleton, 5; Sunderland, 6 ?"—That was a memorandum that I got of the number of voters, I think.

15,228. Is all this first part of the book connected with the election ? Here, I see, is the name of John Hodgson ?—John Cottam, I think, is the first; the book should be the other way up.

15,229. "Woodman Sunderland" is the first entry ?—

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That was merely a memorandum to enable us to find him.

15,230. What is this entry: "John Hodgson, 26*l.*, 10*l.*, 10*l.*, 1*l.*?" just look at it (*handing the book to the witness.*)—I am sure I do not know what that is; I might have given that money; I cannot remember what that is.

15,231. Who is John Hodgson?—I do not know, I am sure.

15,232. You made an entry there for the purpose of remembering the transactions; just look at it, and explain what it means?—It has escaped my memory.

15,233. Look at it?—I am under the impression that he joined us on the day of the election, and got this money from me; but I will not swear it; I do not know how to account for it; it has altogether escaped my memory.

15,234. Who is John Hodgson?—I am sure I do not know; perhaps he might be one of the captains, for aught I know; I did not know a living soul in the place when I came here.

15,235. Never mind talking so much; look at that book, and tell me what your recollection is as to that entry?—I should not have put it down here if I had not paid it to John Hodgson; that is very certain.

15,236. Is it money that you received from John Hodgson?—No, it is not.

15,237. Will you swear that?—I swear it.

15,238. Is it money that you received from any person on account of John Hodgson?—No.

15,239. Do you mean to tell me that you, having made that entry, cannot tell in the least what you meant by it?—Upon my word, I cannot; and I am sure I would not like to say what is not true.

15,240. I sincerely trust you would not. Then there is a payment of 46*l.* made to John Hodgson, and you cannot recollect what it was for. Who is this "R. Hodgson" up above?—I do not know, I am sure, who he is; there is no money paid to him, I think, is there?

15,241. There is no entry of any money paid to him?—Perhaps in the hurry I made some memorandum.

15,242. Was anybody present when you paid these ten men who were kept up in a room at the "Bull Inn"?—I fancy there was one of the captains present, but I do not know who it was; there was great confusion about the place.

15,243. But the names of these men were given to you by somebody?—Their names were not given to me at all; I did hear their names, no doubt, when they gave them in the book.

15,244. Who told you how much to pay them?—I was instructed to do the best I could.

15,245. Who told you what these men wanted?—They asked their own price; and I knew that 10*l.* was about the price, and I paid it to them.

15,246. Was there anybody there to tell you whether they were voters or not?—I saw their voting papers or cards.

15,247. Their voting papers would not prove to you that the men were voters?—I took them to the polling booth, and saw every one of them poll.

15,248. But you paid them before they polled?—I did.

15,249. How did you know, when you paid them, that they were voters?—They simply showed their cards.

15,250. Do you mean to tell me that nobody was present who gave you their names, or vouched to you that they were voters?—There were several.

15,251. Tell me their names?—I cannot tell you the name of one of them, because I did not know them; but I know that they were engaged on the Conservative side; Mr. Danson saw me actively engaged all day among them.

15,252. Did Mr. Danson see you pay these men?—No; I do not believe he did; he left; Mr. Pace was with me most of the morning.

15,253. Who is "Captain Cole, 'Sea-view Hotel,'" Bournemouth?—That entry has nothing to do with the election.

15,254. Who is he?—He is an American captain.

15,255. That entry, you say, has nothing to do with the election?—Certainly not.

15,256. Are you sure that the entry with reference to John Hodgson had nothing to do with the election?—I am completely at a loss to understand it; I think it is merely a memorandum of some remark that was made as to what he might require; but really I cannot remember it.

15,257. It does not look much like a memorandum of what he might require; it makes altogether 47*l.*; you have no recollection what you did with that 47*l.*? I cannot remember at all; I gave a statement of this in to Mr. Wilson.

15,258. These entries at the other end of the book are entries of the sums which you have given me before?—Exactly.

15,259. You polled these men, you say, but you cannot give us their names?—No, I cannot.

15,260. Nor the name of any person who was present when you paid them?—No.

15,261. That you swear upon your oath?—Yes.

15,262. That leaves 124*l.* to be accounted for; what did you do next after you had polled these ten men?—I went to Mr. Barker's and got more money, and went to each public-house in the neighbourhood.

15,263. At what time in the day did you go to Mr. Barker for the third instalment?—I cannot tell you.

15,264. About?—I cannot say.

15,265. Was it in the afternoon, before the close of the poll?—It would be somewhere between 12 and 1 o'clock, I suppose.

15,266. How much money did you receive from him on the third occasion?—I believe it was about the balance—about 100*l.*, I think, altogether; I only went to him about three times, and altogether I got 250*l.*

15,267. Then it would be about 100*l.*?—Somewhere about that.

15,268. What did you do next?—I continued my pursuit after voters.

15,269. What do you mean by continuing your pursuit after voters?—I went into every public-house; there were several places where voters were locked up, and I tried to get admission to them.

15,270. Who took you?—I went first with one, and then with another.

15,271. Give me the name of any one single person who went with you to any one single public-house, or who saw you pay one single voter?—Mr. Pace.

15,272. He is in Bombay, and therefore is a very safe man for you to vouch?—We were together.

15,273. Give me some other name?—I think William Thompson saw me pay money in Lancaster.

15,274. When do you think William Thompson saw you pay money in Lancaster?—On the morning of the election, before ten o'clock.

15,275. Those would be the Overton voters?—No; the Overton voters were paid over night.

15,276. Tell me who William Thompson saw you pay in Lancaster?—I could not tell you.

15,277. Do you mean, when you speak of William Thompson, the captain who was with you?—Exactly.

15,278. Where did he see you pay any voters?—I believe he saw me pay some at the Royal Oak; we met with a number there, I believe; I believe that Mr. Gorst saw me pay some too; there is a sum of 4*l.* that I paid to Mr. Gorst, which has just struck me.

15,279. What was that for?—That was for his services.

15,280. That is 4*l.* out of the 224*l.*?—Yes.

15,281. That leaves a balance of 220*l.* Where did Mr. Gorst see you pay any voters?—I cannot exactly tell you the place, because we were never ten minutes in one place; we were in almost every public-house in the town.

15,282. I will tell you what; we shall have a pretty

exhaustive list of voters who have been paid; and it strikes me, that we shall not find twenty who received money without our having had their names given to us?—What I state is true; I cannot give you the names of the men; they were entire strangers to me.

15,283. Tell me where you paid any other voters, or tell me the names of any other public-houses that you went into?—I do not know the names of them.

15,284. You knew Lancaster pretty well, did you not?—No; I had never been in Lancaster before.

15,285. You had been here that week, you know?—I used to come in of an evening from Morecambe after dark; I was not allowed to be seen in Lancaster at all; it was not the policy of the Conservative party to see me there.

15,286. Do you mean to say that you were told not to show yourself till after dark?—I was severely rebuked for coming here at all the first or second day, and I was told not to come; I did not come over every day.

15,287. And that is the excuse you gave to us for not knowing the names of the houses to which you went to pay voters?—It is no excuse; it is the truth; I could not tell you the name of a single house, except the "Black Bull" and the "Royal Oak"; as I have told you, I was a total stranger in Lancaster.

15,288. It is not, perhaps, a matter so much for us as it is for others; but do you mean to say that you cannot account to those persons who intrusted you with all this money in any better way than you have accounted for it to us?—Certainly, I cannot.

15,289. Persons in very humble positions in life have accounted, even with reference to these bribing practices, to the last farthing; you are a defaulter to the amount of 224*l.*; and you may stand down, as far as I am concerned.

15,290. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It is our business to trace this money, and find out to whom it was paid?—Yes.

15,291. Here is a large sum, 224*l.*, which is unaccounted for by you?—It is accounted for; but I cannot give you the names of the persons to whom I paid it.

15,292. It is not accounted for; we cannot put down the names of voters who are unknown?—I cannot help that; it is very unfortunate that I did not put the names down, but on the day of the election there was great confusion and bustle, and if I had attempted to write the names of the men down, I might have lost half of them.

15,293. You had 220*l.*?—Just so.

15,294. That was the price of the twenty-two votes?—Yes.

15,295. Then there would be 22 names?—Yes.

15,296. How long would it have taken you, as a man of business, to write 22 names down?—It would not have taken ten minutes perhaps.

15,297. Ten minutes?—Well, five minutes.

15,298. Do you really mean to say that the reason why you did not write down the names of the persons to whom you paid money was because you would lose so much time if you did?—To tell you the truth I did not think it worth while to write them down; I did not see that there was any necessity for it.

15,299. Why did you put down the names of the persons you paid the night before?—Because the night before I had plenty of time to do it.

15,300. Do you give that seriously to us as the reason why you did not write down the names?—It is a positive fact that I did not write them down; I did not think it was worth while to write even one name down.

15,301. These men stayed quietly while you went to Mr. Wilson Barker for more money; do you think they would not have stayed quietly while you wrote down their names?—I was in a hurry to get them away. All I can say is that I did not think it worth while to take down their names.

15,302. That is a perfectly absurd account to give, and I am surprised that you should think of attempting to palm such an account upon us. When did you give this account (*referring to a paper before produced*)?—It might have been a week after I got back from Lancaster.

15,303. This very amount?—I have not seen it.

15,304. Look at it (*showing the paper*)?—I believe that is it.

15,305. You know the paper again?—It is my writing.

15,306. When did you render that account?—I rendered that account, as I have said before, about a week after I got home.

15,307. To whom did you render it?—To Mr. Wilson.

15,308. Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson?—Yes.

15,309. Did you make any remark upon it?—No, not any whatever.

15,310. And you seriously repeat to us that that is a true account?—Yes.

15,311. Can you mention the name of any one person that you saw and spoke to?—Mr. Danson saw me repeatedly and Mr. Isaac Jackson saw me repeatedly.

15,312. Did Mr. Isaac Jackson or Mr. Danson see you pay any of the voters?—No; I believe Mr. Isaac Jackson saw me take several men from the "Black Bull" and pay them.

15,313. What men?—Some of those ten that I took to vote.

15,314. Did you take the ten men all together?—No.

15,315. Did you pay them all together?—No.

15,316. I thought you said that they were all in one room?—So they were.

15,317. Did one batch wait until you had paid another batch?—Yes.

15,318. And yet you were in too great a hurry to write down their names?—I do not say that I was in too great a hurry to write them down.

15,319. But that is what you have stated?—I say I did not think it worth while to take their names down.

15,320. Do you not think it worth while to account for money which has been put into your hands for any purpose?—I never thought that any account would be required.

15,321. Why then did you put down the other names? I suppose that you, in the course of your business, have to account for money that comes into your hands?—Certainly.

15,322. And you are familiar with accounts?—Yes.

15,323. Do you really mean to say that you thought you should not have to account for this large sum of money that was left in your hands?—Yes, I did not think it would be necessary for me to do so.

15,324. (*Mr. Newton.*) Can you explain how it happened that you wrote down the names in a book of persons you paid before witnesses that you knew, and did not write down the names of persons you paid when you alone were present with them?—I had to go to a great many places about Overton.

15,325. I am not talking about Overton. Can you explain the distinction that you made?—I am sure I cannot tell how it was.

15,326. Can you give any explanation of it? You write down the names of the men when you pay them before Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gorst and not when you pay them before nobody?—In a great many cases neither Gorst nor Thompson were present. They stayed outside while I paid the money to these people.

15,327. Why did you write down the names of the persons you paid one night and not write them down on the following day?—Because I did not think it worth while.

15,328. Is that the only answer you can give?—Yes.

15,329. Why did you think it was not worth while to write them down?—I did not see the utility of it. I never dreamt of a Royal Commission.

15,330. But if persons entrust you with money is it not the custom to account to them for it?—I have

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rendered the best account I could, and I have sworn to its correctness.

15,331. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The proper description to give of it is that it is no account.

15,332. (*Mr. Newton.*) Upon the evidence as it stands it would appear that you put 220*l.* into your own pocket?—That is certainly not the case.

15,333. It is the case if you cannot give any better explanation than you have given?—I have given the best explanation I can. How is it possible for me to remember the names of voters that I had never seen before in my life and have never seen since?

15,334. How came you to put down in your book the names of people that you paid before witnesses, and not the names of others that you paid when no witnesses were present?—I beg your pardon. In the majority of these cases the men were paid when no witnesses were present.

15,335. You told us just now that Thompson and Gorst were present when you paid them?—They introduced me, but they stopped outside in the majority of cases, and they will tell you the same thing. I have sworn that the men did get the money.

15,336. I am sorry to say that I do not believe you?—I am sorry for that indeed.

15,337. You tell us that you saw Mr. Jackson in the course of that day. He has told us that he remained in China Lane until 4 o'clock when the polling was over. Tell me any place where you saw Mr. Jackson?—I might have confounded the "Black Bull" with the "Crown and Anchor."

15,338. I want you to state where you saw him that day?—I believe I saw him at the "Crown and Anchor."

15,339. At what time did you go there?—I dare say it would be about 3 o'clock.

15,340. What did you mean by telling my brother Commissioner, Mr. Hill, just now that there were only two public-houses the names of which you knew in the town—the "Black Bull" and the "Royal Oak"?—You have reminded me of the "Crown and Anchor."

15,341. No, I have not reminded you of it. You suggested that name yourself. What did you mean by saying "The Crown and Anchor?—I do not know.

15,342. At what time did you go to the "Crown and Anchor?"—It might be 2 o'clock.

15,343. Was it 2 o'clock?—I did not take particular notice of the time.

15,344. You said just now that you only went to the "Bull Inn" and the "Royal Oak," and now you have mentioned the "Crown and Anchor." How came you to mention the "Crown and Anchor."?—I do not know. Perhaps it flashed across my mind at the time. I cannot account for it.

15,345. Were you in Court yesterday?—I was here for a very short time only.

15,346. Then probably you had not an opportunity of hearing what Mr. Hill so properly said to a witness, that a witness who had been guilty of telling an untruth did not deserve to be examined any further. You may stand down.

15,347. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I must say that I think this is by far the most disgraceful exhibition we have witnessed in the course of our inquiry, and it is rendered much more so by the fact that you are not a poor ignorant person, but a man holding, I should suppose, a considerable position as a merchant on your own account. I can only say, that we shall certainly refuse your certificate.

15,348. (*Mr. Hill.*) I think the best thing you can do is to go to Mr. Wilson Barker's shop and give him back 220*l.*

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THOMAS SCANLAN sworn and examined.

15,349. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I manage the passenger traffic for the National Steam Company in Liverpool. I may add that at the time of the election I was in Mr. Wilson's office.

15,350. Where do you live?—Edge Lane, Liverpool.

15,351. I believe you came to Lancaster at the last election?—On the nomination day I did.

15,352. At whose request did you come?—At Mr. Wilson's request.

15,353. When did he make that request to you?—It was conveyed to me through Mr. Wollaston.

15,354. When, I ask you?—On the day previous to the nomination day.

15,355. Monday, the 10th?—Monday the 10th.

15,356. Did you come here alone or with anybody?—I came with Mr. Wollaston.

15,357. Mr. Wollaston and some other gentleman? I came in the same train.

15,358. Did you bring anything with you?—Yes. I brought what I believe to have been some money.

15,359. What was it in, a bag or a parcel?—In a brown paper parcel.

15,360. I am glad you do not mince the matter, but say at once what it was. What did you do when you arrived at Lancaster?—I went to the "King's Arms" hotel.

15,361. About what time?—It was late in the afternoon; perhaps 5 o'clock. I do not remember the exact hour.

15,362. What did you do when you got there?—I remained there but a very few minutes and then went with Mr. Wollaston to Mr. Wilson Barker's office.

15,363. And there delivered the money?—And there delivered the money.

15,364. Where did you go after that?—I sauntered about the town for half an hour perhaps and then came back to the "King's Arms" hotel.

15,365. Did you do anything that evening in the matter of the election?—No, not more than ascertain the geography of the "Three Crosses" or some such public-house.

15,366. Are you sure that that was the sign; was it the "White Cross"?—Perhaps that would be it; it is a public-house at the top of the hill I know.

15,367. With two doors?—I only remember one door.

16,368. It is a corner house, is it not?—Upon my word I cannot say.

15,369. Do you remember the landlord's name?—I do not.

15,370. What did you do there?—I should have said I went there with Mr. G. C. Clark.

15,371. Then it was the "White Cross"?—I simply saw the locality of the rooms and came back again.

15,372. Now we will come to the nomination day, July the 11th; What did you do on that morning?—On that morning I went to the "White Cross," at perhaps 7 or half past 7 o'clock.

15,373. I am speaking of the 11th July, the day before the polling?—I only arrived in the evening of that day. The request was conveyed to me on the Monday, but I only came on the nomination day.

15,374. At what time did you go to the "White Cross" on the morning of the 12th?—I fancy about half-past 7.

15,375. I suppose you did not go unprovided?—I did.

15,376. When did you receive any money?—Well, I went in ignorance there, expecting that money would be there; but I found out that I should have brought it; so I went at once to Mr. H. T. Wilson and he referred me to Mr. Barker, who gave me some money.

15,377. How much did he give you?—I understood it was 250*l.*, but I did not count it.

15,378. At what time did you get the money?—Before 8 o'clock I think it was.

15,379. I omitted to ask you who gave you the money that you brought from Liverpool?—The late Mr. William E. Chambers; Mr. Wilson's cashier.

15,380. Where?—I believe in Mr. Wilson's office, and I put it into my black bag.

15,381. Is Mr. Chambers dead?—He is dead.

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15,382. Do you know, or have you heard since, how much this money was that you brought with you?—I understand I brought 500*l.*

15,383. When you were upstairs in this room what took place?—I seated myself with my back to the window, according to instructions, and honoured certain checks that had been issued by Mr. Clark as they were presented to me.

15,384. What was the nature of the check?—Simply a piece of paper about the size of a railway Ticket, on which were certain letters which we had arranged beforehand; a sort of cypher.

15,385. These letters that were on the paper represented different sums of money?—Different sums of money.

15,386. Now I will ask you what your cypher was?—A B C D, and so on; the first nine letters represented the initials. A was one, B two, C three, D four, &c.

15,387. Occasionally you had to use the cypher?—We had a good deal of use for the "A K"; "A" was the "one" and the K. was the cypher.

15,388. How many voters do you suppose presented these checks?—I have rather a vague idea upon that point. I cannot say. I could not give an opinion. They kept continually coming in in ones and twos.

15,389. You can give no notion at all?—Scarcely.

15,390. How long did you continue there?—Up to perhaps 2 or 3 o'clock, 3 o'clock probably.

15,391. Perhaps you will be able to say how much money you paid away?—At first I got 520*l.* as I understand, and I got a second supply of 250*l.*, and I believe a third supply of something like 150*l.* I did not count the money. Mr. Barker gave it me all.

15,392. Did you pay away the whole of that?—No I returned the balance.

15,393. Was that the whole that you received?—That was all I received.

15,394. Do you recollect what the balance was?—I did not count it.

15,395. I believe we know from other sources; to whom did you return this balance?—To Mr. Wilson Barker.

15,396. Did you go anywhere after you left the "White Cross"?—I came down to the "King's Arms" and tried to get to the hustings to hear the condidates speak, but I did not succeed at the first attempt.

15,397. That was after the poll was over?—After the poll was over.

15,398. Did you leave Lancaster that evening?—That evening.

15,399. And that is all you know of the Lancaster election?—That is all.

15,400. I have here what Mr. Barker told us you returned, do you know what the sum was?—No; I did not count it.

15,401. He returned the balance as 118*l.* 10*s.* You made no payments, I suppose, except to voters?—Except to those men in the room.

15,402. You did not pay any bills or give any money except to those voters who came into the room?—No.

15,403. Have you read the account given by Mr. Clark of what took place?—I looked over it at breakfast the other morning.

15,404. Is it a correct account?—On the whole it is.

15,405. (*Mr. Hill.*) What do you mean by saying it is correct "on the whole"?—I did not read it consecutively through. I only read part of it in the morning, and when I got home in the evening it was gone.

15,406. As far as you know it is a correct account?—As far as I know it is correct.

ROBERT HAGART sworn and examined.

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15,407. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Liverpool.

15,408. What are you?—I am in Mr. Lawrence's office.

15,409. As clerk?—Apprentice.

15,410. When was the first time any communication was made to you respecting the election at Lancaster.—I think about Monday the 10th.

15,411. What communication was that?—I think I was told by Mr, Wilson that if I choose to come up and help at the election, he asked me if I would like to come.

15,412. He came to you?—No, he did not come. I only heard it from a gentleman in our office.

15,413. Who was it?—A gentleman in our office, a Mr, Tronson.

15,414. Is he a clerk there?—Yes.

15,415. He told you that Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson would like you to come over here?—Yes, to help.

15,416. What do you mean by "to help"?—To do anything that there was to do.

15,417. What was it, out with it at once?—I think it was assisting.

15,418. To pay away money?—No, that was not it at all.

15,419. To come and assist at the election?—Yes.

15,420. You were not to come as a looker on you know?—Just to help. I did not know then what there was to do.

15,421. To assist at the election and help?—Yes.

15,422. Anything more?—I believe not.

15,423. When did you come to Lancaster?—On the day of the nomination.

15,424. That would be the following day?—Yes.

15,425. Did you bring anything with you?—Some money.

15,426. How was the money?—In a bag, a black bag.

15,427. A travelling bag I suppose?—Yes.

15.428. Where did you get that money from?—From our office.

15,429. From your office?—Yes; Mr. Lawrence's office.

15,430. Who came to you?—I think it was Mr. Tronson.

15,431. Are you sure it was Mr. Tronson?—I am not quite sure.

15,432. Just try and recollect?—I could not swear that it was Mr. Tronson.

15,433. Whereabouts was it?—In the office; just as I was coming up here I was asked to take it up with me.

15,434. Did he say what you were to do with it?—I was to give it to Mr. Barker.

15,435. Could it have been anyone else but Mr. Tronson?—It might have been one of the other clerks.

15,436. Could it have been Mr. Lawrence?—No, it could not have been Mr. Lawrence.

15,437. Could it have been his brother?—No, it could not have been him; I am sure they were not in the office at the time.

15,438. If it was not Mr. Tronson it must have been some other clerk?—Yes.

15,439. How many clerks were there in Mr. Lawrence's employment?—Six, I think.

15,440. Were they all there that day?—I think so.

15,441. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you mean six in the same position as Tronson?—No; he is the manager.

15,442. He is the head clerk?—Yes.

15,443. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was the black bag locked?—I did not try.

15,444. You did not open it?—No.

15,445. Did it shut with a spring?—I do not remember; I got it shut and gave it up shut.

15,446. Your curiosity did not prompt you to look into it?—No.

15,447. Did they tell you how much money there was in it?—No.

15,448. No sum was mentioned?—No.

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15,449. As near as you can recollect, tell us what your directions were?—To give it either to Mr. Taylor or Mr. Wilson Barker.

15,450. Were you told where you would find them? —Mr. Taylor, I believe, was staying at the "King's Arms."

15,451. You were told to come to the "King's Arms?"—Yes.

15,452. Was this after office hours?—No; I think it was in the forenoon.

15,453. Did you come over?—I got here, I think, about 2 o'clock.

15,454. This was on Monday?—On the nomination day.

15,455. When was the bag given to you?—That morning.

15,456. You had been told the Monday previously that you were to do so?—Yes, I think it was Monday; I was asked to come up.

15,457. On Tuesday the bag was given to you, and you got here at 2 o'clock?—Yes, I think 2 o'clock.

15,458. Did anybody else from Liverpoool come with you?—No.

15,459. None of these gentlemen; Mr. Wollaston, for instance?—No.

15,460. Mr. Scanlan?—No; I did not know any of these gentlemen.

15,461. No one that you knew came with you?—No.

15,462. What did you do when you got here?—I went to the "King's Arms" and saw Mr. Taylor.

15,463. That is Mr. Lawrence's partner?—Yes; and then I saw Mr. Wilson Barker.

15,464. Mr. Taylor gave you some directions, I suppose?—I really forget; I do not know how I found out Mr. Wilson Barker.

15,465. At all events, you got home?—Yes; I got home and gave him the money.

15,466. What time did you get there?—I think it was about 2 or 3, I forget when the train comes.

15,467. Did anybody else go with you there?—No; I think I met with Mr. Wilson Barker at the "King's Arms," and he went with me.

15,468. You handed the money over to him at his office?—Yes.

15,469. Did you get a receipt?—No, I did not get any receipt.

15,470. Do you know these Liverpool witnesses who have come here; Mr. Wollaston, for instance?—I met them at Lancaster last year.

15,471. They did not go with you?—No.

15,472. Did you take any part in the election, of any sort, after this?—I was with John Cross.

15,473. I suppose you slept at the "King's Arms" that night?—Yes.

15,474. You went out in the town and just looked about?—Yes.

15,475. In electioneering times there is no harm in that. You met Cross that night?—Yes; I met Mr. Cross, but I forget the name of the house where I met him.

15,476. Should you know it if I were to tell it to you?—I do not know.

15,477. Was it at the "Golden Ball?"—No.

15,478. You met him at some public-house?—Yes; I was told to go with him.

14,479. Did you make arrangements with him as to what was to happen the next morning?—Yes.

15,480. Who introduced you to Mr. Cross?—I forget; I was told to go with him.

15,481. By whom?—I think it was Mr. Wilson.

15,482. You went with him the next morning?—I went with him that afternoon.

15,483. Where did you go to?—We went to Mr. Barker's office and got some money.

15,484. On the Tuesday afternoon?—On the 11th I think it was.

15,485. At what time did you go to Barker's?—Between 4 and 5, perhaps; It might be later, but I do not remember.

15,486. What did you get?—Some money; I do not know how much it was; Mr. Cross signed a receipt for it.

15,487. It was put into your possession?—We went together.

15,488. Cross signed for it and the money was given to you?—Yes, I got it.

15,489. What did you do when you got it?—I went about the town with Mr. Cross to different places, and whatever he told me to give I gave it to a particular man—a voter.

15,490. Did you go to any public-house?—Yes; but I do not remember the name of it; it was getting dark at the time. I went and got some tea first; then Mr. Cross came for me and we went out together.

15,491. You went to some public-house?—We went to different houses; first of all about the town voters' houses, I suppose they were.

15,492. He told you what to pay, and you paid it? —I am not sure whether I paid anything that night or not, but I went round just to look them up.

15,493. You cannot recollect whether you paid any money that night?—No; I think there was some paid, but I am not quite sure.

15,494. Surely you must have some sort of recollection whether you did or did not pay any?—I would not swear it, but I think there was some paid.

15,495. We will take it that there was some paid; you cannot tell us what?—I do not know any of the amounts, but I think there was some paid.

15,496. Did you go to bed that night?—A little.

15,497. At what time?—I think it was about 3 o'clock.

15,498. What time did you get up the next morning? —I think at 7 o'clock.

15,499. Did some functionary or an official come and call you in the morning at the hotel?—No, I do not think so.

15,500. Did the "boots" come?—I think I got up myself.

15,501. At what time?—About 7, I believe.

15,502. Where did you go when you got up?—I met Mr. Cross.

15,503. Where at?—I think at the "King's Arms."

15,504. Where did you go to?—We went round the town again, and then we went to the "Golden Ball," I believe it is called.

15,505. When you got to the "Golden Ball" what did you do?—We went up into a room upstairs.

15,506. We must have the story, so tell it out?—I do not exactly remember what I did; if you will ask me a question I will answer it.

15,507. What did you do upstairs?—I went into a room with Mr. Cross.

15,508. You sat down at a table?—Yes.

15,509. Were voters introduced to you?—Yes; and I paid them what Mr. Cross told me.

15,510. Were tickets given to you by Cross?—I think so.

15,511. With the names on?—Yes.

15,512. And the amount?—Yes.

15,513. Did you get any more money that day from Mr. Barker?—We went once or twice, but I do not know the amounts we got each time.

15,514. Cross was with you all the time?—Yes, all the time.

15,515. You were merely, as I understood, Cross's agent?—Yes.

15,516. Do you remember how many supplies you got from Barker that day?—I think three.

15,517. Three in addition to the first?—No, I think three altogether.

15,518. Did Cross go with you each time?—Yes.

15,519. Did he sign a receipt for the money?—Yes.

15,520. Which ended first, the voters or the money? —The voters, I think; at least I gave back some to Mr. Barker.

15,521. Do you remember what it was?—I think it was about 70*l.*

15,522. 75*l.* 10*s.* is the amount Cross returned?—I think that would be right.

15,523. Did Cross go back with you to Barker?—I do not remember, but I do not think he did; I think I saw Mr. Barker himself.

15,524. Did you see him in the street or at his own house?—I forget; it was in the street or else at the "King's Arms."

15,525. That is all you know about the election?—Yes.

15,526. You went back to Liverpool that night?—Yes.

15,527. Did you come across Mr. Lawrence that day anywhere?—No, I did not speak to him at all.

15,528. Did he know you were in Lancaster?—I believe so.

15,529. You did not speak to him?—I may have made some remark to him, but I do not remember what it was.

15,530. Was it anything in reference to the money?—No.

15,531. Did you see his brother?—Yes, I saw Mr. John Lawrence.

15,532. Did you tell him about the money?—No, I just saw him at the "King's Arms."

15,533. You did not tell him about the money?—No.

15,534. Where did you dine that night?—I did not dine at all.

15,535. You had dinner before you left the house?—I was too busy; I had not time to dine.

15,536. You had a heavy tea?—I really do not remember.

15,537. I want to know where Mr. Lawrence was that night. Where did he dine?—I do not know; I did not see him.

15,538. Do you know where his brother dined?—No.

15,539. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say you are not sure whether it was Mr. Tronson who gave you this money?—No.

15,540. You say it would have been some other of the clerks if it was not Mr. Tronson?—It might have been.

15,541. Could you say who it was?—No.

15,542. Could you say who it was likely to have been, if it was not Mr. Tronson?—I could not swear who it was, but it probably was Mr. Tronson.

15,543. Did Tronson say anything to you as to where the money came from?—No.

15,544. Have you talked to Mr. Tronson since about this matter?—No.

15,545. You have not said a word to him about it?—No, I do not think so, but I am not sure.

15,546. You have said nothing that you remember?—No, not about that money; I may have talked about the election

15,547. Do you remember talking to him about the election?—I do not remember any particular occasion, but I might have done.

15,548. When you say you "might have," did you talk to him about the election?—Yes.

15,549. About what part of the election was your conversation?—I really do not remember. I might have just casually said something about it.

15,550. Do you really mean to tell us it was not about the money?—Yes.

15,551. You are quite sure you avoided that fact?—I neither avoided it, nor talked about it.

15,552. When Mr. Tronson delivered the money to you, he gave you some directions?—He did not say it was money at all.

15,553. You both of you seem to have known pretty well that it was money?—That was my own opinion; but that has nothing to do with whether it was money or not.

15,554. You very properly said at once it was money, instead of fencing about it?—I was not told of it.

15,555. You knew it was?—I knew it was very heavy, and that it might be money.

15,556. You knew it was money?—I did not know it. I thought it was money.

15,557. Did not Mr. Tronson ever ask you whether you had fulfilled his directions?—No.

15,558. Whoever gave you this money, what directions did he give you when he delivered the bag to you?—I think he said I was to take it to Mr. Taylor.

15,559. Was that all?—That was all.

15,560. Mr. Taylor is the gentleman who was here yesterday?—Yes.

15,561. Did not Mr. Tronson ever ask you whether you had delivered the money to Mr. Taylor?—He may have done so, and I probably said "Yes." I had delivered it to Mr. Wilson Barker, to whom I gave it. I suppose he took it for granted.

15,562. Had you no further conversation about it?—I do not think so.

15,563. Can you swear to us that he never told you where the money came from?—Yes.

15,564. He never did?—No.

15,565. He did not take you into his confidence so far?—No.

15,566. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did any other of these clerks come over with you?—No.

15,564. You say you were an apprentice in Mr. Lawrence's office?—Yes.

15,568. I apprehend in a somewhat superior position in the office?—No, I have not been there long.

15,569. Were you in the habit of taking directions from any of the other clerks in Mr. Lawrence's office?—How do you mean?

15,570. You say in this office of Mr. Lawrence's Mr. Tronson is at the head?—Yes.

15,571. And you say in that office there are five or six clerks under Mr. Tronson?—Yes.

15,572. Were you in the habit of taking directions from any of those clerks under Mr. Tronson?—Do you mean about business?

15,573. Yes. Would they give you directions?—Yes, if there was anything to do, they would ask me to do it.

15,574. Would they give you directions as to leaving Liverpool, or as to bringing anything over to Lancaster?—No, I do not suppose they knew anything about it.

15,575. Nor would you be likely to take any directions from them upon such a matter as that?—I do not know.

15,576. Would you?—If any of them had asked me to take it up, I probably would have done it.

15,577. Is it likely that one of those clerks would have said, "Go to Lancaster, Hagart, and take this parcel with you;" should you have gone without consulting Mr. Tronson?—Probably not.

15,578. I should think certainly not?—I would not be sure of that.

15,579. Do you mean to say you would have come over to Lancaster by the direction of any of these clerks in the office?—If Mr. Wilson had asked me to come up.

15,580. Would not the clerks have brought the message as from Mr. Tronson or Mr. Lawrence?—They did not bring it, so I cannot say.

15,581. Your belief is that it came from Tronson?—Yes, that is my belief.

15,582. A belief upon which you have very little doubt?—I do not recollect. I got the bag and brought it to Lancaster.

15,583. You would recollect it if you received the directions from anyone else but Tronson?—I cannot say.

15,584. To the best of your belief you got it from Tronson?—Yes.

15,585. And you told Tronson that you gave it to Barker or Taylor?—I really do not recollect it. I do not remember whether he asked me anything about it.

15,586. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you know Mr. Chambers, the cashier to Mr. Wilson?—No.

15,587. Was anybody else present when you delivered it to Mr. Barker, except Mr. Cross?—I went with Mr. Barker or without him to his office, and gave it to him.

15,588. No one else was present?—No one.

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R. Hagart.

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15,589. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was anyone else present when, whoever it was, delivered this bag to you?—I got it in the office, the other clerks would have been sitting about.

15,590. They were all there as usual?—Yes.

15,591. There was no concealment?—No; I was going away, and Mr. Tronson just said, "Take this bag up to Lancaster with you."

15,592. (*Mr. Newton.*) It seems an extraordinary thing, asking a man to take a bag to Lancaster, and not to tell him that money was in it. You might have lost it in a cab, or dropped it?—I do not know that.

Mr. W. Barker.

Mr. WILSON BARKER recalled and further examined.

15,593. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have been here during the examination of the last witness?—About five minutes.

15,594. (*Mr. Newton.*) He says he took a bag, by the direction of Tronson, and brought it here, and went to the "King's Arms;" saw Mr. Taylor there, and after that went to your house—nobody went with him—and that he handed over that bag to you. It was a black leather bag, and shut with a spring?—I have no recollection of any bag. A sum of 500*l.* was brought to me on the 11th, besides the 2,000*l.*

15,595. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That is not quite the account you gave of it to us?—To my belief it came by that morning's post. I never saw a black bag. On the 11th I received 2,500*l.*—2,000*l.* came in four bags by Mr. Wollaston, with four or five other gentlemen; and the other 500*l.*, you asked me how I received it, and I said, "to the best of my knowledge, by the post that morning." I am not certain about it. I have nothing down as to who brought it; and if this last witness brought it, I was under the impression that he was in the employ of Mr. Wilson. I changed that money; there is no doubt about it.

15,596. (*Mr. Hill.*) But you would not change it if was gold?—No, but I have no recollection of receiving it in gold.

15,597. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The last witness has just said that he brought something heavy in a black bag to you?—2,500*l.* was brought to me on that day, 2,000*l.* in four bags by Mr. Wollaston, and the other 500*l.* I believe came by post.

15,598. If nothing more than that 2,500*l.* was brought, there is a strange discrepancy in your account and the account of the last witness, because five hundred sovereigns is a very different thing from a sum which you say, specifically, was sent to you by post, and which must have been in notes because you say you changed them probably at the Lancaster Bank?—I had more than 500*l.* by me at that time of my own, besides the 500*l.* I changed at the Bank.

15,599. Do you remember walking with anybody from the "King's Arms" to your place of business?—No, I do not. I have looked everywhere for letters enclosing money, but could not find one, and I took it for granted that that 500*l.* must have come by that morning's post.

15,600. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you not remember paying Cross and Hagart together?—No, I do not. I remember paying Cross, and I have Cross's signature for it, but I have not the slightest recollection of seeing Hagart with him. Seeing the numbers that came in it is impossible to recollect; the main thing was to get a receipt for the money I paid.

15,601. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you sure you did not walk with anyone from the "King's Arms" to your office?—I do not remember it.

15,602. Not with a man carrying a bag with 500 sovereigns?—I do not recollect walking with any man carrying any money. My own recollection is that I received four bags of 500*l.* each brought by Mr. Wollaston, with two or three or four other gentlemen with him, and that I received 500*l.* the same day by post.

15,603. When did that impression arise in your mind. Is it in your account that it come by post?—No, it is in my account "Chambers." I had it at first down in my memorandum "Liverpool," but I understood from Mr. Wilson that it would be from Chambers, the same as the rest.

15,604. It is in your account as credited to Chambers?—Yes, received from Chambers.

15,605. When did Mr. Wilson tell you that it was from Liverpool, the same as the rest?—I think it would be soon after the election, a few months afterwards. Whenever he came to Lancaster he generally called, and I used to show him how the account stood, whether there was a balance due to me, or the other way.

15,606. What do you call this sum in your account with him?—500*l.*

15,607. Per whom?—I put it, first "Liverpool," and then I put it "Chambers."

15,608. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you got that account?—No. I have got no more accounts than those which you have.

15,609. What did you do with those accounts?—You have got an exact copy of those accounts.

15,610. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I thought you told us you had the originals?—No; I said I had the original documents from which I made up the amount, the vouchers, except those that were with the Town Clerk. I cannot find any original letters enclosing the money.

15,611. (*Mr. Hill.*) In fact, you cannot tell us with regard to those other sums that came by post whether or not they were brought in bags?—They came afterwards. There were none brought in bags afterwards.

15,612. There is "July the 12th, 450*l.* per post from W. E. Chambers," how do you know that that did not come in a bag?—Because I received no gold but what I got changed at the bank.

15,613, What did you receive on the 12th?—A cheque for 1,000*l.*, which I got changed at Mr. Ball's, and I believe I got some bank notes changed.

15,614. Where did you get them from?—I had them by me.

15,615. Did you receive nothing besides a thousand-pound cheque?—Yes, there is another sum down.

15,616. There is a sum of 450*l.* by post; how do you know that came by post?—Because I believe it all came by cheque.

15,617. Do you still believe that that 500*l.* came by post after Mr. Hagart's evidence?—No, I might be mistaken.

15,618. If you heard other evidence with regard to this 450*l.* you would say you might be mistaken also?—No; I believe no one brought any money at all except what I got changed.

15,619. Did you receive this 450*l.* by the morning's post, or have you no recollection about it?—I know I received it on the 12th. It is down on the day I received it.

15,620. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You received 2,000*l.* in four bags?—Yes.

15,621. What sort of bags?—Leather bags; I have them now. In fact, I believe there are five, but where the fifth came from I do not know. They are all in a drawer now. They are small leather bags such as you get from a bank in which you put five hundred sovereigns.

15,622. (*Mr. Newton.*) Wash-leather?—Yes.

15,623. You have got five of them?—Yes, I think five.

15,624. That is very strong evidence that you received 2,500 sovereigns?—I never thought about it. I know that those four bags came, because it made an impression on my mind these four or five gentlemen coming in.

15,625. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you sure you have got five of those bags?—I will produce them. I know there are four, and I believe there are five.

15,626. Which you received on or about the 11th of July?—I know of four I received, because I counted the money afterwards, and folded the money up in rolls of 100 sovereigns each to save time.

15,627. Are you sure you have five bags?—I will tell you when I have looked.

15,628. Where are they?—At my office.

15,629. Are they open?—No.

15,630. Are they locked up?—Yes; that is to say my office is locked up.

15,631. (*Mr. Newton.*) It is very strong evidence that you received 2,500*l.*?—It would be so if I received the other sums in gold instead of notes, but I am not under the impression that I did.

15,632. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are these five bags, if there are five, all of the same character?—They are bags that would hold 500 sovereigns each.

15,633. Wash-leather bags?—Yes; to the best of my belief they were thrown in the drawer immediately afterwards.

15,634. (*Mr. Hill, to Mr. Hagart.*) What sort of a bag was it you gave to Mr. Barker?—A black leather bag, I believe; but I did not leave it with him, I took it away again.

15,635. What did you take out of the bag?—I did not take anything, I gave it to Mr. Barker. I suppose he took the money out.

15,636. Did Mr. Barker return you that bag?—I got it back.

15,637. Did you see the bag emptied at that time?—I do not remember, I do not think I went into Mr. Barker's office. I gave him the bag, and he gave it to me back again.

15,638. (*Mr. Newton.*) Whose bag was it?—I do not know.

15,639. Was it an ordinary black leather travelling bag?—Yes, a little black bag.

15,640. You must recollect whose bag it was?—No, I do not.

15,641. It was not your own?—I got it from the office.

15,642. Was it your own?—No.

15,643. Was it Mr. Tronson's bag?—I do not know. The bag may have been lying about the office.

15,644. You saw the parcel put into the bag?—No I did not.

15,645. You say you took this black bag to Mr. Barker's office, and Mr. Barker gave it you back empty, to the best of your belief?—Yes.

15,646. You did not go into the office?—I went into the office, but Mr. Barker may have gone into some other part.

15,647. (*Mr. Hill, to Mr. Wilson Barker.*) When did you first collect this account which you have presented to us?—I filled it up daily.

15,648. When did you first finish it in the same way in which it was presented to us?—The last amount added to it was in July.

15,649. When did you first write in the account "By post 500*l.*?" That I could not say; I know I asked Mr. Wilson about it.

15,650. When did you ask Mr. Wilson?—Several weeks ago; before the Commission.

15,651. You made your accounts several weeks ago, before the Commission?—Long before the Commission.

15,652. How long; since the Committee?—Before the Committee; I made the account in that form from the first, within a week or two after the election.

15,653. Do you mean to say that within a week or two after the election you wrote in your account, "by post 500*l.*?—No; I put "Liverpool."

15,654. When did you alter it?—Through an intercourse with Mr. Wilson. I said, "I cannot tell how this money came, I have no memorandum of it." And he said, "It must have come from W. Chambers, the same as the rest;" and I put it "Chambers."

15,655. (*Mr. Newton.*) You have a distinct recollection of receiving 500*l.*?—I remember receiving 2,500*l.* on that day.

15,656. Have you a distinct recollection of receiving 500*l.* by post that morning?—I have not; I took it for granted if it came from him it must have come by post, because he was never here in Lancaster, and I never spoke to him on the subject.

15,657. You had a cheque sent by Chambers on the 8th?—No, bank notes; I have had remittances from him every month on other business, and he has always sent it in bank notes, if it is not an amount for a post-office order.

15,658. You told us the other day that you changed this cheque, whatever it was, that you got on the 11th, at the Lancaster bank?—I changed a cheque at the Preston bank for 1,000*l.*

15,659. At the Lancaster bank?—No, bank notes I changed at the Lancaster bank, and a cheque I changed with Mr. Ball, and I must have changed some others with him, very likely notes. (*The witness is directed to bring the bags from his office, a messenger accompanying him.*)

Adjourned for a short time.

ROBERT SHACKLETON recalled and further examined.

15,660. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We have had a complaint made against you this morning.—So I have been told, and I shall be glad if the Commissioners will allow me to state that I never was nearer to Mr. Vince yesterday than I was when I sat there opposite, at the time he was giving his evidence. I have never seen Mr. Vince or spoken to him in any shape or way since the day before the election.

15,661. Do you mean to say that you said nothing to him last night?—I mean most positively to say that I never spoke to him in any shape or form.

15,662. And did you use no language such as he states you did?—I used no language whatever.

15,663. It is an extraordinary statement for him to make?—Yes, it is an extraordinary statement. I went out of Court with Mr. Isaacs; Mr. Isaacs and myself were talking, and I do not know now that Vince was anywhere near us.

15,664. He says you said something insulting to him with reference to the evidence that he had given before us?—I never did, I never spoke to him.

Mr. WILSON BARKER recalled and further examined.

15,665. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where were these bags (*showing five leather money-bags to the witness*) produced from?—Out of a drawer in the presence of the man you sent.

15,666. Was the drawer unlocked in your presence? It was not locked. I may explain that from Messrs. Wilson and Chambers I am in the habit of receiving thousands of pounds, and to the best of my belief, as I stated, the money came to me by post.

15,667. May I ask you how you came to receive so much money from Mr. Wilson through the late Mr. Chambers?—For calls.

15,668. What calls?—For the Shipowner's Company. I have received something over 20,000*l.* from them.

15,669. How does it happen that the money passes through your hands?—I am the secretary of the company, and that money is sent to me to pay into the bank.

15,670. They do not pay the money into the bank direct?—No; it is left at the office of Wilson and Chambers, and they send it to me by post.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

R. Hagart.

13 Sept. 1866.

ROBERT HAGART recalled and further examined.

15,671. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you see Mr. Lawrence's brother on the day you have spoken of?—I saw him at the "King's Arms."

15,672. Was that before you saw Mr. Barker?—I cannot say; I think it was after.

15,673. Did he know that you had these bags?—No; at least, I should not think he did.

15,674. Mr. Taylor knew that you had the bags?—Yes.

15,675. He saw you with them?—Yes.

15,676. Have you anything to add to what you have told us before?—Mr. Cross has got the list of the voters that I paid, and that will probably corroborate what he has said.

15,677. We find that your figures are quite correct according to Mr. Cross's evidence; 75*l.* you returned to Mr. Barker?—Yes.

Mr. H. T. Wilson.

Mr. HENRY THRELFALL WILSON sworn and examined.

15,678. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you reside?—At Lingdale.

15,679. Is that near Liverpool?—In Cheshire.

15,680. What are you?—A ship-owner.

15,681. Trading under what name?—H. T. Wilson Cunningham and Co.

15,682. Who were the members of that firm at the time of the election in 1865?—Myself and Mr. James Chambers.

15,683. Carrying on as that firm the business of shipowners?—Yes.

15,684. How long had Mr. Chambers been in partnership with you?—Nine or ten years.

15,685. How long have you been in business in Liverpool?—20 years.

15,686. You are, I believe, a native of Lancaster, are you not?—I was not born here, but I was educated here.

15,687. Are you a freeman of Lancaster?—No.

15,688. Besides having been educated at Lancaster, did you reside here for any length of time after your education was completed?—No, I left immediately.

15,689. Were you educated at the Grammar School here?—Yes, at the Grammar School.

15,690. After leaving Lancaster did you go at once to Liverpool?—Yes, I went there at once.

15,691. And have you been there ever since?—Ever since my apprenticeship was completed.

15,692. How many years ago did you become acquainted with Mr. Lawrence, the candidate?—I should think about 10 years ago.

15,693. I will call him Mr. Lawrence, and the other J. T. Lawrence; what was Mr. Lawrence in 1865?—He was a merchant.

15,694. You had had business relations with him?—Yes.

15,695. He was a merchant at Liverpool?—Yes, at Liverpool.

15,696. Besides having business relations with him, had you been on intimate terms with him?—Yes.

15,697. Had you interested yourself in any previous election at Lancaster?—I took a slight interest in the election between Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Saunders.

15,698. I do not want to take you at present at any great length into the contest between Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Saunders, but how long have you known Mr. Saunders?—I think I have known Mr. Saunders about three years from the present date.

15,699. When did you first become interested in Mr. Saunders' election, or rather in his contest?—I think I came here either the evening before or on the nomination day, I forget which.

15,700. You are referring now to the contest in 1864?—Yes.

15,701. What part did you take in that election?—I rather think that Mr. Whelon wrote for me to come over here.

15,702. Who was Mr. Whelon?—He acted for Mr. Saunders at that election.

15,703. In what way was Mr. Saunders connected with Lancaster?—I do not know in what way he was connected with Lancaster.

15,704. Was he connected with any business in Lancaster at that time?—I think with nothing except the Ship Building Company.

15,705. What is his position with regard to the Ship Building Company?—He is deputy-chairman.

15,706. Who is the chairman?—I am the chairman.

15,707. When was that company established?—About three years ago.

15,708. Is there any other business in Lancaster with which you and Mr. Saunders were connected?—There is the Shipowners' Company.

15,709. That is a distinct company from the Ship-building Company?—Yes, quite so.

15,710. What are your relative positions in that company?—Mr. Saunders is the chairman, and my firm are the managers of the company.

15,711. Can you give us an idea of what is about the capital employed in those two companies?—The capital in the Ship-building Company will be, shortly, 30,000*l.*, and in the Shipowners' Company it will be 125,000*l.*

15,712. You say that you took some slight interest in the contest between Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Saunders. Did you lay out or divide Lancaster into districts for the purposes of that election?—No, I did not.

15,713. What part did you take in the election?—I was here on the nomination day, and I rather think that Mr. Saunders asked me to see what his position was at that time.

15,714. Did you go through the canvassing books?—I saw the canvassing books.

15,715. And reported to him the probabilities of his success?—I reported to him what Mr. Whelon told me.

15,716. We know that some money was spent at that election. Had you anything to do with the money that was found at that election?—I sent some gold over from Liverpool.

15,717. To what amount?—I think 1,000*l.* or 1,500*l.* I do not remember now.

15,718. Do you know whether that 1,000*l.* or 1,500*l.* was apart from the expenses that were returned as legal expenses by the officer after the election?—It was part of the legal expenses.

15,719. Do you know anything personally (I do not ask from private conversation with Mr. Saunders) of any other money that was spent at that election?—I know that Mr. Saunders spent between 2,000*l.* and 2,100*l.* altogether.

15,720. (*Mr. Newton.*) Including the 1,000*l.*?—Including the 1,000*l.*

15,721. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you yourself pay away money to any persons at that election?—No, nothing.

15,722. To whom did you send this 1,000*l.* or 1,500*l.*?—I sent it to Mr. Whelon.

15,723. And you know nothing further of the manner in which it was disposed of?—I have seen the account.

15,724. When did you first interest yourself in the election which we are more immediately inquiring into now, the last election?—In February, I think it was in February, 1865, I gave them a promise that I would assist them at the general election.

15,725. You say "them;" who do you mean by them?—The Conservative party.

15,726. Can you give me the names of the heads of the party to whom you gave the understanding that you would assist them at the election?—This took place when a deputation waited upon me to invite me to contest the vacancy when Mr. Gregson died.

15,727. When would that be?—I think it was in February.

15,728. A deputation waited upon you, you say, aking you to contest it?—After Mr. Saunders had declined they waited upon me.

15,729. Mr. Saunders was asked first of all as having been first in the field, and then upon his declining they waited upon you?—Yes.

15,730. And you declined?—I declined.

15,731. Did you then promise the Conservative party that you would look out for a fit person to contest Lancaster?—I did.

15,732. And did you wait upon Mr. Lawrence, or did you see him?—I asked Mr. Lawrence. Several other persons, I think, had been invited before Mr. Lawrence.

15,733. What steps were taken with regard to Mr. Lawrence standing for Lancaster?—I waited on Mr. Lawrence myself.

15,734. Did he acquiesce in your proposition?—No, he did not.

15,735. What was done then?—I pressed Mr. Lawrence for a considerable time, I should think for a month.

15,736. And he eventually acceded to your proposition?—He did after he had been here.

15,737. He came over, did he?—Yes; he came over here to a meeting of the Shipowners' Company, and then met a deputation from the Conservative party.

15,738. Of whom did that deputation consist?—There were a good number there; I should think 20 or 30 were present.

15,739. Who were the heads of it?—I do not remember. I remember Dr. Mackreth was there, and Mr. Brockbank was there. I forget who else, but there were a good number.

15,740. Those were the heads?—No; there were several of the influential Conservatives present, but I forget their names.

15,741. Who addressed Mr. Lawrence? Who headed the deputation?—I forget who was in the chair. I rather think Mr. Dockray was.

15,742. When was this meeting held?—On the 1st of June.

15,743. Was there a resolution arrived at at that meeting?—They pressed Mr. Lawrence to stand, and Mr. Lawrence said he would give it consideration.

15,744. What was the next thing that was done?—Mr. Lawrence gave me his answer on the 7th of June.

15,745. Was that answer accepting?—He agreed on the 7th of June to accept it.

15,746. And you duly bore that answer, I presume, to the Conservative party?—Yes; I communicated it that evening.

15,747. Was anything said at that time as to the probable cost of contesting Lancaster?—Yes.

15,748. Did you convey this to Mr. Lawrence, or was this at a meeting of the Conservative party?—Mr. Lawrence told me what he was prepared to spend.

15,749. What did Mr. Lawrence tell you he was prepared to spend?—1,000*l.*

15,750. You told Mr. Lawrence, I presume, that 1,000*l.* would not do in Lancaster?—I told him that that was all I should ask him to contribute.

15,751. You knew that there would be more required than 1,000*l.*?—I thought that there might be 2,000*l.* required.

15,752. Did you think at that time that 2,000*l.* would win Lancaster?—Judging from Mr. Saunders's expenditure, I thought so.

15,753. From whence did you expect the other 1,000*l.* to come?—I intended to contribute myself.

15,754. And from what other sources did you expect it to come?—I hoped to get a contribution from his brother.

15,755. You sent that answer, you say, over to the Conservative party?—Yes.

15,756. What was the next step that was taken?—I suppose they would announce it here.

15,757-8. What was the next step that was taken of which you were personally cognizant?—After that, do you mean?

15,759. Yes?—I rather think a meeting was called.

15,760. Did you come over to attend that meeting?—I did.

15,761. And Mr. Lawrence?—Yes.

15,762. That, we know, was on the 15th of June?—On the 15th of June.

15,763. Mr. Lawrence, I presume, addressed the meeting?—He did.

15,764. Was that meeting well attended?—Yes, it was very well attended.

15,765. And did you hope, from the appearance of that meeting, for any success for Mr. Lawrence?—Yes, I did.

15,766. Of course, you would not know on the 15th of June at what time the election would be likely to take place?—No; we did not know.

15,767. What was the earliest day at which you knew of the dissolution or of the probability of a general election?—I think it was about the end of June.

15,768. What was the next step that was taken as to organizing the party for the purpose of the election?—I forget whether I met the captains, or whether Mr. Lawrence came over to canvass the electors, but those two steps were taken.

15,769. Mr. Lawrence came over to canvass the electors, and the captains were met by you?—Yes, they were.

15,770. When you say the "captains" were met by you, had you a previous acquaintance with the captains?—I knew principally who the captains would be.

15,771. Did you select them, or were they selected by the party in the town?—They selected them from the party here.

15,772. Mr. Wilson Barker, we are told, was appointed treasurer?—He was.

15,773. And he had, as he has told us, considerable business transactions with your firm?—He had.

15,774. Had you reason from that to believe that he was a fit person to be appointed treasurer?—Yes; I had perfect faith in Mr. Barker.

15,775. When you say that you met or saw the captains, what was done as to organizing the party before the election?—I met the captains and told them what my views were. I said that I thought, in the first place, that the Conservative party were not at all in an organized state here. I saw that at Mr. Saunders's election, and I told them that the first thing they had to do was to put their organization in a better shape than I had seen it at Mr. Saunders's election.

15,776. Under whose direction was the party organized?—Partly under my direction.

15,777. When you speak of captains, who were the captains you met? Were they the five gentlemen whose names have been given to us?—Yes.

15,778. Mr. Hatch, Mr. Coupland, Mr. Cross, Mr. Storey, and Mr. Clark?—Yes.

15,779. You had a meeting, I presume, with those five gentlemen?—I had.

15,780. When was that meeting?—I do not remember the date, but it must have been before they commenced the canvass.

15,781. What was arranged at that meeting?—It was arranged that they should divide the entire constituency into districts.

15,782. And it was divided into districts which were apportioned to those five captains?—Yes.

15,783. I think that, as to the names of the districts, we have sufficient information from the captains. You have, no doubt, read the evidence that has been given upon that subject. Is there anything that you wish to add to what they have told us as to the division into districts?—No; they knew more of that than I did.

15,784. What was the first thing that was said to the captains as to expenses with regard to the election?

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—There was nothing said to the captains about expenses until the Monday preceding the election. That would be the 10th of July.

15,785. Before that Monday, the 10th of July, had arrangements been made by you at Liverpool as to providing funds for the election here?—They were made by me here.

15,786. On what day did you make arrangements with Mr. Barker as to his receiving certain money in London?—Mr. Barker states that it was previous to his visit to London, and I have no doubt that Mr. Barker is correct. I know I ordered my London firm to pay him money.

15,787. You gave directions to them that he would be at "Kennan's Hotel," Cheapside?—No; Mr. Barker called at my office in London. I think he did not see my cashier or partner, and he left instructions where he was staying and they sent him 500*l.*

15,788. Have you any written document with regard to that?—I know they gave it to him on the 1st of July.

15,789. They advised you of having duly paid it to Mr. Wilson Barker?—I know they paid him. I do not know whether they advised me of it or not.

15,790. From what funds did that 500*l.* come?—From our own funds.

15,791. From the funds of the partnership?—From the funds of the firm.

15,792. What was the next thing that was done with regard to providing money?—On the 10th of July my course of procedure was laid.

15,793. What did you do in pursuing that course?—I told the captains how much money I should be prepared to spend.

15,794. How much money did you tell them you would be prepared to spend?—I told them I should be prepared to pay 10*l.*, and not more.

15,795. For a vote?—For a vote.

15,796. For any vote they might procure?—That they were obliged to pay for.

15,797. You told them I presume, to get votes under 10*l.* if they could?—Yes; to get them as cheap as they could.

15,798. You knew at that time that there was a great proportion of votes that would have to be bought?—I did not know until the Monday. On the Monday I knew it.

15,799. You knew on the 10th of July that there would be a great number of votes to be bought?—I assumed that from a conversation that I had with Mr. Starkie.

15,800. Was that Mr. Chamberlain Starkie?—Yes; Mr. Chamberlain Starkie.

15,801. Will you tell me if you please when and where that conversation with Mr. Chamberlain Starkie took place?—It took place at the "King's Arms."

15,802. What was the nature of that conversation?—Starkie came in to me alarmed, and told me that he had seen Mr. Schneider and that Mr. Schneider had stated that if Mr. Lawrence was to be returned for Lancaster, he would have to spend more than 10,000*l.*

15,803. He came to the "King's Arms" you say?—He did.

15,804. Did Mr. Starkie come and speak to you of that conversation as having just taken place with Mr. Schneider?—I am not certain whether he said it had taken place at the Vicarage on the Sunday or the Monday.

15,805. But did he speak of it as if he was taking the earliest opportunity of telling you of it?—Yes.

15,806. 10,000*l.* of course would cover a great many votes?—Yes.

15,807. And that gave you information that a great deal of money must be spent?—Yes.

15,808. And was it after hearing that, that you told the captains you should be prepared to pay 10*l.* for a vote?—I asked Mr. Starkie if he thought that Mr. Schneider was in earnest.

15,809. And what did Mr. Starkie say to that?—He said, "I am sure he is."

15,810. I presume that it was upon your suggestion that those questions were put to Mr. Starkie that I see were put to him before the Committee of the House of Commons?—It was from the knowledge I had of that conversation that those questions were put to Mr. Starkie.

15,811. You say that Mr. Starkie said this to you on the 10th?—He did.

15,812. Not on the nomination day?—No; and Mr. Schneider repeated it on the nomination day I think, both to Mr. Starkie and to Captain Thornhill also.

15,813. Having heard that, did you tell the captains where they were to look for the money?—No; I began to think whether Mr. Schneider could really be in earnest and I think I referred back to a speech that he had made on his election in February.

15,814. That was at the walk over?—That was at the walk over; and I think that Mr. Schneider then said words pretty nearly to this effect—that he was getting in cheap then—but that he would fight and show them how to fight next time. I put the two things together, and I came to the conclusion that Mr. Schneider really had made up his mind to spend money.

15,815. Then did you in your mind connect the cheapness of the walk over with the dearness of a subsequent contest?—Yes, I did.

15,816. Having made up your mind that Mr. Schneider meant what he was reported to have said to Mr. Starkie, did you then make any arrangements as to providing funds to meet him?—I think that before I made any arrangements I saw Mr. Sharp, who was Mr. Lawrence's chairman.

15,817. Who is Mr. Sharp?—He is a solicitor here.

15,818. What took place between you and Mr. Sharp?—I asked Mr. Sharp what he thought of Mr. Lawrence's prospects, and Mr. Sharp told me that the canvass book was the best he had seen.

15,819. Well?—I think I then asked Mr. Sharp whether he thought it would be policy on my part to fight the election purely or to pay for it.

15,820. By inquiring of him whether he thought it would be your policy to fight the election purely or not, I presume you meant to petition, and pray for the seat after Mr. Schneider had been returned?—To spend no money, and to petition and pray for the seat.

15,821. What was the result?—Mr. Sharp advised me to fight the election purely,

15,822. Well?—I saw a great difficulty about that.

15,823. And what was the result?—I determined then to fight Mr. Schneider with his own weapons.

15,824. What armoury did you go to for the weapons?—I then sent for money.

15,825. You went over to Liverpool I presume?—No, I did not. I wrote I think. I remained here.

15,826. To whom would you write at Liverpool?—I think I should write to my cashier.

15,827. The late Mr. Chambers?—The late Mr. William Chambers.

15,828. When did Mr. Chambers die?—I think about three or four months ago. He died very suddenly.

15,829. What did you write over to Mr. Chambers for?—I think I wrote to tell him how much money I should want.

15,830. How much did you say you should want?—I think it was 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.*

15,831. Did you tell him to have that money ready or to send it?—I think I told him to send it.

15,832. Did you suggest to Mr. Chambers the way in which it should come, or did you leave it to him?—I left it to his discretion.

15,833. 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.*?—I think so.

15,834. You yourself went on looking after matters in Lancaster?—I was looking after the matters here.

15,835. Did you know or were you advised by Mr. Chambers that the money would be here?—The money came.

15,836. Were you at that time continually seeing Mr. Wilson Barker?—Continually.

15,837. And had you arranged with him that he

should expect the money?—I told Mr. Barker that the money would come.

15,838. Did Mr. Barker acquaint you as the money came?—I do not know that he told me of it as it came, but I knew that he had money.

15,839. I must give you this opportunity of clearing up a difficulty that occurs on Mr. Barker's evidence. He tells us that he received from Mr. W. E. Chambers on the 8th of July, 400*l.* How is that, if you did not arrange with Mr. Chambers until the 10th?—My impression is that that is the money that Mr. Hagart has been speaking about to-day. My impression is that that is the 400*l.* that Mr. Hagart brought.

15,840. But you had not written to Mr. Chambers until the 10th?—No.

15,841. Therefore Mr. Chambers could not possibly have sent over money on the 8th?—My impression is that that is the 400*l.* that Mr. Hagart brought from the office.

15,842. That could scarcely be, because the date is July the 8th?—I mean Mr. Hagart must have brought it from Messrs. Lawrence and Co. He did not bring it from my office.

15,843. Mr. Wilson Barker's date is the 8th of July?—I know it is.

15,844. He gives that as the date on which he received the money, and Mr. Hagart did not come over until the 11th?—Mr. Hagart came here twice.

15,845. He has not told us so?—Well, he was here twice.

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15,846. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you come to Lancaster twice?—I think so, but I am not sure of the date.

15,847. When was the first time that you came?—About the 8th. I think I came on a Saturday. I will not be sure of the date. I am not at all clear about it.

15,848. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have certainly not given us to understand what we now understand from you. Your evidence was, "On Monday the 10th I was first spoken to by Mr. Tronson who told me that Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson would like me to come over to assist at the election; and on Tuesday, the day following, I came over." Do you mean to add to that, that you were spoken to before?—I said I thought it was that day, but I was not sure. I said, "to the best of my belief."

15,849. Do you mean to say that you could possibly have come over at a previous date and forgotten it?—No; I think I came over, but I am not sure.

15,850. You think you came over when?—Twice.

15,851. Why did you tell us before that you only come once?—I do not think you asked me whether I came twice or not.

15,852. What reason had you for telling us that you came over once if you came twice?—Because I was not sure that I came twice.

15,853. Do I understand you to mean that you brought two bags, or only one?—One.

15,854. Then is the whole story that you before told us utterly inaccurate? You told my friend who examined you, "I was told to give it either to Mr. "Taylor or to Mr. Wilson Barker. I was told to "come to the 'King's Arms.' I went there and saw "Taylor. I went to Wilson Barker and gave him "the money."

15,855. (*Mr. Barstow.*) My note is, "I gave the "money to Wilson Barker. Nobody went with me "there. I gave the money to Barker at his house. "I did not go to Wilson Barker with the other "gentlemen. I went to Mr. Barker's with Cross. "Cross gave me a receipt for the money. I went "round the town to different places. I am not sure "I paid money that night. I think money was paid. "I went to-bed at 3 and rose at 7." That is all a story of one transaction.

15,856. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you still say that you went over with Cross?—If I came the first time I must have come in the morning and gone away in the evening again.

15,857. Do you mean to say that you went with Cross to Mr. Wilson Barker or not?—I have told you that already. I came over first and then went back.

15,858. Whenever it was that you came with the money you went with Cross to Wilson Barker's?—Yes.

15,859. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you come over first for?—I came over—I must have been told to come before that date.

15,860. But what did you come for; whom did you see?—Well, I came over to canvass and help at the election.

15,861. They would not be likely to send for you to come here to canvass?—I came to help.

15,862. You came for some specific purpose. Did you bring two bags with you?—No.

15,863. Take care. You ought to have known better than not to tell us the whole story at once?—I am not very clear; but I told you all, as far as I could remember.

15,864. What did you bring the first time you came?—Nothing, as far as I can remember, except myself.

15,865. Who told you to come?—I was told that Mr. Wilson would like me to come and help.

15,866. By whom were you told that?—By Mr. Tronson.

15,867. What on earth made Mr. Tronson tell you to come over for and assist on the Saturday?—It may not have been on a Saturday.

15,868. What should you come here to assist for?—They were canvassing all the time.

15,869. They would not be likely to send for a gentleman from his office at Liverpool to come and canvass here?—That does not at all follow.

15,870. You do not suppose that we shall believe that?—That is the only reason I know of.

15,871. You had better say it out at once?—I have said already that that is the only reason I know of. I I cannot say more than I know.

15,872. You cannot say there was any other reason but that you were sent over to canvass and you brought nothing with you?—Not the first time.

15,873. (*Mr. Hill.*) If you brought anything at all you brought it on the day of the nomination?—Yes, as far as I can remember.

15,874. (*Mr. Newton.*) How long did you remain the first time you came?—I think only a day.

15,875. A day and a night?—I really am not sure.

15,876. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I am sorry to say that you Liverpool gentlemen appear to have left your memories behind you. This is the first transaction of the kind that you were ever mixed up with, and I hope it will be the last?—I have told you all I know.

15,877. You cannot remember whether you slept here or not?—I do not think I slept here.

15,878. May I ask how old you are?—21.

15,879. You were then 20. Surely you can remember whether you slept from your home or not?—I was an infant then.

15,880. Do not talk that rubbish?—I was under age.

15,881. Be careful. Just bear in mind that we shall make a difference between you and other witnesses if you give your answers in that way?—I was under age then.

15,882. (*Mr. Newton*). What do you mean by answering in that way; it is trifling with us?—I really cannot remember. I have told you as far as I can remember, and that is all I can do.

15,883. Do you think you took a return ticket the first time you came?—I think I did both times.

15,884. Did you go back the same day that you came?—I think I must have done so.

15,885. You say you came here to render assistance. What assistance did you render the first time

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you came?—I did not find anything to do I think, and that is why I went back again.

15,886. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I trust you are not a dishonest witness, but you certainly are a very puzzle-headed one, and I shall direct our secretary not to allow you your expenses.

Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson's examination resumed.

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15,887. (*Mr. Hill.*)) You see that according to the amount Mr. Hagart has given he brought over no money until the 11th. How did this money come over which Mr. Wilson Barker has given evidence of to us as having come in bank notes sent by Mr. W. E. Chambers on the 8th of July?—I cannot inform you. My own impression was and still is that Mr. Hagart brought that money. Saturday would be the 8th.

15,888. Then you can give us no account of how Mr. Wilson Barker became possessed of that 400*l.*?—No, not at all.

15,889. But you say you had not directed Mr. Chambers (and you are quite clear upon this) to send over money until the 10th of July?—The first money that Mr. Chambers sent over was on the 11th.

15,890. Are you quite sure that the first directions that you gave to Mr. Chambers to send over money were given on the 10th of July, after your conversation with Mr. Sharp?—Yes, except the 500*l.* from London.

15,891. Have you an account of Chambers's as to the monies that were sent over by him?—I have got an account here which has been taken from my books.

15,892. When was that taken?—It was taken by my book-keeper about a week ago.

15,893. You have not brought the book over here in which it is entered, have you?—No, but I shall be very happy to send both for the book and the ledger, if you wish it.

15,894. Unless this matter should be more satisfactorily explained we shall be obliged to have those books over, but we shall do it as we did in the case of Mr. Hadwen, in any way that will be the least inconvenient to your business?—You can either have the books or a declaration before the mayor.

15,895. We should prefer to have the books themselves if we find it necessary at the end of your examination. In the meantime you are now going to give us extracts from the accounts, as you have them there?—On the 1st of July there is 500*l.* That you have got.

15,896. How is that entered in the books?—500*l.*

15,897. Debited to whom, or credited to whom?—It was debited by the London firm to the Liverpool firm.

15,898. Does it appear on what account it was debited?—No, I think it is simply a debt of 500*l.*

15,899. What is the next?—July 11th, 500*l.*

15,900. How is that?—Cash.

15,901. Does it appear to whom it was paid?—I will explain the whole of it if you will allow me. July the 12th, 400*l.*

15,902. Cash?—Cash. July the 12th, 450*l.*

15,903. The same date?—The same date. July 15th, 500*l.*; the same date, 5*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*; the same date, 10*l.*; the same date, 15*s.*; the same date, 1*l.*; the same date, 1*l.*; August 12th, 250*l.*; September 12th, 400*l.* That makes a total of 3,018*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* That is the whole of it.

15,904. Is that all the money that was supplied by your firm?—That is the entry in the cash-book of my firm on the 30th of September, 1865.

15,905. How is it entered in the cash-book?—It is entered on the 30th of September 1865 to "suspense account."

15,906. What would be the meaning of the entry in your cash-book, "to suspense account?"—It would mean this, that it was not decided by the book-keeper to what account to pass it.

15,907. The entry would mean that the book-keeper had no direction where to pass it to?—Quite so.

15,908. What further sums are there?—Those are all.

15,909. Are those the whole of the sums contributed by your firm for the purposes of the election?—Yes, by myself rather.

15,910. And that appeared in the books of your firm?—Yes.

15,911. In what book are these entries that you have given us under the head of cash entered first of all?—In the cash-book.

15,912. Is there anything written against them?—My book-keeper made a copy of the account, but the 5*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*, the 15*s.*, the 1*l.*, and the 1*l.*, did not go through Mr. Barker, though there is a bracket made in the cash-book as if they did.

15,913. How does the account-book show they have gone to Mr. Barker?—The whole is entered under one date.

15,914. But how does the account show that these sums were paid to Mr. Barker?—The whole of them are bracketed together.

15,915. Just let me see (*handing a paper*)?—He has written here "per Barker."

15,916. Against the whole of those sums?—Yes, against the whole of them.

15,917. I see you have added in this paper "per Barker" in pencil. Is that in your handwriting?—Yes. I remembered having seen it in the book.

15,918. That you have put in from your recollection of what you had seen in the book?—Yes.

15,919. Is there any other entry in your cash-book as to those items?—I will explain them to you. I think there is an entry opposite the 450*l.*

15,920. On the 12th of July?—Yes, on the 12th of July. As far as I recollect it was paid to Lee and Nightingale.

15,921. Are you speaking from your recollection of the books?—Yes.

15,922. That is put against 450*l.*?—Yes.

15,923. Who are Lee and Nightingale?—They are printers, in Liverpool.

15,924. Was that for the purposes of the election?—No; I will explain that to you. The 450*l.* has been a payment made by my cashier to Lee and Nightingale to avoid the interchange of money between Mr. Barker and himself, between the cash-keeper, and Mr. Barker.

15,925. Being in fact a balance of accounts between the cash-keeper and Mr. Barker?—I suppose that my cashier had to pay 450*l.* for Mr. Barker that day in Liverpool. There is an entry opposite the 5*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* It is "sundry small payments." The 10*l.* is for the Liverpool "Courier." The 15*s.* was, I think, for Mr. Lawrence's address, and there is also an entry against the two sums of 1*l.*, which appear to have been paid to two different individuals.

15,926. Is there any entry against the 250*l.*?—No, think not.

15,227. Is that all that appears in the cash-book, of money transactions connected with the election?—Except 750*l.* on the credit side.

15,928. What entries are there on the credit side?—On the 15th of July there is a credit of 750*l.*

15,929. Whose name appears against that?—J. T. Lawrence.

15,930. That is credited to J. T. Lawrence?—Yes.

15,931. What have you to tell us about that item?—Nothing.

15,932. Do you know anything about it?—No, nothing at all.

15,933. How do you know that that was connected with the election?—I saw an entry of the same date.

15,934. I do not exactly understand you?—I saw the books. My cashier died, and I looked at the books to see how matters stood as regarded the Lancaster election and myself; and I saw a debit in the "suspense account," and credit to Mr. Lawrence of 750*l.* on the 15th of July.

15,935. You know nothing further about it than that?—No.

15,936. Do you not know in what way the money came to the hands of your firm?—No, I was not there. I was in Lancaster. He did not make his entries till the 30th of September.

15,937. Just explain that 750*l.* further, if you please?—I saw the entry.

15,938. When?—I do not know, but I did see it.

15,939. After your cashier's death?—Yes. Let me tell you that my cashier was in the office at noon on the day that he died. He died very suddenly and then I took the opportunity of looking into the books, and found these entries with regard to the election; and I saw a credit to Mr. J. T. Lawrence, of 750*l.*; and, as he did not owe the firm anything, I presume that it was on account of the election.

15,940. (*Mr. Newton.*) The 15th of July 1865?—Yes.

15,941. Your first acquaintance with that fact was nearly 12 months afterwards?—Yes, several months afterwards. It must have been pretty nearly a year.

15,942. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say that as he did not owe the firm anything you knew it must have been on account of the election?—Yes, I knew there was a debit and suspense account and more money than I expected to find there. When I saw the 3018*l.* it was more than I expected to find, and when I examined the books I found this entry to the credit of Mr. Lawrence, and I directed it to be transferred to the suspense account.

15,943. At the time when your cashier died, so far as the election matter goes, your firm, or rather Mr. Lawrence, owed to you (I will call it your firm) 3,018*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*?—I do not say that.

15,944. The account owed to your firm 3018*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, and you owed to him 750*l.*?—The account stood 3108*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, and the credit 750*l.*

15,945. You say that when the account was taken from the suspense account you placed the credit of 750*l.* against the credit of 3,018*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*?—I did.

15,946. Besides that sum, does your cash-book show any further entries with regard to that election?—Nothing at all.

15,947. In what other books are there any other entries with regard to the money expended upon the election?—Nothing.

15,948. Then do you mean to say that the whole amount drawn upon you or upon your firm for the purposes of that election was 3,018*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*?—I do.

15,949. Not a penny farther than the sum you have given us came from your firm?—No, not a farthing.

15,950. Do I understand you to say that the whole amount paid to you or to your firm on account of the election was 750*l.*?—Yes.

15,951. So that there is still due to you upon the account 2,268*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*?—I do not say that there is anything due to me.

15,952. Why not?—Because I spent the money myself.

15,953. I say "on the account?"—On the account.

15,954. The account would show a sum due from that election, or expended by you upon that election, of 2,268*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

15,955. Do you know anything about the other sums which were received by Mr. Wilson Barker, amounting, in the whole, to 7,050*l.* odd?—My impression is that my cashier must have sent it.

15,956. The whole of the remainder?—I think so, except the cheque. There was a cheque for 1,000*l.*

15,957. We will call it, if you please, "advanced by my firm or by myself," whichever you please?—You had better say by myself.

15,958. 3,018*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*; paid by J. T. Lawrence, 750*l.*; that would leave as paid by you, 2,268*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

15,959. Then I will place underneath that, in order to get the sum total, "Paid by J. T. Lawrence, 750*l.*, by cheque 1,000*l.*" Do you know anything at all about that cheque?—I know he gave a cheque.

15,960. Who did?—Mr. Lawrence.

15,961. Which Mr. Lawrence?—Mr. John Lawrence.

15,962. "Cheque from J. T. Lawrence, 1,000?"—Yes.

15,963. What do you know about any of the other payments?—What payments do you mean?

15,964. The other payments for the expenses of that election?—Mr. Barker made the payments; I did not.

15,965. The payments to Mr. Barker?—I do not know except from Mr. Barker's account.

15,966. The next item in Mr. Barker's account is "per post from W. E. Chambers, 450*l.*," that is under the date of the 12th of July?—That I have accounted for.

15,967. The next is "paid by Stirzaker to Wollaston, and accounted for by him, 400*l.*?"—Yes.

15,968. Then the next item in Mr. Barker's account is "July 15th, per post from W. E. Chambers, in notes as above, 500*l.*?"—Yes.

15,969. That enters into your account of 3,000*l.*?—It does.

15,970. Then there is "August 12th, per post from W. E. Chambers, 250*l.*"—that is in your account?—Yes.

15,971. As to the 500*l.* on the 2nd of January 1866, that does not appear in your account?—No, not at all.

15,972. Do you know anything about it?—My impression is that Mr. Chambers received the money and sent it to Mr. Barker; he must have done so.

15,973. Do you tell us that you know nothing further about it?—I know nothing further about it?—

15,974. Then the only person we can look to is Mr. Lawrence?—That does not follow.

15,975. Mr. Chambers would not advance it out of his own pocket, I suppose?—I do not know what he advanced it from.

15,976. Was he in a position to advance it out of his own pocket?—Out of the firm's money he might, but he does not appear to have done so; it is not in the books at all, and that is the reason why I conclude he did not take it from our own money, for if he had done so there would have been an entry of it.

15,977. Has any claim been made by his executors or any person on his behalf for that money?—No.

15,978. Do you believe that it came out of Mr. Chambers' pocket?—I certainly do not.

15,979. Do you believe that he paid that 500*l.* himself?—He could not; he had not got it.

15,980. To whom then must we look for an explanation as to that 500*l.*?—I do not know.

15,981. Mr. J. T. Lawrence?—You might ask him about it; he may know something about it.

15,982. If we do not get an account of it from Mr. J. T. Lawrence, we must get it from Mr. Edward Lawrence. Then the next above, 750*l.*, you know no more about than you know of the 500*l.*?—No, no more.

15,983. Are there any other sums that you know anything about?—No, that completes the whole list.

15,984. That makes a total of 5,068*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, leaving at present 2,000*l.* as nearly as possible unaccounted for?—Yes.

15,985. Do you know anything about those 2,000*l.*?—No, nothing but what I have heard here.

15,986. Are you yourself perfectly ignorant where those 2,000*l.* came from?—Yes. I was here and I find no entry about them in my books at all.

15,987. That is no answer to my question?—I have no knowledge of the 2,000*l.*

15,988. Do you state solemnly upon your oath that you are completely ignorant where that 2,000*l.* came from?—I have no knowledge where they came from.

15,989. If you will allow me to say so, that is no answer to my question; my question is, are you completely ignorant where those 2,000*l.* came from?—Yes, I am.

15,990. 2,018*l.*?—No, not the 18*l.*; that I have accounted for.

15,991. 2,000*l.* minus the 18*l.*?—Yes.

15,992. You are aware that Mr. Wilson Barker has said virtually that he received the whole of the sums

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of money from you, I mean coupling his evidence with that of the other persons we have had as to bringing the bags; with the exception of that cheque for 1,000*l.*, and the payment from Stirzaker of 400*l.*?—You mean from my cashier?

15,993. From your office.—From my cashier. I am aware of that.

15,994. Had you no conversation with your cashier as to this money?—I was here.

15,995. But after the election had you no conversation with him?—No; the only conversation that I had with him was either on the 29th or the 30th of September, when these entries were made.

15,996. That was first after two of the payments had been made by him to Mr. Barker; namely, on the 12th August, and the 8th September?—He would bring me a list of the money that he had disbursed himself out of his own money.

15,997. That is not an answer to my question; my question is, did Mr. Chambers say anything to you as to having made two payments to Mr. Wilson Barker on the 12th August and the 8th of September?—I do not remember that he did.

15,998. Is it not a matter of surprise that Mr. Chambers should have paid that money, and said nothing about it?—No; Mr. Chambers was my confidential man, and had very large sums passing through his hands.

15,999. You know it was not his money?—It could not be; he must have got it elsewhere.

16,000. Do you still tell me that Mr. Chambers never hinted to you the large payments that he was making?—I tell you that I do not remember his saying anything, except about his own money.

16,001. You were coming here with reference to the business of these two firms with which you are connected in Lancaster, pretty frequently?—Yes.

16,002. Did Mr. Wilson Barker never mention to you that he had received these two sums from Mr. Chambers?—I saw the account.

16,003. Then you saw in the account that these sums of money were received from Mr. Chambers?—I will not say that I saw those sums received from Mr. Chambers; but I saw that he had received money.

16,004. Did it occur to you to ask Mr. Barker where the money came from?—I am pretty sure that it came from Mr. Chambers.

16,005. From whom do you believe Mr. Chambers had that money?—Well, he might have had it from Mr. Lawrence's cashier, or from this Mr. Tronson that has been spoken of.

16,006. And it is your belief that he had, is it not?—He might have had it there.

16,007. It is your belief that he had, is it not?—I think it is very likely.

16,008. You have no doubt of it?—I will not say that.

16,009. It is your belief, then, you will say?—He may have got it there, or elsewhere; my cashier knows that I have charge of many political things.

16,010. He is dead?—Yes; but I have volunteered to bring you my books, and I cannot give you any better evidence.

16,011. You think it most probable that Mr. Chambers would have this money from Mr. J. T. Lawrence?—I do not say he had it from there.

16,012. From his office?—He might have had it from his office; I think it likely that he might.

16,013. Have you any doubt about it?—I say it might have come from there; but I will not swear it.

16,014. Will you be good enough to suggest to me any other quarter from which Chambers could have received it?—I do not know; I received a good deal of money for political purposes, and he might have used it from that; I do not say that he did.

16,015. Do you mean mixing up Liverpool matters with Lancaster matters?—No.

16,016. We do not want to travel into that unless you compel me to do it?—No; but I shall be happy to enter into it if you wish it.

16,017. Are the Commissioners to understand that Chambers could have got this money from any money intended for political purposes in Liverpool?—No; he would never use Liverpool money for this.

16,018. That being so, can you tell me any other source besides Mr. Lawrence's office from where he could have got it?—I cannot say; he might have had money sent to him to use for this purpose.

16,019. Do you believe he had it from any other source?—I do not know.

16,020. Have you had any conversation with Mr. J. T. Lawrence upon this matter?—I have not seen Mr. Lawrence much lately.

16,021. That is no answer to my question; have you had any conversation with Mr. J. T. Lawrence upon this matter?—I told him what money I had disbursed.

16,022. Did Mr. Lawrence tell you what he had disbursed?—No.

16,023. Are we to understand this, that you, having represented the election would only cost 2,000*l.*, when it really cost upwards of 7,000*l.*, have never spoken to Mr. Lawrence about the matter?—Do you mean Mr. Edward Lawrence?

16,024. No, Mr. J. T. Lawrence?—I spoke to Mr. J. T. Lawrence, and told him what my cashier had spent.

16,025. You told Mr. J. T. Lawrence that you had spent upwards of 3,000*l.*?—Yes.

16,026. Did Mr. J. T. Lawrence tell you what he had spent?—No, you would get that from Lawrence himself.

16,027. How do you know that we shall get it from Mr. Lawrence?—Because I am sure that Mr. Lawrence would tell you what he spent, and then you will see whether there is any discrepancy.

16,028. I will leave this part of the examination, understanding from you clearly that you know of no further sums being paid than that 2,268*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes; I am answerable for that.

16,029. And for that only?—That only.

16,030. You cannot tell us of your own knowledge from what sources at all any further sums were provided, except what you have heard with reference to the cheque of 1,000*l.*, and 400*l.* from Stirzaker?—I know of nothing except that which I have given you.

16,031. I will ask you, before I leave this part of the examination, whether there is anything you wish to add?—Upon money matters?

16,032. Yes.—Nothing at all.

16,033. Now, as to the conduct of the election, we are told by the captains that it was arranged that certain prices should be paid long before the date, or rather several days before the date, at which you have told us you yourself came to the conclusion that the votes would cost 10*l.* apiece?—You have been told that by one of the captains, Mr. Clark, but that is a mistake.

16,034. You cannot say it is a mistake; you were not present when Mr. Clark made the arrangements?—I am satisfied it was a mistake; they would have done nothing without me.

16,035. Mr. Clark said arrangements were made with the voters, and that money was paid also?—Mr. Clark is under the impression that he did not make the statement; but he did certainly make it, because I was in court at the time.

16,036. He did certainly make it?—Yes, and he made a mistake; none of the other captains corroborated him.

16,037. You say yourself, as far as any authority came from you, there was no settling as to the price to be paid for votes, before Monday night at any rate?—Tuesday, I think.

16,038. Have you read Vince's evidence?—I did see it in Court this morning, but I did not read it fully.

16,039. Do you know the date at which he went down and payed those retaining fees of 2*l.*?—No, I do not.

16,040. Did you authorize Vince to go down?—

Vince was not one of the men I had to deal with ; he would be a sub-captain.

16,041. Any authority he got he would get from one of the captains?—Yes.

16,042. I refer to that part of the evidence where he says he went down and arranged with Mrs. Willacy as to the sums to be paid to the voters; he payed 18 or 20 of them, or more than that, 2*l*. ?—I think the part I read of Vince's evidence was, that he had retained certain voters, and paid them so much.

16,043. He said he paid them a retaining fee of 2*l*., and agreed as to the payment of the balance?—I should think Vince would have authority from one of the captains ; he might have power to do that.

16,044. If the captains made arrangements as to the price of votes, they did it without your knowledge?—It was not done before Monday or Tuesday.

16,045. You did not fix the price of votes?—I said I would not pay more than 10*l*.

16,046. When was that?—On Monday, I think it was.

16,047. What steps did you take as to the payment of the voters?—I did not pay the voters.

16,048. What steps did you take as to the payment of voters?—The captains arranged that.

16,049. Did you leave the whole matter in the hands of the captains and Mr. Wilson Barker?—Yes, entirely.

16,050. You interested yourself in the canvass?—I did not canvass much—very little.

16,051. You became acquainted on that little canvass that you made with the probability of the voters asking considerable sums?—No; I never heard the voters ask for money.

16,052. You had heard, directly or indirectly, on the canvass, that large sums were being offered on the other side.

16,053. Yes ; we did hear of some of the distant voters being offered money ; take the Morecambe voters, for instance.

16,054. You heard of their being offered some considerable sums of money?—No, not considerable sums of money at that time.

16,055. What prices did you hear?—I think they spoke of five or six pounds in the early part of the canvass.

16,055. What was the first sum of money you paid to a voter in that election?—I do not think I saw any money paid to a voter.

16,056. Do you really mean to tell us that?—Yes, I do distinctly.

16,057. You never saw a voter receive any money? No, I kept out of the way of it entirely.

16,058. And you never knew of any arrangement at any time being made with the voters as to the price to be paid?—It was entirely left to the captains.

16,059. When did you give the captains any information as to the sums that were to be paid to the voters?—I think it would be on the Monday.

16,060. Let us come to the Monday night ; did you meet the captains on Monday night?—I think I generally saw the captains every night.

16,061. Will you tell us what took place on Monday night?—No, I cannot tell you what took place except that they would report to me the condition of the canvass and what the prospects were.

16,062. What information did you give to the captains as to their going beyond or up to the figure of 10*l*.?—I think I said I would not go beyond the figure of 10*l*.

16,063. On Monday night?—Yes.

16,064. What was said then by the captains as to the probability of winning the election?—They were satisfied all along that they would win the election.

16,065. With 10*l*.—With much less.

16,066. Then why did you say you would not go beyond 10*l*? Who suggested that you should?—I suggested 10*l*. myself ; I thought it was quite enough.

16,067. Did the captains acquiesce in that on the Monday night?—I think they did.

16,068. When did you hear of a larger price being given?—I do not think I knew it till after the election.

16,069. Do you know the "White Horse" at the bottom of Church Street?—Yes.

16,070. Were you down there on the night of the 11th?—I was not in the house.

16,071. Were you down at the "White Horse"?—I was in the street.

16,072. Opposite the "White Horse"?—Yes, opposite the "White Horse."

16,073. Were there a number of Conservative voters there?—I believe so.

16,074. At what time were you down there?—It would be half-past 11 or 12 at night, I think.

16,075. What was the price that was being discussed at that time?—I do not know, I was not in the house.

16,076. You were outside?—I was not speaking to anyone outside.

16,077. Why did you go down there?—I went with Mr. John Lawrence and Mr. Barker, I think.

16,078. Did you hear nothing said by any of the persons there as to the price of votes?—No, I went down because there was a report brought to the "King's Arms" that they were breaking into one of our houses.

16,079. What did you do when you got down there?—I stopped in the street.

16,080. Did you speak to anybody there?—No, no one.

16,081. Did you see any breaking into any of the houses?—No.

16,082. Did you read Mr. Blades's evidence in this case?—I did.

16,083. Do you know the part of it to which I refer?—I intended to bring it with me, but I did not expect you to call me to-day ; he makes no reference I think to the "White Horse."

16,084. So far as I understood him, the "White Horse" was the place he marked out—the wine stores at the bottom of Church Street?—I know the place, but I do not think he brought my name in question there.

16,085. As far as my memory serves me he did?—I do not think he brought my name in question there; I have no memorandum of it, but at all events I was not in the house ; I never was in the house at all ; I think he simply brought my name in question in respect to a conversation he had with me at the railway station.

16,086. I am coming to that. What have you got as the date of Mr. Blades's alleged conversation with you at the railway station?—He said it was the day after Mr. Lawrence's meeting.

16,087. That would be the 16th of June?—Yes.

16,088. What do you say with regard to that?—I remember seeing Mr. Blades at the railway station.

16,089. As far as I remember Mr. Blades's statement, it was that you were going to show them with your Liverpool talent how to win an election?—What I remember of it was that I simply told Mr. Blades he would find things would be better managed than they had hitherto been managed on the Conservative side ; my own impression was and still is, that the Liberals manage elections better than the Conservatives ; that there was better organization on the part of the Liberals than on the part of the Conservatives. The conversation had no reference to money.

16,090. Will you swear distinctly that it had no reference to money?—Certainly, it had not the slightest reference to money, it was only as to organization with regard to which the Liberals were very efficient and the Conservatives very deficient.

16,091. When were you out canvassing in the out-districts?—I was only out twice, I went with Mr. Lawrence to Morecambe and Galgate.

16,092. What took place the night you were at Morecambe?—Nothing particular ; I was with Mr. Lawrence at the time he addressed the electors.

16,093. Did you make no arrangement with Mrs. Willacy?—No, I did not see her at all ; Mr. Lawrence did not address the electors from the "King's Arms," but from some shop window on the crescent.

16,094. What was the other place you went to?—Galgate.

16,095. What took place there?—Mr. Lawrence addressed the electors again there.

16,096. Did you have any conversation with any of the voters?—I only saw two.

16,097. Who were they?—Mr. Chadburn or Shadburn I think it was.

16,098. What took place?—I merely called at his house as we came away.

16,099. Did you arrange with him as to the price of votes at all?—No.

16,100. What was the date of that visit to Galgate?—I forget, it was the only visit Mr. Lawrence made there.

16,101. Who was the other voter you saw besides Chadburn?—Robert Threlfall was the other.

16,102. What was arranged with Robert Threlfall?—I simply asked him if he would vote for Mr. Lawrence and he demurred; he said he was afraid if he did so he would lose his place at the mill. I then asked him to vote for Mr. Lawrence as he was my friend and he said he would split his vote and give Mr. Lawrence one vote and Mr. Fenwick the other.

16,103. What did you offer him as a consideration for splitting his vote?—Nothing.

16,104. Did you say anything about getting him another place if he lost his place?—I said that if he lost his place I would get him another place.

16,105. Did you see any other voters at any time?—There were a great many voters about.

16,106. Did you make any offer to them?—No, I never made any offers at all.

16,107. Did you not give some voters some money for refreshment?—No, not a shilling.

16,108. At no time?—No, never; I paid no money at all during the election.

16,109. Do you know, having had something to do with the previous election, the prices at which the public-houses were engaged?—No.

16,110. Had you nothing to do with regard to the price that should be offered for a vote, and had you nothing to say as to the retaining of public-houses?—No, it was left entirely to the captains.

16,111. You made no arrangements?—No.

16,112. You gave no instructions?—No, none at all; they were allowed to do just as they pleased.

16,113. You throw the whole of the illegal acts of the election from your own shoulders on to the captains?—They told me what they were going to do.

16,114. What did the captains tell you they were going to do?—They told me they would have to buy a certain number of voters.

16,115. How many did they tell you?—I do not know that they told me any specific number.

16,116. About?—I cannot say, it must have been a large number by the sum that we paid.

16,117. You can give me about?—No, I have not the most remote idea.

16,118. Was it in hundreds?—I cannot say, I never had any numbers named to me.

16,119. Did they not tell you how many in each district would require paying?—They did not.

16,120. I will repeat my question. You throw the whole of the illegal acts off your own shoulders on to the captains?—I do not want to shrink from my own responsibility.

16,121. But is it the case?—I am quite willing to bear my own share of responsibility.

16,122. You say "share of responsibility," what do you mean?—So far as number goes and paying, I know nothing about it, but so far as providing money goes I know everything.

16,123. Not everything I think?—Excepting that 2,000*l.*

16,124. Whatever was done illegally in the election was not done by your instructions?—I cannot say that.

16,125. In what way were they done by your instructions?—If I knew that the voters were to be purchased I must have known that illegal acts were going to be committed.

16,126. I am not talking of your knowledge, but of illegal acts done by your instructions?—I do not see your question.

16,127. Am I to understand that you gave general orders that voters were to be purchased, but as to the particular details you left that to the captains?—I left them with authority to do what they considered best, but not to go beyond 10*l.*

16,128. What they considered best as to the purchasing of votes?—Yes.

16,129. When did you first go over this account for the purpose of this Commission with Mr. Wilson Barker?—I have seen this account for a long time or at least one similar to this.

16,130. Let me see it (*the account is handed to the Commissioners*). This is the account which Mr. Barker has shown us?—No; he cannot have shown you that. I have had it some time.

16,131. It is in Mr. Barker's handwriting?—Yes.

16,132. When did you first see that account?—It is some time ago now.

16,133. When did you first see it?—I forget now.

16,134. When about? Was it this year or last year?—I think it would be this year.

16,135. When about in this year?—I do not remember. I was very frequently here.

16,136. Tell me about when you saw it?—I cannot, if I could I would.

16,137. Was it before April the 28th, the date of the Committee's Report?—You mean the House of Commons Report?

16,138. Yes?—I think it would be before that.

16,139. I should like a distinct answer upon that; are you quite sure you saw this account before this Commission was spoken about?—The Royal Commission?

16,140. Yes?—Long before the Royal Commission.

16,141. This very account as it stands now?—I think so; if I did not see that, I must have seen a copy of it.

16,142. I do not mean this very piece of paper; I mean this account?—I saw an account embracing the amount of money.

16,143. And embracing these items?—Yes, embracing these items.

16,144. At what other times have you gone through, for the purpose of this inquiry, the accounts of Mr. Wilson Barker?—I think Mr. Barker showed me the vouchers to the accounts, so that I might be satisfied that the payments had been made.

16,145. When was that?—That would be at the time he gave me this account, I think.

16,146. I ask you at what other times and since this Commission have you gone through, for the purpose of this inquiry, the accounts of Mr. Wilson Barker?—I saw the accounts frequently. If I passed through here and Mr. Barker had some new accounts, he would show them to me.

16,147. Have you not, with him, gone through the accounts for the purposes of your evidence upon this inquiry?—No, I have not. That account was made out before you sat, I think.

16,148. You say "I think." What is your best recollection upon that point?—My impression is that Mr. Barker showed me the whole of the vouchers which comprised that account.

16,149. What is your impression as to the time when you first saw this complete account?—It must be some few months ago.

16,150. To the best of your belief is that the case?—Yes, to the best of my belief.

16,151. That you saw, then, this account, or one exactly like it?—Yes, or one like it. I know the money agrees.

16,152. You were, I suppose, more than anyone else, in the company of the candidate during that election?—No, I cannot say that.

16,153. Who was, more than yourself?—Mr. Danson.

16,154. Did you accompany the candidate on his canvass?—Very little.

16,155. You were frequently and a good deal in his company ?—Yes.

16,156. And went about Lancaster with him, and introduced him to several of the electors?—Not much.

16,157. You did go?—Only four or five times, I think, altogether.

16,158. Now I will ask you this question, and I request a most clear and categorical answer upon this point. Did you see Mr. Lawrence pay any money to any voters?—No, I never did.

16,159. That you swear ?—I will swear he never did pay anybody.

16,160. You never saw him?—He never did in my presence.

16,161. Did you ever hear him promise to pay any money to any person for his vote?—No, never.

16,162. Did you ever hear him order any refreshments to be given to any voters?—No.

16,163. Have you anything else to add—and you are bound upon your oath to tell the whole truth, and I am quite sure you will endeavour to do your best—of your own knowledge of the practices with regard to which we are sent down to inquire into?—I do not understand what you refer to.

16,164. Have you any knowledge of any corrupt practices on your side, beyond those which you have mentioned to me in the answers you have given to my questions?—No, I have no other knowledge but what I have given to you.

16,165. You have not left anything out because I have not put the specific question to you ?—No ; I should be very happy to answer any question.

16,166. You have not left anything out; you have not anything else to add which is within your own knowledge of which you have not already stated ?—No.

16,167. You had several papers there in your hand Let me look at them (*the papers are handed to the Commissioners*). I see first of all that you have upon the paper which I hold in my hand the names of the captains whom I have given—Hatch, Coupland, and so on, and also Mr. Saunders ?—Yes.

16,168. What position did Mr. Saunders occupy with regard to that election?—He was here with Mr. Lawrence, and I think he went about with him on the canvass.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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PRESENT :

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON. | MR. HILL.

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Mr. JOHN TOULMIN LAWRENCE sworn and examined.

16,169. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a partner in the firm of Edward Lawrence and Company ?—Yes.

16,170. And you are the brother of the late candidate for Lancaster ?—Yes.

16,171. Your partners at the time of the last election were—— ?—Myself, my brother, Mr. Taylor here, and Mr. Penny in Bombay.

16,172. Where do you carry on business ?—Between Liverpool and Bombay ; an East India business.

16,173. Where is the business of your firm ?—Brown's Buildings, Liverpool.

16,174. What number ?—54 or 56 I think it is.

16,175. When were you first spoken to with reference to the late election at Lancaster ?—I think it would be sometime early in June.

16,176. By whom were you spoken to ?—I really cannot tell who it was, but very likely Wilson spoke to me about it, and very likely I conversed with my brother about it.

16,177. That is rather what I want to know, whether you spoke to your brother or Wilson first ?—I cannot tell you, I was very little in Liverpool at the time, and I cannot tax my memory whether I spoke to Wilson or my brother first.

16,178. You spoke to your brother about the election. What was the nature of your conversation with him ?—Really I cannot recollect.

16,179. Did he consult you in any way as to the propriety of taking the step ?—No.

16,180. He had already made up his mind when he spoke to you ?—He may have spoken to me about it before, but not in any way to consult me as to whether he should stand or not.

16,181. May I take it that he had already made up his mind to become a candidate when he first spoke to you ?—I do not say that he never spoke to me about the election beforehand, because I believe he did some time before he made up his mind, but I have no recollection of any conversation that I had with my brother as to whether he should stand or not.

16,182. Did he ever speak to you about the probable expenses of the election ?—No.

16,183. Did Mr. Wilson ?—Yes.

16,184. When was that ?—Some short time previous to the election. I cannot give you the dates of conversations.

16,185. You can give me a date about?—I really cannot give you the dates.

16,186. You can say whether it was the beginning of July ?—Possibly it may have been about the beginning of July.

16,187. I suppose it was. What did he say to you about the election?—He told me that the election would cost between two and three thousand pounds.

16,188. Let me ask you whether, at this time, you had conversed with your brother about the expenses of the election ?—No, I had not about the expenses.

16,189. What did you say to Mr. Wilson when he told you that the expenses would be about two or three thousand pounds?—He said that my brother would only pay 1,000*l.* towards it, and he asked me if I would contribute, and I said I would.

16,190. Was any sum settled between you that you should contribute at that time?—No specified sum. I said I would give 500*l.*, or, if absolutely necessary, I should not object to pay something more.

16,191. Was that all that you said on money matters?—That was all that passed between us about money matters.

16,192. Did you, in pursuance of that, advance money?—I left instructions, when I left Liverpool, at the office that if Mr. Wilson sent up for any money, or his cashier, that they were to be allowed to have it.

16,193. When you left Liverpool for where?—For Scotland.

16,194. You say "money," what money?—Whatever money he wanted. I presumed he might want money for the election expenses, and I simply left word that whatever money he wanted they were to let him have.

16,195. Are we to understand that you did not

limit the sum which he might draw?—I certainly did not put any limit upon it, but I had no intention of giving him an unlimited order. It was based upon the probability that the election would cost 3,000*l.*

16,196. To whom was it, pray, that you gave these orders?—To my cashier.

16,197. What is his name?—Mr. Littlewood.

16,198. Is that gentleman still your cashier?—Yes.

16,199. At what time, do you remember, did you leave Liverpool for Scotland?—I left Liverpool early in June.

16,200. And it was about that time that you gave these directions to your cashier?—No, I think it was after that. I used to come down occasionally, perhaps once in a week or every 10 days.

16,201. Let me ask you directly, about what time did you give these instructions to your cashier?—I could not tell you the exact time.

16,202. I should have thought you could?—It must have been a week before the election, because I was not in Liverpool a week or 10 days before it.

16,203. I thought you said that when you left Liverpool for Scotland you left instructions that Mr. Wilson, or his cashier, should have money?—I did not say when I left for Scotland I left those instructions. I left those instructions some time during the period that elapsed between my going to Scotland and the election.

16,204. We certainly all understood you to say so, and have got it down so?—I cannot say what time it was. You pressed me to name a date, and I said it was impossible to give exact dates.

16,205. I do not ask for an exact date, but the election is a sort of era by which all these dates are fixed. How long was it before the election?—I cannot tell you how long it was.

16,206. Not to a day or two, perhaps, but about?—No, nor can I tell you to a week or 10 days. It is a matter that made no impression upon me at the time.

16,207. You can give it to me about?—What is the use of my attempting to put dates in when I cannot swear to the dates?

16,208. I did not ask you for a date. You must be able to say whether it was 10 days or a fortnight?—I cannot tax my memory to say it.

16,209. It was before the election?—Yes, it was certainly before the election.

16,210. Really is that the best information you can give us?—Certainly it is. I cannot give you better information.

16,211. It would not be the day before the election, I suppose?—No, certainly not. I was not in Liverpool a week before the election, therefore it must have been at least a week before the election.

16,212. Are you aware whether Mr. Wilson, or his cashier, did call at your office for money?—I believe Mr. Wilson's cashier did.

16,213. That was the late Mr. W. E. Chambers?—Yes.

16,214. Do you know when that was?—No, I cannot tell you the dates.

16,215. Was the money advanced to him?—Yes, the money was advanced to him.

16,216. Was any entry made of it?—No.

16,217. Do you know what sum was advanced?—Do you mean the whole sum?

16,218. Yes.—4,800*l.*, including 750*l.* which Mr. Wilson has accounted to you for, and which his bookkeeper gives me credit for in his books.

16,219. For the whole of that sum you have no entry at all in your books?—No, no entry appears in our books.

16,220. How do you know the sum was 4,800*l.*?—Because my cash keeper told me so; that that was the sum advanced.

16,221. Is that the only reason you have for saying that that is the accurate sum?—I am pretty sure there cannot be anything else, for I should know it if there was.

16,222. How should you know it?—It would be his duty to tell me. He would have no right to part with the money for any other purposes, or for that purpose unless he was authorized to do so.

16,223. Your reason for saying that the sum advanced was 4,800*l.* is, that Mr. Littlewood told you that was the sum he advanced?—Yes, that was the sum.

16,224. From where would Mr. Littlewood get that sum?—Out of his cash box.

16,225. Do you keep such a sum of money as that in your cash box?—Yes, frequently. Of course that sum was not all advanced at once. It was advanced at different times.

16,226. Would this advance appear in your banker's book?—No.

16,227. Have you no record whatever in writing of this advance in the possession of your firm?—No record; merely a memorandum that the cash, if it were balanced, would be deficient by that sum.

16,228. Have you seen that memorandum lately?—No, I have not.

16,229. Where would that memorandum be kept?—In the balance book, I suppose.

16,230. (*Mr. Hill.*) There would be a memorandum in the balance book?—Yes.

16,231. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose you have that balance book?—Yes.

16,232. With you?—No.

16,233. I suppose you have not your bank book with you either?—No.

16,234. We shall require to see that?—The bank-book will throw no light upon it at all.

16,235. Who are your bankers?—We had two at that time.

16,236. Who were they?—The Alliance Bank and the Royal Bank.

16,237. The Royal Bank of Liverpool?—Yes.

16,238. Do you mean to tell us that there is no entry whatever of this sum, or any portion of it, in your banker's book?—Not that I am aware of. Of course there will be the cheque I drew here, but that will not say what it is for. My bank book may have two or three entries on the same day.

16,239. What would the entry of the cheque show us?—Merely "cash," or "cheque 1,000*l.*"

16,240. Would the payee of the cheque be mentioned?—Oh, dear no.

16,241. Have you your old cheque book?—I do not know that I have.

16,242. Do you keep your counterfoils?—I do not think that I have kept it.

16,243. Are you sure you have not got it?—I am almost certain I have not.

16,244. Do you remember having destroyed it?—No, I do not, but I think the cheque I drew was from a blank cheque that I had in my pocket.

16,245. What do you mean by a "blank cheque"?—A cheque unfilled.

16,246. A cheque that you had torn out of your cheque-book?—Yes.

16,247. The corresponding counterfoil would be blank in your old cheque-book, if it remains?—Yes, it would be, if it remains.

16,248. I mean if you have it in your possession?—Yes, if I have it it would be blank; there would be nothing filled against it, at least that is the probability; but I dare say, if you want to get at the cheque, you can very easily get it from the bank.

16,249. I suppose your cheques are not returned to you?—No.

16,250. They are filed by the bank?—I presume they are.

16,251. At which of these two banks would that cheque be?—I think it was drawn upon the Alliance Bank, but I am not quite sure.

16,252. Who has your bank-books now?—We have them ourselves.

16,253. I mean what person has them. Would it be your cashier, Mr. Littlewood?—No; the book-keeper generally has charge of those.

16,254. Who is your book-keeper?—We have two; Mr. McNair is the one acting principally now.

16,255. Who would have the charge of your bank-books?—I rather think he has.

16,256. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is his christian name?—I really do not know; I think it is "Thomas."

16,257. Would his address be at your office?—Yes.

16,258. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where did you draw this cheque?—Here.

16,259. What was the amount of it?—1,000*l.*

16,260. To whom did you give that cheque?—Mr. Wilson.

16,261. Mr. H. T. Wilson?—Yes.

16,262. Was that the first payment that goes towards making up this sum of 4,800*l.*?—No.

16,263. What was the first?—There were two payments made before that, which I was not aware of at the time, 400*l.* and 2,000*l.*

16,264. When was the first of those payments made?—I cannot give you the dates for them. The first was money that Mr. Hagart brought over, I believe.

16,265. That money, we were told yesterday, was given to Mr. Hagart by Mr. Tronson?—Yes; I fancy Mr. Wilson's cashier would have given the order for it, and, I imagine, asked him to bring it over.

16,266. We were told yesterday by Mr. Hagart that the money was given to him by Mr. Tronson?—He was the managing man in our office, and no doubt the money was given to Mr. Hagart by Mr. Tronson.

16,267. That is the fact, that it was given to Mr. Hagart by Mr. Tronson?—I do not know. You have Mr. Hagart's word for that.

16,268. Did you give Mr. Tronson any directions about it?—I do not know; I could not say that I did. I may have repeated to him what I repeated to my cashier.

16,269. Supposing Mr. Hagart's story is correct, would Mr. Tronson be the person who would direct the payment of the money, or Mr. Littlewood?—It would be one of them. If I told Mr. Tronson, no doubt he would do it.

16,270. You do not remember whether he would or not? We only wish to know to prevent the trouble of sending for both of them?—I do not think you need trouble to send for anyone but the cashier. He will be able to give you the dates of every sum of money paid out as well.

16,271. What is the christian name?—"John."

16,272. And his address?—I do not know his private address, but our office, "Brown's Buildings," will find him.

16,273. It is your belief that if Mr. Tronson did give that money to Hagart, he did so by Littlewood's instructions?—Or Mr. Wilson's clerk, Mr. Chambers, was the person who had the management of money matters.

16,274. In any event, Mr. Tronson could not have given that money to Hagart without having first got it from Littlewood?—No, certainly not, without having got it first from the cashier.

16,275. (*Mr. Hill.*) If Mr. Tronson did give it, he would do it by instructions from the cashier?—I do not say by his instructions. He would merely give him the money.

16,276. He must have received it from the cashier?—Yes.

16,277. Can you yourself of your own knowledge tells us generally about the date when this 400*l.* was given?—I can merely tell you from what I heard Mr. Wilson say about the money.

16,278. Is that all that we can get from you about the 400*l.*?—Yes, I was not in Liverpool at the time myself.

16,279. You think the money he brought was 400*l.*?—I think so. He said it was himself.

16,280. No, he does not say so, indeed. What is your reason for saying that the sum of money was 400*l.*?—From seeing a list of the different items that were paid.

16,281. Have you that list with you?—No. My clerk has a list of the different items that were paid, and the times at which they were paid.

16,282. Was that Littlewood?—Yes.

16,283. It would have been very convenient if you had brought that list with you?—I dare say I shall be able to give it you in the course of the morning. I have telegraphed and requested them to send up word what the dates were.

16,284. Do you know from what Littlewood compiled that list?—Merely from the memorandum that he kept in the cash-book.

16,285. The list is a copy of the memorandum?—The memorandum is in this way. Supposing he paid 400*l.* to-day, he would be 400*l.* short the next day, and he would make a memorandum of the 400*l.*; and another day he would pay 1,000*l.* and would make a memorandum of 1,000*l.* as well, so that there would be 1,400*l.*, and so on.

16,286. That memorandum was made in a book, and the list is a copy of the memorandum?—No. The list is not a copy of the memorandum, but he can see what money he paid out each day by the deficiency in his cash, and he writes on the memorandum. It is not a copy of the book, or a copy of anything out of the book.

16,287. It is an abstract of the items from a book?—No, there is nothing entered specially in the book.

16,288. You must remember we are not in business, and to me this sort of thing at all events is quite new. Do you mean that you each day had a slip of paper given to you with "cash short, 400*l.*" for instance?—No, there was no slip of paper. He merely kept a memorandum in this balance-book. For instance, in balancing his cash he adds up his debit side and credit side, puts this amount, whatever it is, as so much money paid for Lancaster expenses.

16,289. That is what I understood just now until you gave us the last answer, saying that the memorandum was a slip of paper?—So it is a slip of paper. The memorandum and the book are two different things.

16,290. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is it not this? The memorandum is a slip of paper which is deposited in the cash-book as the money is taken out, and then at the close of the day the memorandum is entered in the balance book?—I do not know whether he put any memorandum in the cash book.

16,291. In the scribbling memorandum book?—I call it a balance book. It is in what he balances his cash every day. Supposing he paid 400*l.* to-day, he puts down 400*l.*, and very likely puts a memorandum opposite.

16,292. What do you call that book?—I should call it the balance book.

16,293. He would understand it as the balance book?—Yes, and I will write to him and tell him what it is that is wanted.

16,294. Is there any other book in which it is entered?—No, that is the only book in which there is any memorandum whatever of it.

16,295. Have you any other scribbling book besides?—No.

16,296. (*Mr. Barstow.*) This last is a copy of the items as they occur in the balance book?—The list that he wrote out for me is.

16,297. That is what I understood from the very beginning, though perhaps I did not express myself sufficiently clearly. I used the word "item," and upon that you took issue?—I do not think you quite understand it now, if you will excuse me for saying so.

16,298. I think I do, though I may be mistaken. I think your explanation is a very clear one?—If you are satisfied I am sure I am.

16,299. The list was copied from the memorandum in the cash book, showing the cash deficient each day on account of the Lancaster election?—That is sufficiently correct; but it would require some explanation to any person who did not understand it.

16,300. Now we have got to the end of the 400*l.* What was the next item?—2,000*l.* was the next item.

16,301. To whom was that 2,000*l.* paid?—I believe

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to Mr. Wilson's cashier, but upon that point Mr. Littlewood will be able to give you better information than I can.

16,302. What was the next item? I will not trouble you more about the 2000*l.* We think we know the history of that pretty well?—The next item, I think, was 750*l.*

16,303. What account have you to give us of that?—Simply the same as the last. That was paid over to Mr. Wilson's cashier, and Mr. Wilson's cashier gave me credit for it in his book.

16,304. When?—I cannot tell you the date.

16,305. You can tell us whether it was before or after the election?—It was after the election. That was all that was paid by my cashier before the election, 2,400*l.*

16,306. Was that also paid to Mr. W. E. Chambers?—That was also paid, I believe, to Mr. Chambers.

16,307. You do not know whether that was paid all at once?—I believe it was.

16,308. What was the next payment?—I cannot tell you the exact amount, but the other items that were paid afterwards made up the 4,800*l.*, including the cheque which I drew here and handed over to Mr. Wilson.

16,309. When was that cheque drawn?—It was drawn on the morning.

16,310. What was the next payment?—I say I cannot tell you the items, but they would pay a total of 4,800*l.*

16,311. (*Mr. Hill.*) The balance would be in sundry payments?—Yes, in sundry payments, perhaps two or three payments.

16,312. Mr. Littlewood, I suppose, will be able to give us those particulars?—Yes. I dare say I shall be able to give you the particulars before I go out of the box. I expect to have them sent up by telegram.

16,313. You told us in your examination just now that you did not know of this money being paid?—I did not personally, because I was not in Liverpool at the time it was paid.

16,314. When it was paid you did not know it was paid?—No. I did not know until after the election that that money had been taken out.

16,315. How did you come to make that discovery of the money being taken out?—When I went down to Liverpool I inquired.

16,316. You inquired what?—What money had been paid.

16,317. May we take it that you went to Liverpool immediately after the election?—No, I went to Scotland first, and then I went down to Liverpool to vote on the Liverpool election. I think that was the day after, or the day but one after the Lancaster election.

16,318. It is enough for you to tell us that you went to Liverpool two days after the election?—Yes.

16,319. And then you say you discovered that this sum had been paid?—Yes.

16,320. How did you make that discovery?—From the cash keeper.

16,321. It was not from any examination of your books?—No.

16,322. I suppose you do from time to time make an examination of the books of your firm?—Yes.

16,323. I presume all partners who are in business do that?—I should think so.

16,324. At any rate it is the practice of all the partners in your firm?—I can speak for myself, but I cannot speak for my partners.

15,325. Do you not know that it is so?—No; I do not know.

16,326. Do you really mean to say that you do not know?—No, I do not indeed.

16,327. Have you never seen Mr. Taylor or Mr. Lawrence examining the books?—I cannot call to my recollection that I ever have.

16,328. Do you really mean to tell us that you do not know that they ever do examine the books?—I do really mean to tell you that I do not know it; I should presume that they do, but at the same time I cannot say that they do.

16,329. Do you have a balance sheet made from time to time?—Yes.

16,330. And I suppose you share your profits according to that balance sheet?—Yes.

16,331. Cannot you really say whether your partners, for themselves, examine the books to see whether that is correct?—They would not examine the books. They would, no doubt, look over the balance sheet; but I cannot say whether they did or not. They will answer for themselves.

16,332. It would be rather a troublesome inquiry to bring them here to ask whether they examined the books?—My brother will be here, and you will be able to ask him.

16,333. Do you really mean to tell us that giving such a sum as 5000*l.* was not a subject of conversation between you and your brother?—Never. I never opened my lips to him; but bear in mind, and allow me to explain this to you, that before this election, I had not the most remote idea what the cost would be. I asked Mr. Wilson what sum he had received from our firm in Liverpool, and he was utterly ignorant of it, and I also was utterly ignorant of it until I went back to Liverpool and ascertained it.

16,334. I am speaking of after the election. You say it was a matter of surprise that the sum expended was so large, and you tell us that it being so large you never spoke to your brother or your other partner, Mr. Taylor, upon the subject?—I may have spoken to Mr. Taylor; very likely I did, and I told my brother what the expenses were likely to be after the election.

16,335. In point of fact it was a subject of conversation?—No, it was not a subject of conversation. That was all that passed between us. I told him it would cost a great deal of money; that probably the cost would be between 6,000*l.* and 7,000*l.*

16,336. You mean *had* been?—No; would be. I did not know what the actual cost was.

16,337. After the election, you said the amount of expenses would be between 6,000*l.* and 7,000*l.*—Yes.

16,338. Did your brother express no surprise?—Yes, he did.

16,339. What did he say?—I cannot say what he said, but he was very much disgusted.

16,340. Did you think that disgust was at the result of the election, or at the expenditure of money?—At the expenditure of money.

16,341. In the settlement of the profits of your firm, was this sum of money deducted from your brother's share?—No; it is a cash balance and remains so, except the 1,000*l.* I received from my brother; and it appears on our balance sheet as cash.

16,342. Is that a debt from Mr. Edward Lawrence to your firm?—It is not entered in any way.

16,343. But will you pay it, or Mr. Taylor, or he?—I shall pay part, and my brother part.

16,344. And Mr. Taylor part?—No, certainly not.

16,345. It is a debt from you and your brother to the firm?—If you like to call it so. I must make this remark, that I have had no special agreement with my brother as to the payment of it, but I am quite sure that my brother will not let me bear the whole expense.

16,346. It is now, I understand, a payment by the firm; but it has been incurred on behalf of an individual member of the firm?—Quite so.

16,347. My question is, is the firm to bear the loss, or is the individual to bear it?—The individual must bear the loss, either myself or my brother.

16,348. Then I may say that the money is, in point of fact, debited to Mr. Edward Lawrence?—No; it is still a cash balance. An open balance.

16,349. In what proportions will you and your brother bear the loss?—That is a matter which we have not discussed. I have abstained from mentioning the subject to him entirely; but I should be willing to bear half, if he would bear the other half.

16,350. Then for 16 months there has been no

settlement as to the manner in which you propose to divide that loss?—No, there has been none.

16,351. What is the sum which you and your brother will have to share between you?—3,800*l.*; there may be some few items for travelling. 1,000*l.* I have received from my brother, which was the 1,000*l.* that he always said he would spend, and there still remains the 3,800*l.*, and there may be some few odd pounds beyond that.

16,352. Mr. Edward Lawrence has paid out of his pocket 1,000*l.* and proposes—— ?—I did not say so; I did not say he proposes.

16,353. (*Mr. Hill.*) You propose?—I do. I shall propose.

16,354. (*Mr. Barstow.*) May we say, "I shall propose that he and I share the rest of the loss?"—Yes.

16,355. Then the cost of the election would be to Mr. Edward Lawrence, 2,900*l.*?—Yes, taking that as a basis. Of course I am merely given you rough figures; there may be odd pounds for expenses.

16,356. At what time did you come to Lancaster?—The evening before the election.

16,357. That would be the 11th July?—I suppose it was.

16,358. The polling was on the 12th of July?—Then I came on the 11th.

16,359. Were you present at the nomination?—No.

16,360. You came in the evening?—I came in the evening.

16.361. Where did you go to?—To the "King's Arms."

16,362. Did you see your brother there?—Yes.

16,363. Did you dine with him that evening?—Yes.

16,364. Who were of your party?—Mr. Wilson and Mr. Saunders. I do not know whether there was anyone else. I do not remember.

16,365. You were a party of four?—I think so. I am not quite sure; there may have been some other gentleman there, but I am not quite sure about it.

16,366. You believe that it was a party of four?—I believe it was.

16,367. I daresay you were too anxious about the election to enjoy your dinner very much?—No, I was not, indeed.

16,368. Had you done anything with reference to the election before dinner?—No, I did nothing with reference to the election at all.

16,369. Nothing at all that evening?—Nothing with reference to the election; certainly not.

16,370. You saw none of the captains?—No.

16,371. Did you not go out into the town?—I went out into the town, but I do not call that doing anything.

16,372. Did you go out with any of the election people?—Yes, I went with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wilson Barker.

16,373. Then I should have said that you were in the thick of it?—There was no electioneering done then.

16,374. Did you go about the town, or did you go anywhere particularly?—I just walked about the town. I went with Mr. Barker into two public-houses; Mr. Wilson did not go in.

16,375. Do you remember being at the "White Horse?"—I do not know what places they were that we went to.

16,376. You have heard it has been said that you went to the "White Horse," in Church Street?—I have not heard that it was said I went there.

16,377. We have had it given in evidence before us that you were seen there?—I am quite willing to admit that I might have been at the "White Horse," but I do not know whether it was the "White Horse" or the "Black Horse."

16,378. You went into different houses?—I went into two houses.

16,379. Were you introduced as the candidate's brother?—No.

16,380. Nobody knew who you were?—Nobody knew who I was.

16,381. You did not make them a speech?—No, certainly not.

16,382. I suppose there was little need for you to treat them?—I do not know at all.

16,383. You did not treat them, at all events?—No.

16,384. You did not visit any voters at their own houses?—No.

16,385. And you took no part in the canvass?—No.

16,386. Did you pay any money to anybody during the election?—Not a sixpence.

16,387. Not to Mr. Wollaston?—I carried a bag of money from Mr. Barker to Mr. Wollaston; I merely acted as a porter on that occasion.

16,388. Perhaps you do not know what it was that you carried?—Yes, I have a pretty good idea what it was.

16,389. But the sum?—No; I believe it was 200*l.*, but I could not say what it was of my own knowledge.

16,390. Did you personally pay any money to anyone for his vote in the course of the election?—No, certainly not.

16,391. Did you make any loan to anybody?—No.

16,392. Did you promise anyone employment in consideration of a vote?—No.

16,393. Perhaps you did not even ask anyone for a vote?—I did not even ask anyone. Yes, by the bye, I think I went with Mr. Wilson Barker to call on some gentleman to ask him to go down and vote for my brother; but I think he was a medical man. I went up with him in a cab, and asked him if he would come down with us.

16,394. You say you did not bribe anybody?—No; and I never knew it was being done until it was well on in the day.

16,395. You did not know that any bribing was going on?—No.

16,396. What time in the day was it when you carried this money to Mr. Wollaston?—I forget; it must have been between 12 and 1.

16,397. You must have had a pretty good guess then, I should suppose, as to what was going on?—Of course I had a good guess then.

16,398. I ask you this question because I may say almost every witness on the other side has mentioned you as displaying extreme activity on behalf of your brother?—That is absurd; it is nonsense; I never went to a single voter or spoke to him.

16,399. It would have been very natural if you had done so?—No doubt I was very anxious about my brother being returned, but beyond that I took no part or interest in the election, whatever anyone else may say.

16,400. I ask you the question with a view to your confirming or contradicting the evidence given by the preceding witnesses?—I contradict that statement most flatly.

16,401. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you first know that money was being paid?—I guessed it.

16,402. You guessed it from what?—From various things; being sent for money, and hearing that more money was required at different places; of course I could not shut my ears or my eyes either.

16,403. You say you could not shut your eyes to what was going on; then you saw money paid?—No, never a sixpence.

16,404. Then what did you mean by saying that you could not shut your eyes to what was going on?—I could not shut my eyes to the fact that money was going somewhere or other—that money was flying about.

16,405. Did you see it flying about?—I never saw any of the money being paid.

16,406. Did you see it flying about?—I tell you that I took this money over to Mr. Wollaston, and I had a shrewd guess what was going on then. I had a pretty good idea what it was for; I could not help it, but I could not have stated on my oath at the time

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that any money had been or was being paid to a voter for his vote.

16,407. You never saw any money paid?—No, certainly not; never a sixpence.

16,408. Did any voter ever come to you?—No.

16,409. Had you seen Mr. Hagart in the course of that day?—No; I did not even know that he was here till I saw him in the evening.

16,410. Did he come here by your permission?—So far as this, that if Mr. Wilson said he wanted anybody down he would have been sent down. I was not in Liverpool at the time.

16,411. When do you say he came with this money?—I cannot tell you that.

16,412. Nor can you tell us the amount he brought?—400*l.*, I believe, was what he brought. I presume that is what he brought.

16,413. What induces you to believe that?—I have heard in the evidence that that was the sum stated.

16,414. No, it was not, indeed?—I understood it to be so.

16,415. That is just what we want to arrive at?—As soon as I can get the dates, I can ascertain what it was that he brought.

16,416. How?—He says it was 400*l.* that he brought down with him, I think.

16,417. (*Mr. Hill.*) No, 500*l.*?—The memorandum will show that; that can easily be arrived at; it can easily be ascertained what day he brought the money, and what the amount was.

16,418. Mr. Barker says that he received the money on the 11th, and received it by a cheque?—That I am not in a position to state. My impression is that he brought the money down, because what else would he come for?

16,419. He first told us yesterday that he only came once, and then, when he heard Mr. Wilson examined, it came out that he came here twice?—Yes; and I asked him afterwards, and he says that it was twice that he was down. I could get nothing more out of him than you could.

16,420. (*Mr. Hill.*) You said, in answer to Mr. Newton, that you knew that money was going about from the fact of more money being wanted. When did you know that more money was wanted?—I heard some of them come into the place and say that money was wanted.

16,421. You say you heard "some of them" say that. Who do you mean by "some of them?"—I cannot tell you who they were; I did not know a soul in Lancaster.

16,422. They came into what place?—I think into the committee room at the "Royal Oak," or whatever they called the room. They had several rooms there. I do not say it was a committee room; I do not know what room they called the committee room. There were plenty of rooms there.

16,423. Who were in that room?—That I cannot tell you.

16,424. You say you saw them come into the room. Who were sitting in that room?—I do not know. I did not know anyone in Lancaster.

16,425. Do you mean to tell me that you did not know any of the persons who were in that room?—I mean to say that I did not know a living soul in Lancaster when I came here.

16,426. That is not an answer to my question. My question is, do you mean to say that you did not know any of the persons who were in that room?—I did not.

16,427. You swear that?—Yes.

16,428. Was your brother there?—No.

16,429. Do you know Mr. Wilson Barker?—Yes.

16,430. Was he there?—No.

16,431. Do you know Mr. Wearing?—No.

16,432. Or Mr. Danson?—I do not know him.

16,433. Or Mr. Clark, or Mr. Cross?—Mr. Clark, the attorney, is the only one I knew. I was introduced to him.

16,434. You swear you did not know any of the men who were in that room?—Certainly.

16,435. Was Mr. Clark in the room; Mr. Clark, the attorney?—No.

16,436. How many times did you see men come into that room, to the best of your belief, to say that more money was wanted?—I could not say.

16,437. Was there money in that room?—I do not know; I never saw any.

16,438. When they came in and said that more money was wanted, can you tell us what was done?—I cannot.

16,439. You have no recollection about it?—I do not know what was done.

16,440. You recollect men coming and saying that more money was wanted?—I cannot tell what was done, because I did not interfere in the matter.

16,441. You say that you heard men come into the room and say that more money was wanted, but you cannot tell us what steps were taken upon that?—Certainly, I cannot.

16,442. You took no interest in seeing what was done?—I took none whatever.

16,443. Did you know at that time that the fate of the election depended upon which party would spend the most money?—No, I did not.

16,444. After reading all the evidence to the effect that you were yourself actively engaged in the election at Lancaster?—I have not read all the evidence.

16,445. I say, after what you have read?—I have not read anything in which I have seen my own name as taking part in the election.

16,446. Do you say distinctly that those persons who have come here and said that you were actively engaged in the election have stated what is false?—Certainly I do.

16,447. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Would you like to hear any of the evidence?—No, I do not care to hear it.

16,448. (*Mr. Hill.*) With regard to the accounts, you know that 750*l.* was placed to your credit in Mr. Wilson's suspense account?—I merely knew it yesterday; I knew that the money had been paid, but not placed to my credit.

16,449. You know yourself, also, that 2,000*l.* was paid to Mr. Wilson's cashier?—I do not know that it was paid to Mr. Wilson's cashier; I believe it was.

16,450. Can you tell me how it comes to pass that 750*l.* was placed to your credit in the suspense account, and none of these other sums?—No, I cannot.

16,451. You can give me no reason for that?—I can give you no reason whatever.

16,452. (*Mr. Newton.*) You have told Mr. Barstow that you received 1,000*l.* from your brother by cheque?—No, I did not. I received 1,000*l.* from my brother, but I do not say that it was by cheque.

16,453. Then we will leave out the "cheque?"—He gave me the money in the office.

16,454. When did your brother give you that 1,000*l.*?—I cannot call it to my recollection.

16,455. You must, if you please?—I cannot.

16,456. Was it before the election?—No, it was long after the election; I daresay it was six months after the election.

16,457. Tell me when it was, within six months?—I am on my oath, and I tell you that I cannot say whether it was within six or eight months. If you particularly wish it I can ascertain the exact date.

16,458. You told Mr. Barstow that you never had any conversation with your brother about the expenses of the election, except at the time when he expressed his disgust. Was it at that time that he gave you the money or not?—Possibly not.

16,459. You told Mr. Barstow that you never had any conversation with your brother about this enormous expenditure of 5,000*l.*, and you then said, that on one occasion he expressed his disgust?—Yes, he certainly did.

16,460. Which of those statements is true, that you had a conversation with your brother, or that you had not?—I had no general conversation with him.

16,461. Then you go on to say that, at a certain time after the election, you were repaid 1,000*l.*?—Yes, my brother gave it me.

16,462. When was that?—I cannot tell you.

16,463. Was it at the time he expressed his disgust or not?—I do not think it was.

16,464. Then you have had two conversations with your brother since the election?—I beg your pardon, nothing of the kind. When he gave me the 1,000*l.* I had no conversation with him about the expenses of the election.

16,465. He must have told you what he gave you that 1,000*l.* for?—I do not call it a conversation. He said, "Take that as part payment for the Lancaster election expenses." I do not say that those were the exact words that he used, but he used words that were tantamount to that. I am not going to swear that those were the exact words. I say that what he said was to that effect, according to the best of my belief.

16,466. He said those words, or words to that effect?—Yes, or words to that effect.

16,467. How was that 1,000*l.* paid to you?—I think he gave it to me in cash.

16,468. Do you mean in bank notes?—I think so; I am not quite sure about it. I think it was in bank notes.

16,469. Where?—In the office.

16,470. You say you could tell us the date?—Yes, because it is taken off the balance in the balance book.

16,471. Have you a separate booking account of your own; a private booking account, independent of the firm?—I had. I have not now.

16,472. Would it not have been easier for your brother to have paid that amount into your bankers?—The money would have been of no use to me; I should not have paid it in to my own account.

16,473. Would it not have been easier for your brother to have given you a cheque?—No; very likely it was money that he was getting in; some of his own private money that he was getting in. I do not know where he was getting money from.

16,474. But you say you can give us the dates. Where can we get them—from the balance book?—Yes.

16,475. When shall we have that?—Whenever you like to send for it. I can give you now the dates you want. I have just received this telegram (*producing it*).

16,476. (*Mr. Hill.*) Read it out, if you please?—It is "From R. V. Hagart to J. T. Lawrence. "400*l.*, 7th July; 2,000*l.*, 11th; 750*l.*, July 15th." This is an actual copy from the balance book. This cheque, which I drew on the election day, is only debited on the 17th of July.

16,477–8. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That is the 1,000*l.*?—Yes.

(*Mr. Hill.*) Let me look at the telegram. (*It is handed by the witness to Mr. Hill.*) I will read it. It is, "Lancaster, 14th September, 1866. R. V. "Hagart to J. T. Lawrence, King's Arms Hotel, "Lancaster. Four, 7th July; twenty, 11th July; "seven and half, 15th July; ten, 17th July; five, "22nd January; one and half, 6th July; half, 9th "August; total, four eight fifty; ten paid back, "fifteen November."

16,479. (*Mr. Barstow to the witness.*) At what time in the day did you draw the cheque for 1,000*l.*?—Early in the morning, before 8 o'clock.

16,480. Then you must have known at that time what was going on?—No, I did not, indeed. I did not know what money had come from Liverpool. I had not the most distant conception.

16,481. Did you give your cheque, when you drew it, at once into the hands of Mr. Wilson Barker?—No, I gave it to Mr. H. T. Wilson.

16,482. You gave it at once into his hands?—Yes.

16,483. Did you send a message to Liverpool this morning, to which message this telegram is an answer?—No; I asked Mr. Hagart to do it when he went home last night.

16,484. To consult the cash book?—No, the cashier.

16,485. So that, although the telegram comes from Mr. Hagart, it is really from the cashier?—Yes.

Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson recalled and further examined.

Mr. H. T. Wilson.

(*The Witness.*) Will you kindly look at this telegram which I have just received (*handing a telegram to the Commissioners*)?

16,486. (*Mr. Hill.*) It is a telegram from Taylor to John Lawrence, "Hagart's telegram was right, except the last fifty-nine was wrong?"—I do not know what that is; that is some mistake.

16,487–8. Would it be "except the last fifty which was wrong?"—Yes, that is most likely, I think.

16,489. Then we will put a query against that fifty, and write, "Corrected by subsequent telegram." Mr. Littlewood will know the contents of those telegrams when he comes, I suppose?—He possibly may, or he may not. Will the Commissioners be kind enough to refer to a question which was put to me about the capital of the Shipowning Company?

16,490. Yes. You said 30,000*l.* for the one, and 125,000*l.* for the other?—The capital of the Shipowning Company is 250,000*l.*, but the directors only intend to call up 125,000*l.* That was the mistake that I made.

16,491. That is not so much a matter for us as for the general public. When we left off your examination yesterday you were telling me of the part which Mr. Saunders had taken in the election. I do not want you to be diffuse upon that point, but will you tell me, generally, what part that was?—I think Mr. Saunders saw Mr. Lawrence in the first instance, and tried to induce him to accept a requisition to stand as a candidate for Lancaster, and that he attended a meeting at the Palatine Hall. I think he went with him on his canvass, perhaps two or three times, and I think he stayed with us at the "King's Arms" for a short time.

16,492. Do you know of any subscription that was got up for the payment of expenses on behalf of Mr. Lawrence?—No, I do not.

16,493. In your belief was there any subscription got up?—No, I am sure there was no subscription.

16,494. Do you believe that any monies were paid on behalf of Mr. Lawrence except those sums which we have heard of from you, and from Mr. John Tomlin Lawrence?—No other money that I know of.

16,495. To the best of your belief is that so?—I am sure of it.

16,496. You are sure that no other monies were paid?—Quite sure.

16,497. Has there been any subscription in Liverpool to reduce the advance by the firm, either your own firm or Mr. Lawrence's, for the expenses of that election?—None.

16,498. Can you say that distinctly?—I can swear that distinctly.

16,499. Can you say, putting Liverpool out of the question, whether there has been any contribution of any sort to reduce that expense?—None.

16,500. Do you know of any promise made, either to your own firm or to Mr. Lawrence, of any repayment of the monies that that election cost you or the Messieurs Lawrence?—I do not.

16,501. We have looked over these papers which you handed in to us last night, and, referring to them and to the evidence, I see there was a statement made by a person of the name of King, as to an offer of 12*l.* to vote, by you and Mr. Coupland?—I read that statement.

16,502. What have you to say with reference to that statement?—So far as I am concerned it is quite incorrect. I do not know that I know "King."

16,503. You say that you never did offer any voters any money?—No, nothing. I had nothing to do with any payment of voters at all.

16,504. Then, as far as any evidence goes to that point, you say that that evidence is incorrect?—I do.

16,505. Completely incorrect?—Completely incorrect.

16,506. And similarly a statement by Bradshaw that you were busy in the district of Galgate?—I was never in Galgate except on the evening when I went with Mr. Lawrence.

16,507. There was a statement made also by Colonel Yeadell in which your name was mentioned?—I read that statement also.

16,508. What was that statement?—I think it had reference to staff-men, or "shouters," as he called them.

16,509. In what way had Colonel Yeadell mentioned your name in connexion with them?—I think it was something to this effect, that Mr. Wilson has come to Lancaster like "Joshua."

16,510. Did you, in fact, come like "Joshua?"—No, I think not.

16,511. You brought with you something more substantial, or had taken care that something more substantial should be provided?—Yes.

16,512. Just look at those two items, and tell me what you make of them (*handing a paper to the witness*)?—"Barker wrong as to Moon."

16,513. What do you mean by that?—Mr. Wilson Barker made a statement that he got money in London from Mr. Moon. Mr. Moon wrote a note to Mr. Barker to tell him that he was incorrect, that he was away at the time, and therefore he could not have got the money from him. It was got from a clerk instead of from Mr. Moon.

16,514. Is there anything else in the last line of all there? It is in your own handwriting?—It is "estimated cost, wrong date." I think, as I read the evidence, Mr. Barker's meaning was this: that at the meeting to which he referred, at which I was present with Mr. Saunders, the estimated cost had been discussed; and I think he gave it to you as 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.* Mr. Barker is entirely wrong there as to the date, because I remember there was no discussion as to the cost then. The question of cost never came to my mind clearly before the Monday.

16,515. Then, if Mr. Wilson Barker is right as to the date, you had nothing to do with the conversation?—Quite so.

16,516. And if any such conversation took place, it would be with Mr. Lawrence, and not with you?—I am sure it did not take place with Mr. Lawrence.

16,517. But that is what it must come to if Mr. Wilson Barker is correct?—I certainly do not remember it myself at all.

16,518. I see this on this other paper, "Our expenses 750*l.* ——" (which, I suppose, means "up to") "Monday." What do you mean by that?—I think that is a clear proof that our expenses were moderate up to the Monday preceding the election.

16,519. How did you ascertain that up to Monday your expenses had been 750*l.*?—From Mr. Barker's statement.

16,520. From the statement that those were the sums paid by him up to Monday?—Up to Monday, I think, that is the amount.

16,521. Monday would be the 10th?—Yes. I took it up Monday morning, because on Monday morning I got a statement.

16,522. Then I see this note, "If petition not presented, highest bidder." What is the meaning of that?—It means that had there been no petition, Lancaster for the future must always have been offered to the highest bidder.

16,523. That is to say, if there had been no petition, and that which is consequent thereupon, namely this present Commission?—Yes, I think so.

16,524. I see that you have tabulated in these items which you have given to us the reason why you supposed it would be a money matter. First, you give us Mr. Schneider's second speech on his first election, which you have already referred to in the evidence you gave us yesterday?—Yes.

16,525. And then you put, "The request to Welch." What do you mean by that?—It refers to the statement which Mr. Welch made here, otherwise the impression I had then formed was that Mr. Schneider was prepared to bid heavily for the place, because I think that at his first election, when he got in for nothing, immediately after the election he turned to Mr. Welch and asked him if he would consent to become an "illegal agent" for the next election, and I think that that clearly shows that he had it in his mind at that time.

16,526. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That you have taken from Mr. Welch's evidence?—I have drawn the conclusion from Mr. Welch's evidence, and regarded it as a proof that Mr. Schneider had then made up his mind.

16,527. Next, "The request to the bank for gold." What request do you refer to there?—The request on the day of the election.

16,528. When?—On the 12th of July.

16,529. Do you refer to his own visit for 1,000*l.*?—I refer to his instructing them to go to the bank and see if they could get 1,000*l.* in gold.

16,530. The next is "Dr. Carruthers' visit." What does that refer to?—Dr. Carruthers arrived at the "King's Arms" about half-past 12 or 1 o'clock on the morning of the election. I was standing in the lobby of the "King's Arms" when he came in. I said "Doctor, what do you want here? are you aware that you are in the enemy's camp?" He said "I want to see Mr. Sly." I said "Mr. Sly is there." He spoke to Mr. Sly and went out. I then went to Mr. Sly and asked him what the doctor wanted. He said he had come to ask for Mr. Schneider. I asked him what answer he gave him, and he said "I have told him to go to the Vicarage;" and the presumption I made from that was, that Dr. Carruthers had come for the money that was to be sent to Morecambe, and that he came from Mr. Schneider, who was at the Vicarage.

16,531. The next I see is, "Statement by Schneider that he would give Saunders 1,000*l.*" What is that?—Mr. Schneider went into Mr. Clark's shop in Market Street, and made a statement to this effect.

16,532. Who was present?—He made the statement to Mr. Clark.

16,533. Which Mr. Clark?—Mr. G. C. Clark; that "he would give that fellow Saunders 1,000*l.* if "he would only consent to stand, that he might show "him how the money, or the 5*l.* notes (I forget which "was the phrase he used), would fly."

16,534. When did you understand that this statement was made to Mr. Clark?—It was made to Mr. Clark prior to the election.

16,535. How long prior?—It might be a few days before. It would not be long, because there was only a lapse of a week or ten days.

16,536. Then there is, "Hadfield to Liverpool, petition, counsel, and subscription." What does that refer to?—Mr. Hadfield, I understood, was sent from Lancaster to Liverpool to consult with the Liberals about the presentation of a petition against the two Liverpool members. A communication was made to me by one of the leading members of the Conservative party in Liverpool to this effect, and asking me if I knew anything of it; I said I knew nothing of it, that I had not heard of it, and did not believe it. He then gave me the names of the two people who had been consulted by Mr. Hadfield, and it was upon that information that I sent for one of those two persons.

16,537. Two Liverpool persons?—Two Liverpool persons, because one of them I did not know at all. That was "Cook." The other one I did know, and I sent for him, Mr. Rutherford, to ask him if it was was true, and he said it was partly true, but that he would send for Mr. Cook, who would give me all the information. Mr. Cook was sent for, or called the next day, and told me that he had been in communication with Mr. Hadfield, who had been sent from Lancaster with a view of getting a petition up against Mr. Greaves and Mr. Horsfall.

16,538. That took place after the election was over?—Yes.

16,539. And therefore it could scarcely be put down as a reason why the Lancaster election should

be a matter of money?—I do not put it down as a reason for that. It is not under that head I think?

16,540. Yes, No. 5?—Then it is under the wrong head.

16,541. Then the next is, "Statement to Slater if not returned?"—Mr. Slater told me.

16,542. Which Mr. Slater?—Mr. Slater, the hairdresser.

16,543. Here in Lancaster?—In Lancaster.

16,544. What part did Mr. Slater take in the election?—I do not know that he took much part in it. I know he was on the Conservative side. He told me that Mr. Schneider had sent for him on the morning of the election, I think, to the "Queen's Hotel;" I am not sure; and he said that if he was not returned as member for Lancaster, it was the last time that Lancaster would return a member to Parliament.

16,545. There is another, headed "Promissory note to bank in April." What inference do you draw from that?—That Mr. Schneider must have made his money arrangements as early as April.

16,546. Anything further?—No, I merely draw that as an inference of my own that he had made his own money arrangements early.

16,547. The next entries seem to be with regard to Mr. Fenwick. The first is "Newton?"—I should prefer your asking Mr. Fenwick about that himself.

16,548. What do you mean by it?—I suppose you will put the same question to him that you did yesterday to me, whether he committed any act of bribery himself? I will give you my meaning if you wish it. I should like you to ask Mr. Fenwick whether he bribed this man Newton. I think his name is Thomas Newton.

16,549. Who is Thomas Newton?—He is a voter.

16,550. I am reminded by Mr. Barstow that I should ask you upon whose information you give us this statement?—I give you this information from a statement made to me by Mr. Lawrence.

16,551. The candidate?—The candidate.

16,552. Do you know from whom Mr. Lawrence received it?—I understood that Mr. Lawrence got it from some one who was present at a dinner party at which Mr. Fenwick made the statement.

16,553. That is very remote?—I could not give it more direct.

16,554. You cannot give the name of the person who heard Mr. Fenwick say so?—Mr. Lawrence can give the name because he got it.

16,555. (*Mr. Newton.*) Mr. Lawrence heard Mr. Fenwick say it?—No, I do not say that.

16,556. Then it is still more remote?—No, Mr. Lawrence got it direct.

16,557. Not from Mr. Fenwick?—No, not from Mr. Fenwick.

16,558. Then it is only third hand?—It is third hand.

16,559. (*Mr. Hill.*) There is an entry mentioning the name of a person named Western (blank) for vote; what is that?—That had reference to the previous election between Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Saunders.

16,560. Then there is a note of yours, "As to Wearing's statement of 1,000*l.*?"—I merely made a memorandum of the statement Mr. Wearing made here, that he was morally certain that the 1,000*l.* was for bribing purposes, which I thought was a very injudicious remark for him to make.

16,561. He was bound to make it; he was bound tell the truth?—But he does not know it.

16,562. Now I come to a table of yours headed "Liberal expenses," and under the head of bank, "Coulston, Jackson;" first there is a note of yours as to gold, "Stirzaker, notes and no gold." Who got it all?—The impression I formed was that you had already ascertained that on your visit to the bank.

16,563. Do we understand from you that when Mr. Stirzaker made an application at the bank for gold there was no more gold in the bank?—Yes.

16,564. How do you know that?—Because I told Mr. Stirzaker to get gold, and he was unable to get gold, and they gave him notes.

16,565. Which Mr. Stirzaker was that?—I forget. I asked Mr. Henry Stirzaker.

16,566. Do you know what Mr. Henry Stirzaker brought back?—He told me he brought notes.

16,567. You told him to get gold?—I told him to get gold.

16,568. And he brought back notes?—He brought notes.

16,569. And told you that he could not get gold?—That he could not get gold.

16,570. Is the Lancaster Bank a bank of issue?—Yes.

16,571. Were the notes that he brought Lancaster or Bank of England notes?—I believe they were Lancaster notes.

16,572. Can you tell us what time of the day that was?—It was early.

16,573. About noon?—Before that I think.

16,574. Do you know anything of the part that Mr. Coulston took in the election?—Have you finished with the gold part?

16,575. Have you anything further to add about the gold?—Yes.

16,576. Will you have the goodness, then, to tell us what that is?—I know that the Lancaster Bank received 10,000*l.* in gold from Liverpool that week.

16,577. From whom do you know that?—I know it from Mr. Lawrence.

16,578. What opportunity would Mr. Lawrence have of learning that?—The bank manager told him.

16,579. The bank manager, where?—In Liverpool.

16,580. Who is the bank manager there?—The Union Bank?

16,581. The manager of the Union Bank?—Yes.

16,582. Who is the manager?—Mr. Lister.

16,583. Did you understand that 10,000*l.* in gold had been paid to the Lancaster Bank from the Union Bank?—Yes, from the Union Bank to the Lancaster Bank; and on that statement I thought that if they had got 10,000*l.* in gold there should have been no difficulty in my getting 400*l.* in gold.

16,584. But you were aware that Mr. Wilson Barker had been changing notes extensively there?—Very little.

16,585. I do not know what you call very little?—I call 500*l.* little.

16,586. For instance, there was Mr. Lawrence's cheque for 1,000*l.*?—He got that at the Preston Bank.

16,587. You are quite right as to that; your four bags were all sent over in gold?—Yes.

16,588. What bank in Lancaster did that gold come out of?—I do not know. That is the money I did not know of.

16,589. Have you any knowledge what an ordinary week's payment of gold by the Lancaster Bank would be?—I thought you would have ascertained that when you examined the books. I know that banks balance their books every night.

16,590. Have you any knowledge yourself as to what the daily gold balance at the Lancaster Bank should be?—No, I have not seen the books, and therefore cannot tell you.

16,591. You have no knowledge upon the subject?—No.

16,592. Have you anything further to say upon the gold question?—Nothing beyond that.

16,593. Now, then, as to Mr. Coulston's personal part in that election?—I saw Mr. Coulston very busily occupied, in company with Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider, canvassing at the railway.

16,594. Is that a good place for canvassing?—There are several votes there.

16,595. Did you see Mr. Coulston there more than once?—I think I saw him twice there.

16,596. Were they talking to voters?—Speaking to people I took to be voters.

16,597. How long would that be before the election?—It would be a few days before the election. I

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may mention that we lost some of the railway votes which had been promised to Mr. Lawrence.

16,598. What has Mr. Coulston to do with the railway ?—He is a director.

16,599. A director of the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway ?—Yes.

16,600. How many voters are there connected with the railway ?—I do not know the number.

16,601. In round numbers ?—I have no idea at all.

16,602. As a director of the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway, he would not have much influence over the servants in the employ of the London and North-western Railway Company, would he ?—The influence was exercised, whatever it was.

16,603. Did you see Mr. Coulston personally canvassing any other persons besides the railway people? —No, I did not.

16,604. I see two names here (Fitzsimons and Peel), who are they ?—Two of the voters at the railway.

16,605. Did you see him canvassing them ?—I cannot say that I did. I understood they were to have voted for Mr. Lawrence.

16,606. Those are two persons who you understood had promised to vote for Mr. Lawrence ?—Yes.

16,607. " Mr. Jackson," what Jackson is that ?—Mr. William Jackson, the managing director of the bank.

16,608. Did you see him at all personally engaged in the election ?—I am not sure whether I saw him or not. I do not think I did see Mr. Jackson there.

16,609. What had he to do with the election ?—He was very actively engaged at home, I think.

16,610. How do you mean ?—I think he was not well at the time. I do not think I saw Mr. Jackson either at the railway or anywhere else.

16,611. Have you anything further to say as to the part taken in the election by Mr. Jackson ?—Nothing beyond what I was told, that he was very actively engaged at home.

16,612. I do not quite understand how that could be ?—He was not able to walk out at that time, but he was able to work, and did work at home.

16,613. By means of pen and ink ?—Yes, he wrote letters for instance.

16,614. Do you know of your own knowledge that he was canvassing by letter ? — He must have been, because one of the letters was put into my hands on the hustings on the nomination day.

16,615. To whom was that letter addressed ?—I do not know ; it was to one of the voters.

16,616. You saw a letter from Mr. Jackson to one of the voters ?—I did.

16,617. Mr. Jackson is also a director of the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway ?—Yes.

16,618. And managing director of the bank ?—He is the paid managing director of the bank, I believe.

16,619. Do I understand you to say that he had been engaged at Mr. Schneider's first election ?—Yes, he was actively engaged then.

16,620. Have you anything further to add upon that subject ?—I think Mr. Jackson made a remark, when he proposed Mr. Schneider, that the Conservatives could neither find a candidate nor money. As far as I remember that remark was made by him.

16,620*a*. Mr. Barton took the bag of money from the bank to the " Queen's Hotel." Is Mr. Barton at all related to Mr. Jackson ?—He is Mr. Jackson's son-in-law.

16,621. He is the son-in-law of the managing director ?—Yes.

16,622. There is an entry about Mr. Bolden ; have you anything to say about that ?—He was another bank director. I do not know that he took a very active part in the election, but I think Mr. Bolden's man was one of the men bribed on the other side. He was Mr. Bolden's head man, I think.

16,623. He is now at Liverpool ?—Yes.

16,624. Then you have made an entry, " 1,000*l.* on public-houses ? "— Yes, I thought that 1,000*l.* on public-houses, without any explanation, was a very large amount indeed.

16,625. You know there were a great many public-houses ?—But 1,000*l.* is a great deal.

16,626. How much did your side spend on public-houses ?—You have the accounts, and can tell better than I can.

16,627. No, we have not had them ?—Mr. Barker offered you the vouchers for everything. If I remember Mr. Barker's statement correctly, he offered you the vouchers of all the payments, except some 30*l.* or 40*l.*, I think. Mr. Barker is here. I think he did.

16,628. (*Mr. Hill.*) What in your judgment was the amount the public-houses cost the Conservative party ?—I do not remember.

16,629. You do not know ?—No, but it could be very easily ascertained.

16,630. You had not above a fourth of the number that were retained on behalf of Fenwick and Schneider ?—No, I think not

16,631. (*Mr. Newton.*) You were rather behindhand in getting them ?—So it appears.

16,632. (*Mr. Hill.*) I see you make an entry of two points, namely, the destruction of the vouchers on the Liberal side and the 1,000*l.* spent in public-houses. You say, I suppose, that that is a fair presumption that all has not been revealed ?—Yes, I do.

16,633. Do you think that more has been spent than we have heard of ?—Yes, I do. I think the 1,000*l.* in gold from Liverpool is a material matter to look at. You never heard of that before.

16,634. A bank may want a thousand pounds in gold besides for the purpose of bribery ?—It is strange they should get it from Liverpool.

16,635. Yes, it is, because Liverpool seems to have wanted it for other purposes ?—Yes, Liverpool seems to have provided all the money.

16,636. Then there is the " Queen's," 500*l.* ?—I understood the person who keeps the " Queen's " to state that he received 500*l.*, so that that would be 500*l.* out of the 1,000*l.* His bill was 500*l.*

16,637. Then there is an entry, " Bank prejudice against our company ;" that is some quarrel between your company and the bank I suppose. I do not know that we need go into that ?—We think the political weight of the bank has been brought to bear in the town.

16,638. As against the political weight of the company ?—Yes, I think so.

16,639. That is six to one and half a dozen to the other, I suppose ?—No, we have no weight there at all.

16,640. Where ?—At the bank. I say the bank had no right as a bank to use its weight politically.

16,641. It is not a point to argue with you, but would not that also apply to a ship-building company ? —You have never proved that the ship-building company interfered at all. I can tell you this, I never went near the shipyard during the whole canvass.

16,642. Are we to understand that from you ?—Yes, I never entered the shipyard during the whole of the canvass.

16,643. How many voters have you in the shipyard ?—I do not know.

16,644. I will ask you this, did you either directly or indirectly use any influence upon any voters in the shipyard during the canvass ?—Neither either directly or indirectly.

16,645. Whether money was offered to them by any of your captains is a different matter ?—I do not know anything of it. I never went near them, nor did I authorize anyone to go in my name.

16,646. Now we come to a statement made by Mr. Preston ; to what does that refer ?—Mr. Preston is a son of Mr. Preston of Ellel Grange, and he stated in the " King's Arms " that he would spend 2,000*l.* or 3000*l.* to keep Mr. Lawrence out and put Mr. Fenwick in.

16,647. Was Mr. Preston at all connected with the election ? — He was very active here during the election.

16,648. When do you understand him to have made that statement in the "King's Arms?"—A few days before the election.

16,649. That was, I suppose, merely empty bounce?—No, I do not think it. I would rather you had got Mr. Preston here; he will answer for himself.

16,650. Who heard this?—Mr. Clark, and I think two of the Couplands.

16,651. Which Mr. Clark was it?—Mr. G. C. Clark. Besides Mr. Preston was very active, I think, on the day of the election up at the "White Cross."

16,652. That was one of your own houses?—He got some of our voters I know.

16,653. Then you tell us that a person of the name of Alec Harrison saw Mr. Preston take two voters of the name of Parker from Dolphinholme?—I make that statement to you on a written statement which is amongst my papers which you have.

16,654. A written statement by Alec Harrison?—No, I think not written by Harrison; it was amongst the papers I gave you last night.

16,655. Written by John Cross?—Yes.

16,656. Is there anything material to this inquiry (and I leave it to your judgment, because I am sure you will not encumber our notes with anything immaterial) on the one side or the other that is within your knowledge, and has not been said by you owing to my not having asked you about it?—Allow me to look at those papers for a moment (*the papers are handed to the witness*). My attention was drawn to a payment which appeared to have been made to Mr. Schneider in the account you referred to on the 1st of July. Mr. Ramsden's name was brought up. Now Mr. Ramsden, if I remember rightly, was the person to whom Mr. Schneider delegated the power to come over here to arrange for his candidature at the first election, and I presume he was actively engaged at the second election.

16,657. Who is Mr. Ramsden?—I think he is the manager for Schneider, Hannay, and Company.

16,658. Is he steward to the Duke of Devonshire?—No, he is the secretary or manager to the railway.

16,659. Which railway?—The Furness railway.

16,660. You say he was the person who managed this first election?—He came over I know, and arranged the first election for Mr. Schneider, and when I saw his name in that account on the 1st of July my attention was immediately drawn to it, and I thought possibly Mr. Ramsden might in some way, though I do not make it as a charge, be mixed up in the present election. I think Mr. Hadwen stated that Mr. Ramsden was connected with that 2,000*l.*

16,661. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I do not think you are correct; it was with reference to some calls upon the Hœmatite Company?—Then I should like to draw the attention of the Commissioners to the first money which was said to have been taken to Mr. Wright Wearing or to Mr. Welch's shop, 710*l.* 10*s.* That money was said to have been taken there by a person of the name of Wright, from Milner's. Mr. Milner has never been here yet, and I should like the Commissioners to ask Mr. Milner what he has had to do with the money himself, or, if not himself, if any member of his family had anything to do with the money.

16,662. (*Mr. Hill.*) Upon what ground do you suggest that that will at all be useful to the present inquiry?—Because I have reason to believe that that money came through Mr. Milner's hands, or some other member of his family.

16,663. With regard to anything of that sort I think the best way would be by far, in your case as in others, we being here to inquire into the truth and find out all we can, that you should, if you can suggest any question that has any bearing upon the subject of this election, write to the secretary; those letters would be duly considered by the Commissioners, and if they thought anything depended upon it which was material to the inquiry they would send for such persons as were suggested. It would be quite in order, in an inquiry of this sort, that any such letters should be sent for perusal by the Commissioners?—I got the information, and I thought it my duty to name it.

16,664. You were quite right, but I think it would come much better in the way I suggest. Is there anything else you wish to state as evidence?—No, I think not; I do not see anything else. I may name that I have sent to Liverpool for my books, so that you might see the entries I referred to. I was especially anxious that you should see them, owing to the death of my cashier, so that you might see that the statement I have given to you was in accord with the books.

16,665. When do you expect them over here?—I hope they will be over here to-day. I suppose he will bring the ledger as well as the cash-book, and I will let my book-keeper come and show them to you; he could give you any explanation you wished. If the cashier had been living he could have given you his own explanation as to where and how he got the money. I cannot account, and it has bothered me a good deal, why he should have given credit for 750*l.* and not the other money.

16,666. I must say it puzzled me also considerably. You say that you wrote to Mr. Chambers to send you over 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.*, knowing that that was the order given to Mr. Chambers; how do you reconcile with that order the fact that he only sent over a much smaller sum?—I do not know. He seems to have sent on the day of the election, according to the statement Mr. Lawrence has given here and the account Mr. Barker gave in, 2,500*l.* on the day of the election, and then Mr. Lawrence gave a cheque for a thousand pounds in the morning.

16,667. Pardon me, that is not what I am upon. You wrote to Mr. Chambers on the Monday night to send over 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.*, and you left it to his discretion how to send it?—I do not exactly recollect what I wrote, but it is my impression that I wrote for that sum that day.

16,668. How do you explain the fact of his sending over so much less?—I cannot explain it. I know I wrote to him on the Monday, and it appears now that only 2,500*l.* came that day, and the rest was made up of the 1,000*l.* cheque and what I borrowed from Mr. Stirzaker.

16,669. You can give us no other explanation upon that point?—I cannot give you any clearer explanation.

16,670. Why did you order your London firm to pay Mr. Barker instead of sending it yourself from Liverpool?—I do not know; I know I did it.

16,671. We know you did, but why was it?—I do not know; it might have suited me better to give him the money there than in Liverpool.

16,672. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At the time of the walk over, when you were first consulted about a candidate for Lancaster, you were pretty well acquainted with the political feelings of the borough?—Do you mean when Mr. Saunders stood?

16,673. When Mr. Schneider was returned without opposition?—Yes, I had a pretty good idea of the political feeling of the borough.

16,674. You were aware that a little time before that there had been a contested election?—Yes.

16,675. You were aware also that the Conservative candidate had been defeated by a majority of something over 160?—Yes, but I attribute that to two causes: I attribute it to bad management and bribery.

16,676. You are aware, however, that from whatever cause there was a considerable Liberal majority in the borough?—Yes, but I was equally aware that Mr. Saunders had polled some 50 votes more at the previous election than Mr. Fenwick.

16,677. It is a matter of fact that the Conservative candidate was in a minority?—Yes, but I attribute that to the excessive bribery as compared with Mr. Saunders. Mr. Saunders spent 2,000*l.*, and Mr. Fenwick 4,000*l.*

16,678. You knew, then, at that time that money was a very strong motive power in winning a Lancaster election?—Yes, I did.

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16,679. And I suppose that you in consequence looked out for a candidate who had some money at command?—No, I did not look at Mr. Lawrence in a money light. Mr. Lawrence is a very able man.

16,680. Mr. Lawrence at that time was, and is now, a very considerable merchant in Liverpool?—Yes, he is.

16,681. I think you were about to say what you thought his qualifications were?—Yes; I consider Mr. Lawrence one of the most able men—if not the most able man—we have in Liverpool.

16,682. In what way has he shown his ability?—He has shown his ability on every subject he has taken up.

16,683. Perhaps you will mention what particular subjects?—Any subject; it does not matter what.

16,684. That is a very wide scope?—Yes. I think Mr. Lawrence is eminently a most able man, and if you were to be present on any occasion when Mr. Lawrence was speaking you would see it.

16,685. Amongst other things you say he is a very good speaker?—Yes, he is a very good speaker.

16,686. With a very good address?—Yes; he is very well informed.

16,687. Have you any other qualifications to mention?—I think Mr. Lawrence, as a member of the House of Commons, would have made a mark for himself.

16,688. Is he a good man of business?—Yes, a most excellent man of business.

16,689. I believe he has been mayor of Liverpool?—Yes, he was mayor of Liverpool at that time.

16,690. At the time he came forward?—Yes, in 1865. I had great difficulty in inducing him to stand in consequence of his being mayor at the time.

16,691. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have told us that he was unwilling to come forward?—Yes, he was very unwilling.

16,692. I believe at that time he had the reputation of being a very wealthy merchant?—Yes, I believed he was.

16,693. You have told us that you knew money was the great motive power in winning a Lancaster election, and you were acquainted generally with Mr. Schneider?—Yes.

16,694. You were acquainted, I suppose, to some extent with his public antecedents?—Yes.

16,695. And amongst those the circumstance that he had been in Parliament before?—Yes.

16,695*a*. And out of Parliament?—Yes.

16,696. And the reason of it?—Yes, and the reason of it.

16,697. Were you aware that Mr. Schneider was considered to be a man of great wealth?—Yes, I was.

16,698. And from the question I have just asked you I presume you were aware he was not very scrupulous in using it on such occasions?—Well, I thought Mr. Schneider might have been taught a lesson at Norwich.

16,699. That being so, knowing he was a man of wealth, and knowing he had so employed it before, did you not from the very beginning (to use your own phrase) think of fighting him with his own weapons?—I did not think he was a dangerous man to fight.

16,700. That is not the question. There is an old saying, "Fight with silver battalions and you conquer everything." Did you not think the battle would be carried on with silver battalions, or gold rather?—Not till the Monday.

16,701. I mean from the beginning?—No, certainly not. If I had known that, Mr. Lawrence would never have been a candidate.

16,702. Did you not think over these things which I have suggested to you?—No, I did not. I did on the Monday.

16,703. You had, very early in January, when you promised to look out for a candidate for the borough, until the time of the dissolution of Parliament to think over the matter. Did that never occur to you?—No. I remembered Mr. Schneider's antecedents.

16,704. Are we to understand that until Monday you proposed to carry on the election on principles of the most perfect purity?—No, I do not say that—moderate purity.

16,705. Imperfect purity?—Yes.

16,706. There was to be a slight sprinkling of soot upon the snow?—Yes.

16,707. In truth it comes to this, that all you thought was that the election would not cost quite so much money as it ultimately did cost?—I thought it would cost from 2,000*l.* to 3,000*l.*

16,708. Did you think that that sum would be more than enough for a pure election?—Oh, yes; a pure election ought not to have cost more than 1,000*l.*, I should think.

16,709. You, having considered this matter, and come to the conclusion that between 2,000*l.* and 3,000*l.* would be adequate, upon whose consultation and advice did you come to that conclusion?—I came to the conclusion by myself alone.

16,710. You reasoned the thing out with yourself?—I did, after I had seen Mr. Sharp.

16,711. I mean before. You had probably made some mental calculation as to what the expenses would be?—I thought 3,000*l.* ought to do a great deal.

16,712. I mean as to the detail of it?—I thought 1,000*l.* would be taken in the ordinary expenses of the election.

16,713. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are called legal expenses?—Yes.

16,714. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And you thought the balance would be——?—Illegal expenses.

16,715. That is to say, when you proposed to carry the Lancaster election on principles of purity you still thought it necessary to spend between 1,000*l.* and 2,000*l.* in illegal expenses?—I did not say on principles of purity. I say that 1,000*l.* would be about the legal expenses here, and anything beyond that would be illegal.

16,716. You proposed to spend between 2,000*l.* and 3,000*l.* in illegal expenses?—Yes.

16,717. You were astonished when your opponent proposed to spend double the amount?—I was astonished when he proposed to spend 10,000*l.* You will get it out by-and-by that he made that statement two or three times. I find I have not told you all that is known in the town.

16,718. We have something more substantial than statements to go upon. Were you present at any time during the election when the question of the division between legal and illegal expenses was considered?—Considered with whom?

16,719. With anyone; Mr. Clark, for instance?—No, not anyone. I take the whole responsibility of that myself. I am entirely responsible for it.

16,720. You first gave the impetus to the expenditure of money?—The captains told me that money would be wanted.

16,721. You were the head that directed it?—Yes. I was director-general, or whatever you like to call me.

16,722. Did you personally give any directions as to what sums should be returned as illegal expenses?—No; I was not present in Lancaster when the accounts were made up.

16,723. Did you give any directions whatever as to the division of expenses?—No, not the slightest.

16,724. Can you tell us who?—I should think Mr. Gibson made it up. In fact I am sure he made it up.

16,725. (*Mr. Hill.*) You made no division?—No.

16,726. You are sure Mr. Gibson must have made it up?—Yes.

16,727. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your reason for saying Mr. Gibson made that division?—I know Mr. Gibson wrote to me. I remember his writing to tell me that the time was about expiring for the accounts to be sent in to the town clerk.

16,728. Have you that letter?—Yes, I rather think I have.

16,729. I should like to see it?—I shall be happy to send it to you.

16,730. Have you the letter?—Yes, I am sure I have.

16,731. I will not ask you anything upon it until I see the letter itself?—It was reminding me that the time was about expiring for sending in the accounts.

16,732. What is your recollection about it?—That he wanted to send in the accounts to the town clerk.

16,733. (*Mr. Newton.*) He wanted more money, I suppose?—No, I do not think he asked for money.

16,734. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have heard Mr. Lawrence's evidence?—Yes.

16,735. You have heard that he states that he gave you leave to open a credit with his house for the expenses of the election?—Yes.

16,736. Did he put any limit upon it?—No, I do not think he did. I never remember any limit being put upon the credit.

16,737. Then you confirm him in that respect?—Yes; I think that is correct.

16,738. You say you heard the evidence he has given?—Yes.

16,739. Is there anything in it you wish to correct?—No, I do not remember anything at this moment.

16,740. You heard what he said as to the way in which the money was paid?—Yes, and I think that is very likely to be quite true.

16,741. As far as you know it is quite true?—Yes.

16,742. You confirm his recollection?—Yes, I think he is quite correct.

16,743. (*Mr. Newton.*) Taking your definition of legal and illegal, you must have a third beyond that. You say legal expenses 1,000*l.*, and illegal 2,000*l.*?—Anything is illegal beyond what is right.

16,744. You were prepared to spend 2,000*l.* beyond what was right?—Yes.

16,745. When you come to spend 6,000*l.*, what do you call that?—Illegal.

16,746. No; there must be a third?—You may get very illegal if you like.

16,747. It is the superlative degree?—I do not know. Totnes is, perhaps, worse than Lancaster.

16,748. You altered your amount on Monday?—I will give you a reason why I went to the extreme.

16,749. Up to the Monday you were prepared to do an illegal act, when circumstances came to your knowledge, and you were prepared to go very much further?—Yes.

16,750. Up to Monday did you think you were doing right when you were going to fight Mr. Schneider with his own weapons?—Anything beyond 1,000*l.* I considered illegal.

16,751. You were all along prepared to spend 2,000*l.* beyond the 1,000*l.*?—I knew the election could not be pure. I do not think there has been a pure election here for years.

16,752. All the way along you knew you were going to do an illegal act?—I knew more money would be spent than 1,000*l.*

16,753. You knew you were going to commit an illegal act?—I knew I was going to spend more money than the legal expenses.

16,754. Did you ever converse with Mr. Barker as to these payments of money to his account?—Mr. Barker has frequently shown me the accounts as I have passed through here.

16,755. After all you have heard to-day from Mr. Lawrence and what you have told us, there is no discrepancy that you can find?—No; I am quite satisfied Mr. Barker's account is a correct account.

16,756. What did you do with the cheque that he gave to you?—I thought he had given it to Mr. Barker till I heard his statement.

16,757. What did you do with it?—I was ill on the morning of the election, and if he gave it to me I must have handed it over to Mr. Barker.

16,758. They must have got gold for that at the bank?—Yes, they did, at the Preston Bank.

16,759. Had you made any preparations at the Preston Bank?—No. I tell you I was ill on the morning of the election. I had nothing to do with the Preston Bank. Mr. Barker arranged that.

16,760. Had you made any arrangement with the Preston Bank for gold?—No, none at all.

16,761. You told us yesterday that your cashier was Chambers, and your partner's name was Chambers. Is he any relation?—He was a cousin.

16,762. Was he in Liverpool at the time of the election?—He was.

16,763. Would he have gone through the books. I want to know how it was you never came to see the entry till the death of your cashier?—I saw the entry of 3,000*l.*

16,764. No. I mean the 750*l.*?—I did not see it. I thought the suspense account ought not to have contained so large a sum as 3,000*l.*

16,765. What I am asking about is the item of 750*l.* which you never discovered till the death of your cashier?—No; I saw the entry of 3,018*l.*, and I saw on the opposite side, "Credit to J. T. Lawrence, 750*l.*"

16,766. I want to know why your firm allowed 12 months to go over without looking at the books?—That does not show at all that I did not look over the books.

16,767. You did not know of the entry?—I did not know of the entry of 750*l.*, but that entry of 750*l.* was standing there to the credit of Mr. Lawrence.

16,768. Surely you asked what that item was?—No, I did not.

16,769. You told us that the first time you knew it was upon the death of your cashier?—So it was.

16,770. You gave your clerks permission to come over here?—Yes; I think I must have given them permission.

16,771. You knew for what they were coming?—Yes, I knew why they were coming.

16,772. They were to bring money?—I did not know they were bringing money.

16,773. What did you think they were coming over here for?—To be with the captains.

16,774. To be the cashiers?—Yes.

16,775. You knew that?—Yes.

16,776. In fact, you wrote to that effect?—No; but I knew what they were coming for.

16,777. How many of your clerks came? Is Mr. Nelson one of them?—He is an out-door clerk. He had nothing to do with the money.

16,778. He was not a cashier for the occasion?—No, not at all.

16,779. Then there are Bakewell, Eaves, Wollaston, and Scanlan?—Yes.

16,780. Mr. Nelson had nothing to do with paying money?—No. If he had he would have been here, because I gave the list to your secretary.

16,781. What did he do?—What he says he did was to watch one of the houses and see that the voters were not stolen or taken away. You can have him here if you wish to see him.

16,782. I want to ascertain whether it is worth while sending for him?—I do not think it is. I asked him distinctly last week, and his name has never appeared before.

16,783. Then there is Mr. Maddock?—He is not in my office.

16,784. He came by your direction?—Yes.

16,785. Then there is Mr. Pace?—He is in India now. I got him the situation myself. He is in a very good position.

16,786. Not likely to be back just yet?—No; he has got a large salary there.

16,787. In a bank?—No, with some merchant.

16,788. Who is your private banker in Liverpool?—Mr. Lister, of the Union Bank.

16,789. Do you bank anywhere else?—At the Royal Bank.

16,790. Why should you have hesitated before giving me the name of the two banks at once?—I did not.

16,791. I thought you did?—No, not at all.

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16,792. You keep your private account at the Union Bank?—Yes.

16,793. And at the Royal Bank?—No, the Royal Bank is the firm's bank.

16,794. (*Mr. Hill.*) Has the firm an account at the Union Bank?—No.

16,795. Has the firm only an account at the Royal Bank?—The firm has an account also at the Union Bank of London.

16,796. Your private account is with the Union Bank in Liverpool?—Yes.

16,797. And only with that?—Yes.

16,798. What is the connexion between the Union Bank of London and the Union Bank in Liverpool?—None at all, I think.

16,799. (*Mr. Newton.*) You told me just now, as if you disowned the connexion, that Mr. Maddock was not in your office. Where did you find him?—He was in Liverpool, in business there.

16,800. In a good business?—I do not know that it was. I should think not.

16,801. How did you get hold of him?—I sent for him.

16,802. Why?—I thought he might give me some information.

16,803. How do you mean?—He went to Morecambe. I thought Mr. Maddock would have served me faithfully.

16,804. Why did you pitch upon him?—I do not know why. I sent for him because I had no reason to doubt his honesty.

16,805. Do you doubt his honesty now?—That is for you to judge, not for me.

16,806. I ask you the question?—I was not in court, I wish I had been, to hear his evidence.

16,807. (*Mr. Hill.*) It is sufficient to say that you were not satisfied with his services?—No, I was not.

16,808. (*Mr. Newton.*) What had he been before?—I heard a ship chandler.

16,809. (*Mr. Hill.*) What does a commission merchant mean?—It means a man who receives the produce of another man and takes charge of it to dispose of it. He ought rather to have said commission broker, I should have thought.

16,810. I never heard the phrase before?—That is what he meant, no doubt. I have not seen him for some months now.

16,811. Is a commission merchant a well-known trade in Liverpool, or do they call themselves agents and commission brokers?—Brokers is the usual term, I think; but Baring's, you might class them as commission merchants.

16,812. They will buy and sell anything?—Yes, on commission.

16,813. The definition of a commission merchant being a man who receives the produce of another and takes charge of it to dispose of it, Mr. Maddock was a very proper person to send here?—It did not appear so.

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RICHARD STANTON sworn and examined.

16,814. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Cheapside.

16,815. What are you?—A hosier.

16,816. I suppose you are a Conservative?—Yes.

16,817. What part in this election of 1865 did you take?—I assisted Mr. Storey.

16,818. In what district?—No. 1 district.

16,819. You were a sub-captain under him?—Mr. Storey said so.

16,820. Am I to say so?—I never was called a captain before.

16,821. Then I will not call you one to-day. What were the first monies you received for the purposes of the election?—5*l.*

16,822. When?—June 26th.

16,823. From whom?—From Joseph Storey for William Storey. William Storey sent it by Joseph Storey.

16,824. When was the next?—June 30th, 10*l.* from William Storey; July 3rd, William Storey, 10*l.*; July 5th, William Storey, 8*l.*; July 7th, William Storey, 6*l.*; July 10th, William Storey, 20*l.*; July 11th, William Storey, 20*l.* That is the amount I received up to the election.

16,825. Did you receive any afterwards?—Yes.

16,826. How much?—3*l.* is the next amount I received. That might be in the course of a week afterwards, but I have no date for it.

16,827. From whom did you receive it?—William Storey. Then January the 3rd, 1866, 54*l.*

16,828. From whom?—William Storey. April 5th, 1866, William Storey, 18*l.* That is all I received.

16,829. Making a total of what?—154*l.*

16,830. When was the first payment you made on behalf of the election? Have you made out an account?—Yes (*handing the account to the Commissioners*).

16,831. On the 26th of June I see you paid 7*l.* 10*s.* to Thomas Capstick?—Yes, in various sums.

16,832. Who is he?—He is one of the workers of No. 1 district.

19,833. What do you call a worker?—A captain.

16,834. On the 30th you paid a man of the name of Greenall 3*l.* What is his christian name?—William Austin Greenall, I think, New Street.

16,835. What was that for?—To spend among voters.

16,836. On the 3rd of July you gave G. Briggs 1*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, John Gibson Briggs, Church Street.

16,837. On the 5th of July you gave John Chambers 10*s.* On the 7th of July Edward Gardner 1*l.* Who is Chambers?—A butcher, in Church Street.

16,838. What was it for?—To spend amongst the voters.

16,839. And what was the 1*l.* to Gardner for?—The same.

16,840. On the 10th of July you gave 1*l.* to John Harrison?—Yes, of Saint Mary's Place.

16,841. On the 11th to Richard Harrison 1*l.* 12*s* 6*d.* Are those Harrisons brothers?—Yes. I did not give the monies on the dates you call over. The dates have reference only to the cash I received. It was given at sundry times.

16,842. The next item is 1*l.* to Garnett?—Yes, Garnett, joiner, Chapel Street.

16,843. Then 10*s.* to James Bond?—Yes, James Bond, of the "Freehold."

16,844. 5*s.* to Francis Miller; 5*s.* to Reuben Pimm, junior; 15*s.* 3*d.* writing and delivering circulars and books; 14*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* for refreshments in seven public houses?—Yes.

16,845. Was that paid before or after the election?—Before.

16,846. The names of the seven houses are: the "Mitre," the "Sun," the "Black Bull," the "White Hart," the "White Horse," the "Moulders' Arms," ——?—Yes; it is either the "Moulders' Arms" or the "Plasterers' Arms." It is in Wood Street.

16,847. And the "Three Mariners?"—Yes.

16,848. You paid at those houses 14*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*—Yes.

16,849. The next item is a bill of 37*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*?—Those are various bills, and I have the vouchers here.

16,850. What sort of bills?—Public-house bills.

(*The vouchers are handed to the Commissioners.*)

16,851. Then the next item is, "Messengers at 'Sun Inn,' 15*s.*" Was that the committee room in your district?—Yes, it was.

16,852. "William Storey, 7*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*?"—That was the balance that I paid Mr. Storey.

16,853. Was this all before the election?—Yes; but the balance was paid in the week after the election.

16,854. What was your next payment?—3*l.*, I think, is the next, which Mr. Storey left at a shop to pay 12 staff-men.

16,855. This is after the election?—Yes.

16,856. Are they voters?—No, non-voters.

16,857. When was that?—It would be in the week after the election.

16,858. Then you paid to John Bannister 45*l.* Do you recollect the date of that?—Here are the vouchers for them.

16,859. What is the date?—January the 3rd.

16,860. Who is Bannister?—The innkeeper of the "Sun."

16,861. And you paid 9*l.* to Mrs. Mallady?—Yes, the same date.

16,862. What did she keep?—She keeps a jerry-shop. I think it is on the Quay.

16,863. She keeps a public-house?—Yes. I see some gin down amongst it; 35 glasses.

16,864. "William Hodgson, 18*l.*?"—Yes, of the "Black Bull."

16,865. What is the sign of Mrs. Mallady's house?—The "Custom House Tavern," I think it is. I was never in the house. It is the only one I did not go to.

16,866. You were not on terms with her?—Oh yes, I was.

16,867. You did not buy any voters?—I did.

16,868. Were these staff-men that were paid voters?—No, they were not. I believe they were in the employment of Mr. William Storey.

16,869. He thought he would give them a day's out, I suppose?—I do not know about that.

16,870. Whom did you bribe?—In the first place we had a "dummy."

16,871. Is your list long?—Yes, it is a longish list.

(*Adjourned for a short time.*)

16,872. Have you a long list?—Yes; a part was paid by "Dummy." They all came from "Dummy."

16,873. Is it a long list?—Yes, there are 58 of them, I think.

16,874. Just tell us how all this came about; where did it take place?—At the "Sun Inn."

16,875. Did you go there?—I was there all the night.

16,876. While drinking was going on there?—I do not drink myself.

16,877. But there was drinking going on?—Yes, plenty.

16,878. What time did you commence operations?—"Dummy" came about 7 o'clock in the morning; he had been there on the nomination night. Mr. Storey introduced him.

16,879. Do you not know who he was?—I do not know his name. I have asked Mr. Barker since Mr. Storey was up, and he could not tell me; but Mr. Storey says he believes his name is Piercy, or something of that name.

16,880. Have you got the names down?—I have got the names that I know of.

16,881. "Dummy" came at 7?—On the election morning; but he was there on the nomination night.

17,882. Where did he go to?—He came to the "Sun Inn."

16,883. Whereabouts in the "Swan" was he?—In a small room there.

16,884. Upstairs?—Yes.

16,885. Just tell us what he did?—We first of all had an understanding that they were to be sent in with slips of paper with a mark on them.

16,886. Who was to write on the slips of paper?—I was to write on them, after making the bargains with them.

16,887. What were you to write?—The amount they was to receive.

16,888. Did you put their names down on those slips of paper?—I did not; no name.

16,889. You ticked the list off?—I ticked the list off.

16,890. Where were you?—In an adjoining room.

16,891. How did these voters get into the room?—I took them in, the greater part of them.

16,892. Did anybody help you in doing that?—No, I took them all in myself, that was taken in.

16,893. I thought you said just now the greater part?—There was some money sent out. I got the money from "Dummy," and it was sent out and paid by other parties, of which I will give you the names.

16,894. I do not quite understand that; you say that some of them did not come in to see you?—I bargained with some on the nomination day, and there was five that the money was sent to, I believe the night before the election day; the 11th I believe.

16,895. They were paid on the nomination day, were they?—The money was deposited; they were not paid.

16,896. With whom was the money deposited?—With Mr. William Procter, tailor; for five.

16,897. What was he to do with the money?—He was to hold the money; to be the stakeholder until they had voted.

16,898. They were very shifty, I suppose?—They were a little bit dubious.

16,899. Well?—One of them afterwards came back.

16,900. Give us the name of the one that came back; who was he?—Robert Wilson was the one that came back; he came to run off the bargain.

16,901. By "running off" you mean crying off?—To get clear of the bargain that he had made with me.

16,902. You mean to be off the bargain?—Yes, unless I would give them 1*l.* more; so I agreed to it. There was only 35*l.* paid to Procter.

16,903. That is the money that you say was taken out?—That was taken out.

16,904. By you?—No, I never touched the money.

16,905. Who took it out?—I fetched Mr. Procter, and he took the money; that is it to the best of my my recollection.

16,906. Mr. Procter took the money for them from "Dummy?"—From "Dummy," I believe.

16,907. Did you pay the 1*l.* yourself?—The extra 1*l.* was paid on the election day.

16,908. You paid that yourself?—Yes, from "Dummy." If I give you the names as I go on, I can give you the remarks.

16,909. Had "Dummy" got a list?—No, he had not; not then. This was the day before the election. I fetched Procter, and told him what he was to get from "Dummy," and told "Dummy" what he was to give him.

16,910. This was the evening before the election?—Yes, the nomination day.

16,911. Now give us the names?—743 is the first I have got down.

16,912. What is his name?—James Sharples.

16,913. How much?—6*l.* No. 227, Thomas Dobson, 10*l.* No. 647, John Parkinson, 5*l.* No. 825, Thomas Taylor. That was paid to him by one Thomas Capstick, and I have something else to say about that; shall I give you the explanation now?

16,914. What is Thomas Capstick?—A joiner.

16,915. How much to this man?—The amount of money Thomas Taylor received was 10*l.* During the election this man, Taylor, came back with his wife, and stated that he had been to vote, but when he got there some one had voted for him, and he wished to know what he was to do. I told him his best plan was to return the money, and I would get a policeman to look after it; and he did return the money.

16,916. To you?—To me.

16,917. Did you hand it back to "Dummy?"—No, I paid William Storey.

16,918. (*Mr. Hill.*) Then Thomas Taylor did not get any money at all?—Yes, I sent 10*s.* in the course of a few days afterwards.

16,919. But he did not get the 10*l.*?—No, he got 10*s.* He brought the money back again, and Mr. Capstick gave him 10*s.*

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16,920. Now give us the next?—No. 593, Francis Miller, 10*l.*

16,921. What is Miller?—A cabinet-maker.

16,922. Have you got what they are?—Yes.

16,923. Just read them out?—He is a cabinet-maker in Moor Road, 10*l.* No. 660, Reuben Pymm, junior, stonemason, Damside Street, 12*l.* No. 235, John Taylor Dunderdale, painter, Moor Road, 7*l.* 10*s.* No. 1,384, Jonathan Wolfendale, butcher, Moor Lane.

16,924. He is a householder?—Yes.

16,925. How much?—10*l.* Now this one, Wolfendale, I have not in the original paper; but James Bond, who the money was paid to, told me since that he paid him the money, but I have not got him down.

16,926. Was Bond in the room at the time?—Bond took him the money; "Cash paid to James Bond;" he took the money.

16,927. Was Bond in the room at the time?—He fetched the money from the "Sun." I should get the money from "Dummy" to give him. No. 384, John Harrison, farm servant, Middleton, 10*l.*; No. 333, William Gregson, tin-plate worker, Pothouses, 12*l.*; No. 335, James Gregson, painter, Pothouses, 12*l.*; No. 174, John Collinson, plumber, Quay, 12*l.*; No. 871, Thomas Varley, painter, Lime Street, 10*l.*; No. 648, Richard Parkinson, painter, Quay, 9*l.*; No. 784, Joseph Sowerby, butcher, Union Square, 10*l.*; No. 224, John Dobson, cabinet-maker, Damside Street, 10*l.*, paid by Thomas Capstick; No. 432, Edward Clark Hornby, joiner, St. Mary's Place, 10*l.*; No. 372, John Hadwen Harrison, joiner, St. Mary's Place, 10*l.*; No. 966, William Woodburn, warehouseman, China Lane, 6*l.*; that man I paid the money to and voted him.

16,928. Why did you make a distinction between him and the others?—There was only two that I took to the poll; this man was one, and the other will come afterwards. No. 868, Edward Townson, whitesmith, Damside Street, 10*l.*; No. 930, Edward Williams, painter, Quay, 6*l.*; No. 641, Robert Parker, horse breaker, Brewery Lane, 10*l.*; No. 967, William Woodhouse, labourer, Quay, 10*l.*; No. 695, William Rennison, painter, Bridge Lane, 10*l.*; Thomas Rennison, No. 694, shoemaker, 10*l.* I believe that with regard to those two the money was given into the hands of William Bond, of the "Three Mariners," at the "Sun;" he was responsible, but they got the money. No. 527, Richard Lamb, cotton spinner, Upper Robert Street, 10*l.*; No. 685, Thomas Ralph, painter, New Road, 10*l.*; No. 1,272, Thomas Phizackerley, Damside Street, 10*l.*; he is since dead; No. 197, George Crosskell, yeoman, 9*l.*; No. 683, John Ralph, painter, Quay, 10*l.*; No. 682, Robert Ralph, painter, New Road, 10*l.*; No. 936, Willock, joiner, Lodge Street, 13*l.*, paid by Thomas Capstick; No. 395, Henry Hartley, plasterer, Castle Hill, 12*l.*; No. 1,077, Edward Coleman, Leonard Gate, 10*l.*

16,929. Is he a householder?—I believe so. No. 587, William Mecoid, block maker, Lime Street, 3*l.*; No. 48, James Barber, tailor, Bridge Lane, 8*l.*; No. 359, Daniel Hardy, tailor, Bridge Lane, 8*l.*; No. 50, John Barber, labourer, Edward Street; No. 49, Richard Barber, shoemaker, Bridge Lane, 8*l.*

16,930. Did you take those to the poll?—No, I only took two. I will tell you when I come to the second. I "operated" upon the greater part of them.

16,931. (*Mr. Hill.*) You operated on the Barbers?—Yes, I did. Then No. 944, Robert Wilson, spinner, Bridge Lane, 8*l.*; those are the five that the 35*l.* was paid for to Mr. Proctor, or rather he was the stakeholder; but they each received 8*l.* I agreed with those for 7*l.* each.

16,932. There was one man you paid 1*l.* to?—No, 1*l.* each.

16,933. You agreed with them at 7*l.*, but paid them at 8*l.*?—Yes, but 35*l.* was given into the hands of the stakeholder the night previous. Robert Wilson is a man that came back to make a fresh bargain. No. 789, William Standen, carrier, Church Street, 7*l.*; No. 297, William Gardner, joiner, 10*l.*; No. 77, Robert Beeley, brush maker, Church Street, 6*l.*; No. 43, John Ball, boatman, Henry Street, 6*l.*; No. 201, William Cubin, whitesmith, Bridge Lane, 5*l.*; No. 256, William Ellwood, shoemaker, Quay, 6*l.* 10*s.*; No. 583, Moses Mawson, farmer, Union Street, 10*l.*; that was the second one I took to vote. I only took two; he is since dead. The next is what Mr. Storey gave you; it is No. 1,287, George Cleminson Riley, 14*l.*, he voted against us; he got 14*l.*; the money came from "Dummy." No. 302, John Garnett, Church Street, 3*l.*; No. 287, John Gardner, cotton spinner, George Street, 10*l.*; No. 728, Charles Row, farmer, Highfield, 5*l.*; No. 546, John Leighton, ex-policeman, Damside Street, 5*l.*; No. 440, Robert Howson, joiner, Springfield, 5*l.*, paid by Thomas Capstick; No. 731, Benjamin Sandham, painter, Anchor Lane, 10*l.*; No. 300, Richard Gardner, labourer, Union Street, 10*l.*; No. 805, David Sykes, cooper, Great John Street, 8*l.*, the money was got from "Dummy;" he voted, but he did not come to the "Sun" for it; the bargain had been made with him the day previous; the money was got from "Dummy," and afterwards was returned to William Storey; the man got the money from another room; the money was got from "Dummy," but it was returned to William Storey.

16,934. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who had bribed Sykes, then?—I believe it was in Coupland's district. I think I saw it in the list. After the election was over, a little after 4, I got 10*l.* from "Dummy" for Thomas Capstick, for services.

16,935. The man who had helped you?—Yes, No. 1,057.

16,936. Including services?—Yes.

16,937. (*Mr. Newton.*) What time was it over?—A little after 4.

16,938. Then "Dummy" had had a very good hand altogether?—Yes.

16,939. And he played out his cards well?—Very well indeed, and the men seemed very well satisfied too.

16,940. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you make that list come to 487*l.*?—No, 515*l.*, I think; there were two men you crossed off, I think.

16,941. Yes, 18*l.*; Sykes and Taylor; that leaves 487*l.*?—Yes.

16,942. (*Mr. Newton.*) This went on from 7 o'clock in the morning till 4 o'clock in the afternoon?—"Dummy" came somewhere about 7.

16,943. Had "Dummy" any more money?—I added them up after it was over, and we did not agree. "Dummy" had paid more than I had got down.

16,944. You have told us his name was Piercy?—I thought his name was Piercy. I understood Mr. Storey to say so.

16,945. His name was Pace?—I never ascertained his name.

16,946. This that you have told us is the transaction that took place?—This is all I know of, but I should be out three-quarters of an hour with Moses Mawson.

16,947. Do you suppose "Dummy" paid away any money then?—I cannot say.

16,948. What was the end of your dispute about the money?—I think, to the best of my recollection, he was something like 12*l.* more than I had got down on the list; 20*l.* I think it was.

16,949. What did he do about it?—I do not know.

16,950. Did you square accounts at last?—No; he went away. I never saw the man afterwards. I was not to keep any account at all. I kept it for my own curiosity.

16,951. You say it was 12*l.*?—No, 20*l.*, to the best of my recollection, was the deficiency.

16,952. Who bargained with these men?—I bargained with the greater part of them myself. I did not know many of the men. They were brought up by the captains, and I took them into the billiard-room one by one and made the best bargain with them I could.

16,953. In what line of life were they; were they artizans?—Yes; there is one a farmer amongst them.

16,954. And the others were men who were artizans, or men of the working class?—Yes, something of that sort.

16,955. Except the householders?—No, there was one named Phizackerley, who kept a shop at that time; he is a householder, and I think Colman is a householder as well.

16,956. Do they all look upon it as their right to get money for their votes?—Yes, it is quite an understood thing; there is no hiring or haffing about it, but it is a fair bargain, the same as going to market to buy a horse or a cow; they got as much as they could, and I got them as cheap as I could. Many of them said they could get more on the other side, but that they always say; they will always get as much as they can.

16,957. Have you been engaged in any other elections except this one?—No; I was but little more than looking on.

16,958. You did not go into the market, then?—I did not; the most that ever I did was to get some gold once before in change for notes.

16,959. Do you know whether any of these men had been staff-men?—No, not staff-men.

16,960. I mean by staff-men the men that Mr. Danson told us of the other day?—No, none of those.

16,961. Had they been committee men?—There were committees called every night, as far as that went, and circulars were sent out.

16,962. Had these men been getting their *5s.* a sitting?—No, there were only committee meetings called at different public-houses where there was drink.

16,963. Would they get paid for attending those public-houses?—No, they only got the drink.

16,964. You finished at 4 o'clock, you say?—Yes, except paying the bills that were connected with the election.

16,965. The bills at these seven public-houses?—No, the bills for those seven public-houses were bills for the time the election was going on, before the 12th.

16,966. Had you given breakfasts to all these men?—No, there was a breakfast or something of the kind at the "White Horse."

16,967. But not at the "Sun?"—No; there might be one or two that had it, but that would be all.

16,968. Did you get paid for your services in any way?—Not a penny, neither directly or indirectly.

16,969. (*Mr. Barstow.*) One man, Taylor, was personated, you say?—He came back and said somebody had voted for him.

16,970, Did you ever make any inquiry about that?—Not after he got the money I did not. I had written in my poll book "query" to his name, whether he was the right man or not was the question; but those that brought him up to be operated upon said he was the man, and he got his money before he went to poll.

16,971. Do you know that the vote was given in Taylor's name?—I do not; indeed I did not inquire.

16,972. What booth was he going to poll at?—I cannot say that.

16,973. Did you hear of any other cases of personation?—No, I did not. I can tell you now which Taylor it was.

16,974. What was his number?—No. 825, Thomas Taylor, Bolton-le-Sands, labourer, and opposite to it I have written "Meeson Street, query."

16,975. The person who personated him voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—I am sure I cannot say that.

16,976. Did this Mr. Pace tell you what money he had had?—To the best of my recollection he said after the election was over that he had about 540*l.* or 550*l.*, as near as I can tell.

16,977. Left?—No, to commence with.

16,978. Did he send for any more in the course of the day?—I do not remember that he did.

16,979. Did he appear to have money at the end?—No, I do not think he had much.

16,980. (*Mr. Hill.*) I saw you put a lot of accounts into your pocket; have they anything to do with this election?—Yes.

16,981. Just let me look at them. (*A small book and some papers are handed by the witness to Mr. Hill.*)

16,982. Are these the accounts from which you made this account up?—Yes.

16,983. And this was the book you kept at the time?—That is the book.

16,984. And these are the accounts that you made up first of all from it?—Yes.

16,985. You said that committees were called; what is the meaning of calling a committee? who calls the committee?—We sent circulars out to say a committee meeting would be held at such a public-house.

16,986. Who sent them out?—I did, in Mr. Storey's name.

16,987. Were they written?—No, printed; to say that a committee meeting would be held at the "Sun Inn," at 8 o'clock, and then these men came up, and the thing was discussed.

16,988. What was discussed?—The election.

16,989. The price of votes?—No, not a word about that.

16,990. What was said?—It was discussed who we could get to vote for Mr. Lawrence, and who was to look after such a man; the great object was to get the men together, and to give them drink.

16,991. And to keep them together?—Yes.

16,992. Were you the chairman?—No, Mr. Storey was the chairman.

16,993. This took place most nights?—I daresay it took place most nights; we first went to one place and then to another, and left the men drinking there.

16,994. How many men did you get to meet at the "Sun?"—They were at various public-houses.

16,995. You sent out every night a circular for them to attend at different public-houses?—Yes, or every other night, and Mr. Storey and I went to the different public-houses.

William Talbot Rothwell sworn and examined.

W. T. Rothwell

16,996. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A gentleman, residing in the neighbourhood.

16,997. Where?—At Foxholes.

16,998. You have no occupation?—No, none.

16,999. Are you a Conservative?—Yes, I am.

17,000. Were you engaged in the last election?—No, I was not at all engaged in it.

17,001. You did not employ yourself at all in it?—I called upon some of the freemen, and asked them for their votes for the Conservative candidate.

17,002. You were engaged in canvassing?—I did call upon some of the voters.

17,003. You busied yourself in canvassing?—Yes, I did, in some measure.

17,004. How many voters do you suppose you canvassed?—30 or 40, I daresay.

17,005. In which district?—All in my own neighbourhood.

17,006. Whereabouts is that?—In the township of Ellel.

17,007. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of the last election?—Not any.

17,008. Did you pay any monies?—Not any.

17,009. Did you pay none out of your own pocket?—I have no doubt that I paid men money to get something to drink when I met them at Galgate; probably I did, but out of my own pocket.

17,010. Do you know two persons of the name of Whiteside?—I do.

17,011. Are they voters on the register?—I believe they are; they are voters.

17,012. Did you canvass them for the purpose of the election?—I did.

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17,013. Where did you fall in with them?—At their own houses.

17,014. Do you know a public-house called the "Bay Horse?"—I do.

17,015. Did you see the Whitesides at the "White Horse?"—I did see them there.

17,016. In what room did you see them?—I fancy it was in a front room.

17,017. Were they upstairs?—No, they were not.

17,018. Had you got those two men bottled there?—Never.

17,019. Were they there with their own consent?—I know nothing about that.

17,020. Were you not their gaoler?—Never.

17,021. I am sure you would have been a strict gaoler if you had been?—I would have done my duty I hope if I had been required to do it.

17,022. If you had been told to keep them in prison you would have done it?—I would.

17,023. Were you ever told to do so?—I was not.

17,024. Is it true what Mr. Welch says?—It is not true.

17,025. You have not yet heard the question I am going to put to you. Mr. Welch said, "These young "men (the Whitesides) had been locked up in that "room by Mr. Rothwell, of Foxholes, and by Mr. "Robert Lawson, and imprisoned there two or three "days, from Monday to the election day. We wished "to deliver their voting papers to them, but could "not get to them; they were locked up in the 'Bay "Horse.'" Did you see those persons locked up there?—They were not locked up there at all that I know of.

17,026. Were they under your influence?—No; I understood on the evening previous to the election that they had come there that afternoon.

17,027. Did you see them there?—I did. I saw them outside the door.

17,028. Not in the house?—Not on that occasion.

17,029. Did you give any instructions that they were to be kept safe there?—Never.

17,030. Which way did they vote?—They voted for Mr. Lawrence I believe.

17,031. Do you know of any endeavour having been made to get them over to the other side?—I do not know that there was.

17,032. Did they try to steal them?—I daresay they would if they could; but I do not think it would be possible to steal one under any circumstances.

17,033–4. Did you watch over them in order that they should not be stolen?—I did not.

17,035. Neither by duress nor by inducement did you keep them there?—I did not under any circumstances. I was ignorant that they were there.

17,036. Were you rather surprised to see such a statement in Mr. Wearing's evidence?—I was very much surprised.

17,037. Then it is not true?—It is not true.

17,038. Is there any other evidence with regard to which you wish to make any other remark; Mr. Bradshaw tells us that you were an active Conservative captain?—It is not true; I was no captain.

17,039. You were an active Conservative?—An active one, if you think proper to say so.

17,040. But you were active in no other way than by using argument?—Yes, and trying to persuade them to vote.

17,041. Did you use the usual Lancaster persuasion, the Lancaster logic?—I am not aware of any particular logic in Lancaster.

17,042. The golden logic?—Not at all.

17,043. Your only inducement was argument?—They were mostly Conservatives that I called on, and I had not a doubt which way they would vote before I called. I merely called because I felt it my duty.

17,044. And you kept them together?—No, I relied on their word, which I would do at the present hour.

17,045. And you did not spend or pay money at the last election?—No, except at Galgate. When I went to a public-house, and found them there, I paid for glasses of beer or brandy, or whatever they had a mind to drink.

17,046. Had you anything to do with one Towers?—I asked Towers if he would vote for Mr. Lawrence.

17,047. Which way did Towers vote?—I believe he voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

17,048. Do you recollect his christian name?—I do not.

17,049. What is the description of him, Holleth, labourer?—I daresay that would be him. He does not live in Holleth, though.

17,050. Do you think that is he?—That would be the man.

17,051. Had you anything to do with the money that was paid for his vote?—I am not aware that he got any.

17,052. You recollect that William Welch said something about John Towers, that he would vote for 10*l.*?—I believe he was taken away rather by force than argument, and probably with the persuasion that he was to get this 10*l.* I do not know whether he ever got it or not.

17,053. He got it at the "Bear and Staff" we are told?—That I do not know.

17,054. You did not sweeten the vote?—No, nor put any sour upon it either.

17,055. Who do you say took Towers away?—I do not know, but I believe Mr. William Welch.

17,056. (*Mr. Newton.*) By force?—More by force than anything else, because he was working in a field I understood.

17,057. (*Mr. Hill.*) How do you mean by force?—They got hold of him and said, "Come along."

17,058. That you call force?—It is more force than persuasion.

17,059. It was rather the final cause than the acting cause, was it not?—Yes, the golden force had great influence no doubt.

John Speight.

JOHN SPEIGHT sworn and examined.

17,060. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A rope and twine manufacturer.

17,061. And where do you manufacture rope and twine?—In Lancaster.

17,062. Whereabouts?—I live in Common Garden Street, and my twine walks are in King Street or Cawthorn Street.

17,063. You were very active for Mr. Lawrence in the last election?—I did a little.

17,064. You assisted Mr. Clark?—Yes.

17,065. First of all I will ask you what money you received for the purposes of the election?—I have put nothing down. About 25*l.* 10*s.*, I think; that was previous to the election.

17,066. You are speaking quite from memory?—Yes, I am. I have only the names of some men that I had for staff-men previous to the election and on the election day.

17,067. From whom did you receive that money?—Mr. Clark.

17,068. Mr. G. C. Clark?—Yes.

17,069. And where did you receive it?—Sometimes at his own office, and once at my own shop, at two or three different times. As near as I can tell it was about the 1st of July that I got the first money. 1*l.*, I think, was the first I received, and then 10*s.* It was either the 1st or the 3rd, I am not certain which; and then 5*l.*

17,070. At what time did you receive the 5*l.*?—It would be about the 9th or 10th. The 8th or 9th or 10th, I think, and then another 5*l.*

17,071. When was the second 5*l.*?—The day after I think, and then 2*l.* I think; and then there is 12*l.*, I think, that Mr. Clark has not given an account of; that I got on the day of the election, immediately after the poll was over.

17,072. Is that all the money you received?—That is before the election.

17,073. Now tell us what you received at the election?—And then Mr. Clark asked me what I should require for my services; if 10*l.* would do for me; and he gave me 10*l.*

17,074. Did you receive any other money after the election?—No.

17,075. 35*l.* 10*s.* in all?—Yes.

17,076. How did you spend this money?—The first was they said that the Warton district was neglected, and so I went over there, and spent 3*l.* among the voters there at the "White Lion" and the "Horse and Farrier." Then 2*l.* I spent on the Sunday morning (I think that would be the 9th) in following and fetching back two bottled voters on their way to Barrow, who had been sent off by two town council men. They said they were taking them to Mr. Schneider's. They was sent off by two town council men, Henry Welch and Wright Wearing, about 2 o'clock on the Sunday morning, and they was accompanied by three professional boxers to take care of them.

17,077. Did you rescue them from these three professional boxers and two town councillors?—Yes. They was taken in a carriage to Silverdale, and I followed them on foot there. They was taken, about 2 o'clock, out of the "White Lion" on the Sunday morning, and I followed them.

17,078. Tell us your own adventures?—I suspected as there was bottling going on, and I saw several parties taking drunken men into the house in the afternoon. One of them was a watchmaker of the name of Jackson. I saw him taken there by one Stephenson.

17,079. Was he one of the men?—He was one of the men that was bottled.

17,080. Give us the names of the two men who were bottled?—Stephenson and John Metcalfe. No, John Metcalfe; and I do not know what is his first name. Jackson and Metcalfs was the two names.

17,081. Where did you get scent of them?—I was coming up Penny Street, and there was Wearing and Welch standing there, and we had some words.

17,082. Were the voters then with Wearing and Welch?—No; they were standing just behind. There was a carriage came out of the "White Lion," and I suspected that there was a bottled voter in it that they had taken from our party, and I followed them.

17,083. Was that bottled voter either Jackson or Metcalfe?—No, he was another. He was a man that was taken away by John Bleasdale to the deep cutting bridge was this man, and then he was taken away by one Birch.

17,084. Confine yourself first of all to these two men, Jackson and Metcalfe; tell us what you did, and do not be very long about it?—I followed them to Silverdale.

17,085. We have got Welch and Wearing standing on the pavement, and the two men standing below them?—I did not see the two men.

17,086. You saw Welch and Wearing, but you did not see the two men?—No.

17,087. What happened next, when you saw Welch and Wearing and the two men standing below?—I left them standing there, and came up Penny Street, and when I got to Common Garden Street I heard the carriage going there, and we followed it down the street, and I inquired of two men that was coming up the street who was in it, and they said they thought there was some drunken voters in it, and we followed them all the way to Silverdale.

17,088. The carriage drove on, and then you followed the carriage?—Yes.

17,089. On foot?—Yes.

17,090. How far is Silverdale?—About 14 miles I fancy.

17,091. Did you get hold of the carriage behind, and run behind it?—No. The first correct information we got was at the toll-gate; we heard that the carriage had gone through, and we followed the track of the carriage till we got to Silverdale, and met the carriage coming back again.

17,092. With the voters in it?—No, the empty carriage; and so when we got nearly to Silverdale we heard the voters, and we went up to them.

17,093. Who is "we?"—My son and me.

17,094. And who were with the voters?—There was George Booth and David Wright, and a man of the name of Dent.

17,095. And you brought these men back again, did you?—I went to them, and asked them where they were going to, and the voters told me they were going to take them to Barrow, and I told them they were going to miss a treat if they went there, that they would miss a good deal of money; so I left my son there, and came back by train, and got a carriage at the "King's Arms," and brought them back again.

17,096. And for that you charged 2*l.*?—Yes.

17,097. What expenses did you incur in bringing them back?—There was my railway fare, and I had a man or two to take with me.

17,098. How many pounds was your railway fare?—That is not so much, it cost me 2*l.* altogether.

17,099. Remember you are on your oath; do you mean to tell us that walking to Silverdale and coming back cost you 2*l.*?—Yes.

17,100. Then go on with the rest of your story; what is the next?—The next was 3*l.* 10*s.* for three committee men.

17,101. How came you to pay three committee men 3*l.* 10*s.*?—Because they could not get their money on Saturday night; they said that Danson, I think it was, run short; one of them was named Edmondson, and the other name was Burrow, and Pimm I think; they was men that was under Mr. Clark.

17,102. What did you pay them 3*l.* 10*s.* for?—They was put on the staff, and they had so much a week; they was paid so much a week, 5*s.* a day or something, and they was run out of money.

17,103. Who told you they were run out of money?—The two men themselves; and they said they was going over to the other side, there was more trouble about them.

17,104. Do you upon your oath say that you paid those men 3*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

17,105. What is the next item?—1*l.* I paid to a man named Eyton for assisting me.

17,106. For assisting you in paying the committee men?—No, for assisting me for a week during the election.

17,107. Is he a voter?—No.

17,108. Did he accompany you to Silverdale?—No.

17,109. What next?—There was about 2*l.* 10*s.* that I spent in treating voters, and I gave sixpences and shillings to a good many.

17,110. What next?—I think that will be nearly all; there was 13*l.* that I paid the committee men; I had 24 staff-men at the "Travellers' Rest."

17,111. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did Mr. Clark pay you 2*l.* on the 24th of June?—He did pay me 2*l.*; I think I named that; the first was 1*l.*, then 10*s.* and two fives, and a 2*l.*

17,112. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get 10*l.* to pay the "White Cross" committee room with?—No, I do not remember it; this is not in addition, only the 12*l.* that Mr. Clark has given.

17,113. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did he pay you 6*l.* on July the 1st for canvassing?—No.

17,114. He never did?—No.

17,115. There is another Speight, is there?—Yes; there is my son that paid some bills for Mr. Clark.

17,116. Did you do anything at the "Spinners' Arms?"—I was there once or twice, but I had nothing to do with it any further than that.

17,117. Is that which you have told us of all the money that you spent?—Yes.

17,118. You have not accounted for it all yet; can you think of no more that you spent? There is 10*l.* more to account for?—The first was 3*l.*, that I paid at Warton.

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17,119. You have accounted to us for 25*l.*; there was 3*l.* spent at Warton; the journey to Silverdale 2*l.*?—Yes.

17,120. Then three committee men 3*l.* 10*s.*; then Eyton 1*l.*, and treating voters 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

17,121. That is 22*l.* 10*s.* I suppose we may say that the 2*l.* 10*s.* you cannot account for?—No; there is the 2*l.* 10*s.* that I expended in treating voters.

17,122. But you have accounted for that; in fact it has almost all gone in treating voters, and you got 10*l.* for yourself for your skill in spending all this money in treating voters?—Yes, but I had a good deal of trouble.

17,123. (*Mr. Hill.*) Had you anything to do with paying the staff-men at the "Travellers' Rest?"—Yes.

17,124. Your son gave you the money?—No, I got the money from Mr. Clark.

17,125. How much was that?—It was 12*l.*; it is the only account that I have is that, a book with that in.

17,126. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is that the money you have just accounted for?—This is the staff-men; I got 12*l.*, but they cost me 13*l.* Here is the book.

(*The book is handed to the Commissioners.*)

17,127. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A twine spinner. There was four of them that was not satisfied with the 10*s.* each, and I advanced 5*s.*; four fives out of that, and you will see that it has been struck down. That is what I advanced out of the other money that I received, that is 1*l.*

17,128. Is that the case with all of them, that you paid them 4*s.* 6*d.* and charged 5*s.*?—10*s.*; and they were not satisfied, they said they had done more work than the others, and I had to give them 5*s.* more.

17,129. You paid 24 staff-men at the "Travellers' Rest;" how much did you pay them?—20 of them 10*s.* each.

17,130. Where did you get the money from?—Mr. Clark.

17,131. You have not given us that in the money you received from Mr. Clark?—I said there was 12*l.*

Mr. H. Hadwen

Mr. Henry Hadwen recalled and further examined.

17,132. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you got the book here with your gold balances?—Yes.

17,133. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you also got extracts from that book?—Yes.

17,134. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was there any unusual preparation made by your bank against this last election?—I should say not, although probably in anticipation of more being required than usual we should keep a larger stock of gold than we otherwise should do.

17,135. In point of fact you did keep a larger stock of gold than you generally do?—I cannot speak to it as a fact, but I think we should do.

17,136. Have you looked through the figures?—Yes.

17,137. Then you can tell from that?—It does not appear to be larger than usual.

17,138. Did you get any gold from Liverpool?—We did.

17,139. How much was that?—We got 5,000*l.* for Lancaster.

17,140. Was that from the Union Bank?—It was.

17,141. In sovereigns?—Yes.

17,142. Was this money that you got from the Union Bank extra and beyond your usual stock of gold?—It was for the legitimate requirements of our business.

17,143. You answer my question by inference, perhaps, but you do not answer it. Was that 5,000*l.* beyond the usual stock which you have in your bank?—No. I can satisfy the Commissioners for what purpose it was wanted.

17,144. The Union Bank, I presume, are your correspondents in Liverpool?—They are one of our correspondents in Liverpool.

17,145. You told us whatever you had in your bank before, *plus* this 5,000*l.*, you had not a larger stock of gold than usual?—I do not think it was larger than the average amount, but we always keep more than we are likely to require. (*The bank book, showing the gold balance, is handed to the Commissioners.*)

17,146. Just tell me, if you please (which you can do from the paper you have in your hand), what your stock of gold was on the 10th of July?—It was 4,000*l.* at Lancaster.

17,147. What was your stock of gold on the 10th of May?—That will be in the book. I have not got the extract for that.

(*Mr. Hill.*) It was 3,743*l.*

17,148. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I will just ask you what is your average stock of gold?—I cannot tell what the average is, our requirements are so uncertain from the different branches.

17,149. Perhaps it will be better, if we find it necessary to have any examination upon this point, to do it privately?—If the Commissioners will allow me I will explain that transaction of 5,000*l.* In a letter from our Ulverstone branch, dated 4th of July, our agents say, "We shall require some gold and silver by the end of the week."

17,150. Have you that letter here?—Yes (*handing it to the Commissioners*).

17,151. Will you be so good as to explain why they wanted gold and silver?—They are continually requiring it for the purpose of wages, which are paid in large amounts.

17,152. Was that an unusually large sum for them to require?—I think it was rather larger than the average.

17,153. Did you remit to them the whole 5,000 sovereigns?—We remitted 6,000*l.* in gold and 1,000*l.* in silver.

17,154. What was the date on which you remitted that money?—On the 6th of July. There is an entry there of 7,000*l.*, gold and silver, to the credit of the head office, under the date of the 7th of July.

17,155. I presume, from what you have already told us, a request for additional gold and silver would not be an uncommon thing from the Ulverstone branch?—No, it would not.

17,156. Was this amount the largest you have ever at one time sent for?—I cannot speak from recollection.

17,157. You have answered already to us that you thought it was rather larger than usual?—Rather larger than the average.

17,158. You do not know whether it is the largest amount you ever sent them?—I do not know. I should not think it would be the largest amount we ever sent them.

17,159. What amount do you usually send on such a request?—Sometimes they specify the amount, and at other times they do not.

17,160. This was not specified?—No, not in that case. We should probably look at the stock they had on hand.

17,161. What stock on hand had the Ulverstone branch at that time?—I think, on the 4th of July, it will be found that they had on hand only 1,500*l.* in gold.

17,162. If you have the least objection to answering these questions publicly, pray say so?—I think there can be no objection.

17,163. I should think not so far as it has gone at present, but if there is any objection stop us directly. Can you tell me what at that time would be the usual stock of gold for your Ulverstone branch to hold?—If the wages were about payable a few days after they had received the gold I do not think that would be more than they should have, including what we sent them. The wages are paid, I believe, fortnightly.

17,164. Will you tell us about what sum is paid fortnightly?—I do not know.

17,165. You must be able to form some judgment, you so frequently remit money to them?—I could not speak positively as to the amount at all.

17,166. I do not expect that you could, with what you call accuracy, but within some hundreds?—It may be 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* I cannot tell possibly.

17,167. You cannot give it to us nearer than that?—No, I cannot.

17,168. Do you answer me, generally, that this remittance, though something larger than usual, is not an unusual remittance?—Under the circumstances, not an unusual remittance.

17,169. You know that "under the circumstances" is capable of a double meaning under these circumstances?—Just so.

17,170. I ask you whether it would be ordinary?—What I meant by "under the circumstances" was, that the amount they held was small, and we consider it important that they should be well provided.

17,171. I forget whether I asked you what the average stock of gold at this branch bank was?—When it is not required for wages I should think they ought to have between 2,000*l.* and 3,000*l.* in hand. Perhaps I may be allowed to put this letter in, which shows that on the 3rd of August, some time subsequent to the date of that letter, there was a stock of 10,000*l.* on hand, showing that the 6,000*l.* or 7,000*l.* which they had in hand on the 7th of July was by no means the largest sum they were accustomed to hold.

17,172. The stock of bullion at the Ulverstone branch was over 12,000*l.*?—Yes, in gold and specie.

17,173. Was there any special occasion for having so large a stock of specie at this time?—I presume it would be in preparation for wages in some way.

17,174. Have you made every explanation that you wish to make on this matter?—With regard to Mr. Wilson's evidence, I should like to say that 5,000*l.* was fetched by our Preston branch from the Union Bank of Liverpool.

17,175. (*Mr. Hill.*) Of the 10,000*l.* mentioned by Mr. Wilson, 5,000*l.* was for your Preston branch?—Yes.

17,176. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It is a fact that at about the time of the last election you did require for your different branches a sum of 10,000*l.* in sovereigns?—It appears so.

17,177. Perhaps you would wish to make some explanation as to why that 5,000*l.* was required for the Preston branch?—In the ordinary course of trade.

17,178. Was that an exceptionally large sum for Preston?—They have fetched as much from Liverpool.

17,179. That is no answer to my question. Was it an exceptionally large sum for Preston?—No; not exceptionally large.

17,180. (*Mr. Hill.*) With regard to that 5,000*l.* that came to your bank from Liverpool; can you tell me how long that money remained in the bank after it was brought there, the absolute sovereigns?—I believe it was sent on as it came from Liverpool to Ulverstone, with the addition of 1,000*l.* from our own stock.

17,181. You believe that this sum of 6,000*l.*, which is represented here in one of these letters, was the very 5,000 sovereigns from Liverpool, *plus* the 1,000*l.* which you added to it?—I believe so, from what I have been told by one of the clerks to-day.

17,182. To the best of your belief, as manager of the bank, it was so?—Yes; to the best of my belief it was.

17,183. These returns are required to be made by Act of Parliament, are they not?—No. It is the stock book, in which we take the account of cash every evening at the close of business.

17,184. Have you any book which represents the amount of gold as it is paid in, and as it is paid out?—We have not.

17,185. You cannot tell exactly the transactions upon any particular day, as to the nature of the money going in and out?—No.

17,186. For instance, on the 10th of July the amount of specie would be, in round numbers, at the close of the day 6,000*l.*, and on the 11th of July very nearly the same sum, as near as possible. You cannot tell me at all how much came in on the 11th of July, and how much went out?—Not precisely. We particularize on our credit vouchers the money paid to us.

17,187. Do you not enter them in any book?—No, not in any book.

17,188. In a scribbling book?—No. In the margin of the credit voucher a specification of the money is given.

17,189. What are the credit vouchers?—The vouchers signed by the customers when they place money to the credit of their accounts.

17,190. Have you no book in which those are entered up?—No.

17,191. When a customer pays money over the counter to you, does he sign a voucher?—Yes, he does.

17,192. By a close examination of these books, and the very careful attention you must have given to them, in consequence of the statements made by Mr. Wilson, and the inquiries we have made in the matters of this election, can you say that there was, to your belief, any larger sum of money drawn out on behalf of Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider than those sums which we have before us?—Not to my knowledge.

17,193. To your belief?—No, not to my belief.

17,194. The balance seems, indeed, to be rather lower those three or four days than it is at other times?—That would be partly accounted for by the payments that have been already mentioned.

17,195. That is exactly the answer I expected, and only to that extent?—Except in the course of business.

17,196. Is there anything in your books which shows you there was any money drawn out, on behalf of Mr. Lawrence's party, from the bank besides that which we have before us?—Nothing but what is before the Commissioners.

17,197. That is so with regard to specie. Have you also directed your attention to the amount drawn out in Bank of England notes and Lancaster notes?—No, I have not.

17,198. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember a man named Stirkazer coming for some money from your bank?—Yes.

17,199. Were you in the bank at the time?—Yes, I believe I was.

17,200. Do you remember whether Mr. Stirkazer asked for gold?—I have no knowledge of it excepting what has transpired since. I had no knowledge of it at the time.

17,201. Supposing he asked for gold did he get gold in fact?—I understood he did not.

17,202. Do you understand that he asked for gold, and, whatever the reason was, it was refused?—I understand that he asked for gold, and that he did not get it, but it was upon business grounds.

17,203. As a matter of fact he asked for gold and you did not give him gold?—I did not attend upon him.

17,204. (*Mr. Hill.*) That would be on the 12th of July?—Yes.

17,205. (*Mr. Newton.*) When were you told of it?—I believe it was on the day of election.

17,206. The same day?—Yes, I think it was, but I cannot speak positively to it.

17,207. Was any reason assigned for his not getting gold?—Nothing, except that I think it was stated we had not such an amount of gold on hand as would warrant its being paid under the circumstances suspected at that time. I rather suppose the impression was that it was wanted for electioneering purposes.

17,208. There is no doubt about that, but I want to know what was the reason assigned for your not giving gold?—I was not the party who attended to Mr. Stirzaker.

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Mr. H. Hadwen.

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17,209. But you must have known the reason?—There was no political reason given.

17,210. You must have known why gold was not given for that cheque?—I think it would be because the stock of gold does not appear to have been large, and we wished to keep it for the purposes of business.

17,211. Had the Stirkazers a balance in your hands at that time?—Yes, I think they would have.

17,212. That means that they had?—Yes.

17,213. Did you give your Lancaster notes, your own notes, or Bank of England notes?—I am not quite sure.

17,214. (*Mr. Hill.*) With regard to this book there appears to be in *this* column, as the balance of sovereigns at the end of the day, 2,700*l.*, and in this next column, 2,000*l.*?—That should be taken along with it, making 4,700*l.*

17,215. Why does that 2,000*l.* stand out separately?—It was put there instead of altering the figures, the actual amount being in round numbers 4,700*l.*

17,216. Why was it put there?—It was a sum of money which was brought from Preston on that day.

17,217. After the bank was closed, and after this was written down?—No, during the day, but it was kept without being mixed with the stock of gold.

17,218. So that really the stock of gold available in your bank, not counting this Preston money which was kept separate for a specific purpose, was 2,700*l.*?—Yes.

17,219. Does that 2,700*l.* include the 1,000*l.* which was brought back in a bag on the 12th of July?—I think it would.

17,220. So that during the day your stock of gold would have gone down to 1,700*l.*—Yes, but for the 2,000*l.* from Preston.

17,221. That would come later in the day. You tell me that your stock of gold was low, so that you could not on business grounds allow the Stirkazers to draw out this 400*l.*?—That is my impression.

17,222. How came you under those circumstances to allow Mr. Schneider to draw out 1,000*l.*?—I think it would be drawn out before the Stirkazers demand.

17,223. You think that all that was drawn out for the Schneider party was drawn out before the application of the Stirzakers for the 400 sovereigns?—I really cannot say at what time the Stirzakers came to the bank.

17,224. We may take it that on the 12th of July during the day 1,700*l.* was the available balance of gold?—Yes.

17,225. Can you tell me at all what amount of gold had been brought in on the 12th of July apart from this 2,000*l.*?—There would be payments in and payments out, but I cannot tell to what amount.

17,226. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did Stirzaker get notes for his cheque?—Yes, I understand he did.

17,227. What amount of notes had you in the bank?—There was a fair amount—a large amount.

17,228. (*Mr. Hill.*) You can hardly say a large amount. It was a little under the average as far as I can make it out. (*After referring to the book*), it would be about the average?—Yes, I think you may take it as an average.

17,229. What amount of gold had you in the bank at the close of the 11th?—2,900*l.*

17,230. And what on the 10th?—4,034*l.*

17,231. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What was your reason for sending to Preston for 2,000*l.*?—It was done from prudential considerations.

17,232. Was your stock running low?—Yes.

17,233. At what time of day did it arrive?—It would probably be about 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

17,234. (*Mr. Newton.*) On the 12th?—Yes.

17,235. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you mention the smallest amount of gold you had in the bank that day?—I cannot.

17,236. Was it below 1,000*l.*?—I should think not.

17,237. (*Mr. Hill.*) As I understand you, you say that that 1,000*l.* which was returned, would form part of the balance at the end of the day?—Yes.

17,238. The sovereigns drawn out on that day would appear to be, as far as this inquiry goes, 1,500*l.* A thousand pounds taken out by Mr. Schneider or Mr. Barton, and 500*l.* drawn out by Wilson Barker in change for notes?—I think so.

17,239. It would be 2,500*l.* in fact, because the 1,000*l.* which was returned was not returned directly, so that inasmuch as these monies were taken out very early in the day, that 2,500*l.* would have reduced the balance to 400 sovereigns?—Assuming there were no receipts.

17,240. Earlier than that?—Yes, earlier.

17,241. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You answered just now that the stock was never below 1,500*l.*?—No, I should think it was not.

17,242. (*Mr. Newton.*) Mr. Barton drew out some money on that day?—Yes, as I stated in my evidence the other day.

17,243. What time in the day was that?—To the best of my recollection it would be about 1 o'clock.

17,244. At what time did Stirzaker come with a cheque?—I do not know.

17,245. What makes you remember one, and not the other?—Because I had to do with Mr. Barton and not Mr. Stirzaker.

17,246. Have you any book or ledger which would tell us which of those two cheques were presented first?—We have not.

17,247. Would they not be entered in the order they were presented?—Not necessarily so.

17,248. You were in the office, you say, when Mr. Barton's cheque was cashed?—There was no cheque.

17,249. When he got the 1000*l.*, at what time was that?—About 1 o'clock, I believe, but I cannot speak positively.

17,250. Shall I say between 12 and 1?—It may have been so.

17,251. Mr. Barton says it was at noon?—He may be right.

17,252. To the best of your recollection, at what time was it when Mr. Stirzaker came?—I do not know at all.

17,253. Where were you then?—I should be on the premises, I presume. I believe I was in at the time, from what I understood afterwards.

17,254. When did you first know, on that day, of the refusal to give gold for Stirzaker's cheque?—It would be sometime before the close of business.

17,255. You close at 3?—Yes.

17,256. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was it not mentioned to you at the time of the refusal?—No, it was not.

17,257. Who would refuse it, Mr. Sanderson?—I understood it was not he who waited upon Mr. Stirzaker.

17,258. I ask you the question, who was it who refused it?—I do not know, unless it was the clerk who waited upon him.

17,259. (*To Mr. Sanderson.*) Did you pay the money to Stirzaker?—Yes, I paid Stirzaker the money.

17,260. (*To the witness.*) It would be a very unusual thing to refuse a customer sovereigns, would it not?—Yes, in the ordinary course of trade it would.

17,261. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was there not, as a fact, a certain sum of gold put by for Mr. Schneider to draw against, entirely separate from this account altogether?—I think it probable, after what he stated, that we should make provision for his requirements. We had no notice from Mr. Stirzaker.

17,262. What would be the nature of that provision for Mr. Schneider's requirements?—Nothing definite

17,263. Would there not be a sum of money set apart separately, which does not find its way into this return of specie at all?—No. I think it would be taken from the stock of gold on hand.

17,264. Would it not be taken from the stock of gold on hand at different times, and set apart for him? Is not that, to the best of your belief, about it? I

must confess it seems to me so?—I think, with reference to those sums that have been spoken to, they would be put apart.

17,265. They would be taken some time previously, and set apart according to Mr. Schneider's request?—Not at that time.

17,266. It will come to this, in short. Was there not, at that time, in your bank, to the best of your belief, a sum of money set apart which is not entered here on the 10th of July?—It might be set apart the day before.

17,267. Or some days before?—Possibly so, although I do not think it.

17,268. Suppose Mr. Schneider had drawn out 2,000*l.* on the 11th of July, it is probable that he would have drawn it from some other stock than that which is returned in your book on the 10th of July?—No, I think it would be from the stock we had on hand on the 10th of July.

17,269. Is it not probable that there was a separate stock set aside; merely placed in your bank cellars, I will say?—No, I think not. It would be supplied from the general stock of gold.

17,270. Packets of 1,000*l.* are not made up in a minute in rouleaux?—It does not take more than a quarter of an hour to set apart 1,000*l.*, or even a larger sum.

17,271. Can you say whether or not there was a separate stock of gold set apart as belonging to Mr. Schneider, and merely in your custody or charge on the 10th, 11th, or 12th of July?—Not apart from the bank's own stock of gold. There was no gold provided by Mr. Schneider for us to take care of.

17,272. Will you say distinctly there were no separate parcels made up, and ready for Mr. Schneider in case of emergency?—There might be the day before. If there was 1,000*l.* taken from the stock of gold on the 10th of July, of course it would diminish the stock the following day by so much.

17,273. But supposing it to be set apart on the 10th, and not paid out until the 12th?—It would be included in the stock until charged out.

17,274. It is possible it may have been charged out, and yet still have remained in your custody apart by itself?—It would be possible.

HENRY STIRZAKER sworn and examined.

H. Stirzaker.

17,275. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Skerton.

17,276. What are you?—A nurseryman.

17,277. Were you sent to the bank on the day of the election with a cheque?—No.

17,278. Did you go?—No, I directed my brother to go.

17,279. Then it is your brother we want?—I had a conversation with Mr. Wilson relative to the money.

17,280. What is your brother's name?—Richard.

17,281. Is he here?—No.

17,282. Do you know at what time Richard Stirzaker went to the bank?—Before 11 o'clock.

17,283. How do you know that?—Because I was waiting with Mr. Wilson till he returned.

17,284. Who is Mr. Wilson?—My cousin, H. T. Wilson.

17,285. Where were you waiting?—In the "Royal Oak." In the first instance my brother and I left home to go to vote. After we had voted we went first to the committee-room, and both of us were ascending the stairs where we met Mr. Wilson. He drew me aside, and said, "Can you let me have a few hundred pounds?" I said, "How much do you want?" He said, "Three or four hundred pounds," and I said, "Well, suppose I send for four hundred for you; will that do?" He said, "Yes." My brother was with me, and I said to him, "Go to the "bank and draw 400*l.* without any cheque, and ask "for it in gold." We had a cash account there, but he could not get gold.

17,286. How do you know he could not?—Because he brought notes back.

17,287. What time did he bring back the notes?—It would be between half-past 10 and 11 when he went. He got back before 11.

17,288. He brought the money back in notes?—Yes, 5*l.* notes.

17,289. You are certain about the time?—Yes, I am certain it was before 11.

17,290. What makes you certain about the time? Because I know the time we went to poll. We went to get there about 9 or 10, and walked about in Market Street some time before we went into the committee-room. We saw the 10 o'clock statement of the poll, and then went into the committee room.

17,291. How long a time elapsed between your reading the statement at 10 o'clock, and seeing Mr. Wilson?—Perhaps half an hour. I think not more.

17,292. Where is your brother?—He is at home.

17,293. Did anybody else see him come back besides yourself?—I was with Mr. Wilson alone when he returned.

17,294. Did your brother say the reason why he could not bring gold?—No, I do not remember that he did. He said, "I have brought it in notes."

Mr. JOHN SANDERSON recalled.

Mr. J. Sanderson.

17,295. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you remember Mr. Stirzaker coming with a cheque?—Yes, perfectly.

17,296. At what time was it?—It would be about 11 o'clock I daresay.

17,297. The time Mr. Stirzaker stated?—Yes.

17,298. We heard that he did not get gold?—No, I paid him in Lancaster notes.

17,299. Why did you pay in Lancaster notes?—Because it was better for the bank to pay Lancaster notes than gold.

17,300. Why?—Because it is our interest to do so to get our notes into circulation.

17,301. Do you really mean to tell us that that was your reason?—Yes.

17,302. Now take care. Is the reason why you did not pay in gold that it was to the interest of the bank to pay in notes in order to get your notes in circulation?—Yes.

17,303. You do that when a customer asks for gold?—Yes.

17,304. Now take care what you answer?—If he had pressed for gold he could have had it.

17,305. Was not the reason that you were told *not* to pay in gold?—No.

17,306. Take care; you may hear of this hereafter; it is a serious matter?—Yes, I know, but I cannot alter my answer.

17,307. Do you say that you were not told at the time to refuse to pay that cheque in gold?—Certainly not.

17,308. How comes it that Mr. Hadwen has told us to-day that the reason was that there was not sufficient gold in the bank?—There was sufficient gold in the bank.

17,309. How much was there in the bank?—I should think there was never less than 1,600*l.* that day.

17,310. At any time of the day?—I should think not.

17,311. Do you mean to give as the reason you refused to pay that cheque in gold that you wanted to carry out the interest of the bank?—It is an ordinary thing with all local bankers to put out their notes whenever they can.

17,312. When a customer asks for gold?—Yes, if he does not press it.

17,313. Was not gold asked for on this occasion?—In the first instance; but I said, as well as I can

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Mr J. Sanderson.

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remember, "Lancaster notes, I suppose, will answer your purpose?" and he said, "Very well," and took them.

17,314. We shall have Mr. Stirzaker here to-morrow?—I forget what he said exactly, but he did not make any objection, and I paid him in notes.

17,315. That is all you mean to tell us?—That is all I know about it.

17,316. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you mean to tell us that when a customer comes to your bank for gold you as a clerk have a right to hand him over notes?—If he does not object to it, which he did not.

17,317. Answer my question. When a customer asks for gold have you, as a clerk, the power to give him notes?—Of course I try to study the interest of the bank as well as I can.

17,318. Will you answer my question. I ask you, if a customer comes to the Lancaster Bank for gold, is it in the power of a clerk in that bank to refuse him gold, and give him notes?—It is not in his power, but under the circumstances I gave him the notes because he did not object to it.

17,319. You have not answered my question. I ask you, is it the custom of the Lancaster Bank that when a customer comes to it for gold, a clerk in that bank may refuse him gold, and give him notes?—It is to their interest to get their notes into circulation.

17,320. Will you answer my question. Is it your custom when a customer asks for gold to give him notes?—I do not know how to answer it more satisfactorily.

17,321. Is it your custom to do so?—It is our custom to pay in notes when we can.

17,322. Is it your custom when a customer asks for gold to give him notes; do you understand the question?—Yes, it is our custom to pay in notes if possible.

17,323. I think I must have asked you the question five times. Do you understand the question or do you not?—Yes, I should say it is the custom to do as as I did.

17,324. It is the custom?—Yes, to do as I did.

17,325. It is the custom to give a customer notes when he asks for gold. That is the answer you have given?—I mean to say that the transaction I had with Stirzaker was an ordinary one.

17,326. Now, Mr. Sanderson, cashier of the Lancaster Bank, do you remember on any other occasion when a customer has come for gold you have given him notes?—Yes, if he did not object to take them. Mr. Stirzaker did not object to take our notes.

17,327. I ask you the question; do you remember (and I shall ask what the instance is afterwards) any instance where a customer has come to you, and asked for gold, you have of your own authority given him notes?—If he would take our notes.

17,328. I ask you, do you remember any instance of doing so?—No, I cannot call to mind any instance at present.

17,329. I should think not for your bank's sake.

17,330. (*Mr. Newton.*) You must have been told not to pay that cheque in gold?—No, I certainly was not.

17,331. You may stand down. I pity your employers.—I mean to say that the transaction with Mr. Stirzaker was an ordinary one.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Saturday, 15th September 1866.

PRESENT:

Mr. Barstow. | Mr. Newton.
Mr. Hill.

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W. Hoyle.

15 Sept. 1866.

William Hoyle sworn and examined.

17,332. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I am an upholsterer.

17,333. Were you engaged at the last election on the Conservative side?—I was not.

17,334. Did you vote on the Conservative side?—Yes.

17,335. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

17,336. Neither for yourself nor to give to any one?—No.

17,337. If any one has said that you did, it is a mistake?—As far as I am concerned it is. I never received or gave any money at any election.

17,338. Do you know for whom you have been mistaken?—I do not.

17,339. Is there any other William Hoyle?—Not to my knowledge; not as a voter; there is a party, I believe, residing in Skerton of the name of William Hoyle.

17,340. Mr. Coupland has told us that you received some money for the purposes of the election?—I received no money at all.

17,341. (*Mr. Hill.*) Has this other William Hoyle anything to do with election matters?—Not so far as I am concerned. I understand it is Mr. Coupland who has mentioned my name. I did not see Mr. Coupland during the election or speak to him.

17,342. Have you not heard that there is some other Hoyle who busies himself in election matters?—I heard there was a party at Skerton; that is all I know.

17,343. And that he is a busy man in election matters?—I have heard so.

R. Stirzaker.

Richard Stirzaker sworn and examined.

17,344. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A nurseryman.

17,345. Where do you live?—At Skerton.

17,346. We understand that you were sent to the bank on the day of the polling with a cheque?—I was.

17,347. Who gave you the cheque?—I had not a cheque, I called for the money when I went to the bank.

17,348. What did you go to the bank with?—We had a cash account there.

17,349. Did you draw a cheque upon the bank?—I drew 400*l.* out of the bank. I asked for 400*l.*

17,350. By a cheque?—By no cheque.

17,351. Did you ask for gold or did you ask for notes?—I asked for gold.

17,352. Who from?—Mr. John Sanderson.

17,353. What did Mr. John Sanderson say to you when you asked for gold?—I asked for it twice, and then he said, "Would not notes do." I said, "Very well."

17,354. You wanted gold?—I wanted gold.

17,355. Why did you take the notes?—Because I supposed that gold was not convenient, so I took the notes.

17,356. What do you mean by "not convenient?"—

From Mr. Sanderson's manner I thought it was not convenient to give me gold ; and so I took the notes.

17,357. Did he say it was not convenient to the bank ?—He did not say so, but from his manner I judged so.

17,358. How do you mean "from his manner?"—He seemed reluctant to give me gold ; and therefore I was glad to get notes.

17,359. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say you asked him twice for gold ?—Yes.

17,360. Just tell me exactly what took place when you went in ?—When I went in I came to the counter and said, "I want 400*l.* in gold," and then I repeated "in gold."

17,361. What did he say to that ?—He said he could not give it me in gold.

17,362. What did you say then ?—I said I would rather have gold if he had it.

17,363. What did he say to that ?—He said nothing ; and then I added, "Let me have notes."

17,364. He said nothing ?—He said nothing, and then I added, "Then let me have it in notes."

17,365. Did you say, "*Then* let me have it in notes" ?—Yes ; let me have it in notes.

17,366. Do you say you added to this, "*Then* let me have it in notes ?"—When I asked for it in gold a second time, I did not give him time to reply, but I said, "Let me have it in notes."

17,367. Why did you take notes ?—Because I was glad to get it in any shape at all.

17,368. How do you mean you were glad to get it in any shape at all ; had you any doubt that you should be able to get it ?—None whatever.

17,369. How do you mean then that you were glad to get it at all ?—The time was getting on fast, and I wanted to go away again.

17,370. (*Mr. Newton.*) What time was it ?—It might be somewhere about 11 o'clock or after 11 ; I will not be sure.

17,371. When he said "I cannot give it you in gold," did he say why he could not give it you in gold ?—He did not.

17,372. He simply used those words, "I cannot give it you in gold ?"—Yes.

JOHN SPEIGHT sworn and examined.

J. Speight.

17,373. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A twine spinner.

17,374. Where do you live ?—In Common Garden Street.

17,375. What are your politics ?—Conservative.

17,376. What part did you take in the last election ? Nothing particular. I paid bills for Mr. Clark.

17,377. What district were you engaged in ?—I believe in Penny Street.

17,378. Were you engaged before the election ?—Yes.

17,379. What were you doing ?—I went with Mr. Clark to the public-houses.

17,380. Which Mr. Clark ?—Mr. George Clark.

17,381. Mr. G. C. Clark ?—Yes.

17,382. To what public-houses did you go ?—I went to the "Spinners Arms" first.

17,383. Did you receive any monies from anybody for the purposes of the last election ?—No. I paid the bills for Mr. Clark.

17,384. But you received money with which to pay them ?—Yes, but he was generally there at the public-houses.

17,385. In fact the money only went through your hands ?—Yes.

17,386. Then you paid by Mr. Clark's directions ; is that it ?—Yes.

17,387. You paid bills at public-houses for which he gave you the money ?—Yes.

17,388. You have a list in your pocket ; bring it out and tell me the names of the houses, and the amounts you paid ?—(*Referring to a paper*) On June 24th, the "Spinners' Arms."

17,389. How much ?—2*l.*, 26th, "Spinners' Arms ;" 2*l.* 10*s.* ; 26th, "The Travellers' Rest," 6*l.* ; 29th, "The Travellers' Rest," 6*l.* ; July 1st, "The Travellers' Rest," 6*l.* 1st, Woodhouse's : I think it is the "Painters' Arms." Mr. Clark made a mistake and said it was the "Spinner's Arms," but it was not ; it was the "Painters' Arms."

17,390. How much ?—3*l.* Then the 10th, "The White Cross," 10*s.* The 11th, "The Travellers' Rest," 5*l.*, and the 12th, "The Travellers' Rest," 4*l.*

17,391. Is that all ?—Yes.

17,392. Those monies were given to you by Mr. Clark, and you paid them to the publicans ?—Yes ; I generally got a slip of paper, a receipt, and I gave it to Mr. Clark.

17,393. 35*l.* altogether ?—Yes.

17,394. Is that what you make it ?—Yes.

17,395. Did you pay any other monies at the last election ?—I saw some voters paid.

17,396. What voters did you see paid, and by whom ?—No. 43, John Ball.

17,397. Who did you see pay him ?—Mr. Clark ; at least I got the tickets of Mr. Clark, and I went and got the money of the man that was at the "White Cross," and then I gave it to the men and went to see them vote. Mr. Clark has given them in before. One or two I took in ; the one I have given you is John Ball, No. 43, 10*l.*

17,398. Now the next ?—No. 588, John Metcalfe, 10*l.*

17,399. The next ?—No. 816, Anthony Taylor, 10*l.*

17,400. Who paid Taylor ?—I paid Taylor. Then there were two Normans. I think they were boatmen.

17,401. How much ?—10*l.* each.

17,402. The next ?—That is all.

17,403. Those are all that you saw paid ?—Yes.

17,404. Are you certain that all those men came and received the money ?—Yes.

17,405. It is no good their coming here to say they did not then ?—No.

17,406. Have you anything else to tell us ?—No, I think not.

17,407. You have been perusing the evidence as it has come out in the papers, I have no doubt ?—Yes, I read Mr. Clark's evidence.

17,408. Is there anything you wish to correct in it ?—No, I think not.

17,409. All that has been said about the Speights has been pretty true, has it ?—I have no doubt it is.

17,410. One of the Normans is a labourer of Henry Street, Lancaster, and one is a boatman of the Pointers Scotforth ?—Yes.

17,411. Do you happen to know whether it is the labourer who lives in Henry Street, Lancaster ?—I think that is him.

17,412. And not the one in Penny Street ?—I think so. I am not quite certain.

17,413. Who do you believe it to be of the two ?—I fancy it will be him in Henry Street.

17,414. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you recollect how much money altogether you paid for Mr. Clark for any purpose ?—No, it was given to me at different times.

17,415. Did you hire the houses in this district ?—No, I hired none.

17,416. What Speight did hire them ?—They was not hired.

17,417. Not any of them ?—The "Travellers Rest" was.

17,418. Had you not committee-rooms there ?—Yes.

17,419. Were not those committee-rooms paid for ?—I only paid what Mr. Clark gave me to pay. I gave him the bills.

17,420. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did you get for your vote ?—I have not a vote.

17,421. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did your father get for his vote ?—10*l.* ; not for his vote.

17,422. (*Mr. Hill.*) What for then ?—For his work I suppose.

17,423. The work was done at the poll, was it ?—No.

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W. Harrison.

15 Sept. 1866.

WILLIAM HARRISON sworn and examined.

17,424. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A tinman.

17,425. Where do you live?—In St. Nicholas Street.

17,426. You took a part on the Conservative side at the last election?—Yes.

17,427. I believe that you assisted Mr. Coupland?—Yes.

17,428. What money did you receive from Mr. Coupland?—49*l.* 10*s.*

17,429. Did you receive any money from anyone besides Mr. Coupland?—That was previous to the election. I did not receive anything else.

17,430. What was the whole amount you received?—I received 10*l.* for my services three weeks after the election.

17,431. That is all you received?—Yes.

17,432. 59*l.* then is the whole amount that you received?—Yes.

17,433. Did Coupland pay you the 10*l.* he spoke of?—Yes.

17,434. How did you dispose of this 49*l.*?—(*Referring to a paper.*) I paid John Leighton for services and canvassing 2*l.*

17,435. Is that the ex-policeman?—No, I think he is a clockmaker. I paid James Harrison for services 10*s.*; James Sumner for services 5*s.*

17,436. Is he a voter?—He is. I paid Edward Harrison for services 5*s.* I paid 19 committee-men 10*s.* each for expenses at the nomination and election. I have got the names if you require them.

17,437. Were these voters?—Some of them; do you require the names?

17,438. Yes, we had better have them; tell us which are voters?—William Singleton, of Edward Street.

17,439. What is Singleton? Just read his profession or trade?—I have not got his trade; I think he is a silk piecer.

17,440. How much?—10*s.*; they all got 10*s.*

17,441. You mean William Singleton and not William H. Singleton; because there are two Singletons?—No, it is William. James Harrison, of Alfred Street, whitesmith; Standen, of Ullswater Road, 10*s.*

17,442. John L. Standen?—Yes. James Sumner, of St. Nicholas Street.

17,443. He is a householder?—He is. William Bingham, of Edward Street; John Miller, of Moor Road; Samuel Gunson, Lodge Street; Thomas Harrison, Leonard Gate.

17,444. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is he?—He is a bookkeeper. William Harrison, Leonard Gate, coach maker; Benjamin Singleton, Edward Street; John Singleton, William Henry Singleton, Edward Street; John Whitaker, Lodge Street. I believe he gave another man 5*s.* out of that of the name of John Gardner. John Hodgson, Nicholas Street; William Simpson, China Lane.

17,445. Are those all?—Yes.

17,446. Now just distinguish those who are voters?—Those are all voters. There were four non-electors. There are other monies that I paid. I paid for refreshments for committee-men and treating voters from June the 12th to July the 11th, 23*l.*

17,447. Do you mean for paying the committee-men?—No; this was entirely for refreshments. Mr. Coupland particularly wished that the bills should not run on, and he gave me the money to pay them as I went on. I paid William Harrison, coach maker, for refreshments at the "Golden Ball" on the nomination night 2*l.* and I paid William Hoyle, clogger and farmer, for refreshments on the nomination and election day about 12*l.*, as near as I can remember. That is the whole amount.

17,448. Did you receive anything for your own services?—I received 10*l.* about three weeks after the election.

17,449. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you receive from Mr. Coupland altogether?—I think it was 49*l.* 10*s.*

17,450. Did you hire any public-houses?—I cannot say I exactly hired them; I spoke to Mr. Dowthwaite of the "Boar's Head" about it.

17,451. You were not the man then who arranged with the licensed victuallers in your district for the use of their houses?—I think there was only that one, the principal one, the "Boars Head" in Nicholas Street.

17,452. Was that the only house in your district?—It was the principal house; there were others, but it was very trifling what we did there. There was a beer house kept by a man of the name of Speight; we went there and spent between 30*s.* and 2*l.*

17,453. You consider, in fact, that the "Boars Head" was the only house you had in your district?—Yes, the only house.

17,454. You did not pay for the use of rooms in other districts?—It was put in for the use of the rooms, but I believe the breakfasts were included.

17,455. In what houses were those?—There was only one house.

17,456. Not any houses besides?—Not any; not any for breakfasts except that one.

17,457. There was nothing paid for breakfasts except in one house?—That is correct.

17,458. And that was at Speights, was it?—No, at the "Boar's Head" in Nicholas Street.

17,459. I ask you if you hired any other house than the "Boar's Head;" Did you take a committee-room?—No.

17,460. Do you remember calling on a man named Lunn?—I do.

17,461. You tried to hire his house, did you not?—We heard that he was wavering and likely to come over to the Conservative side, and we went to ask him if it was true. We went to the station to meet him. We heard that he had gone to Carnforth and we went and saw him there, and he said he would let us know whether he intended to vote for us in the course of an hour or so. When we were there Mr. George Jackson, the spirit merchant, came in; the man seemed rather favourable to us till Mr. Jackson made his appearance, and when he had gone out he said the job was settled, so we were of no more use there.

17,462. Did Lunn and Jackson go aside together?—They were in the front place together.

17,463. (*Mr. Hill.*) Apart from you?—Yes, apart from us.

17,464. And came in after the job was settled?—Yes, they came in after the job was settled; in fact he would not look at us after he had seen Mr. Jackson; it was words to that effect, that the job was settled, or something to that effect.

17,465. What were you going to offer Lunn for his house?—I had no instructions. Our district was short of public-houses.

17,466. I do not think any district in Lancaster seems to be that?—They got them all in our district with the exception of one or two.

17,467. (*Mr. Barstow.*) One public-house was quite sufficient for your purpose, was it not?—I think so.

17,468. Do you think from your experience that one house is enough for all the purposes of each district?—It may be more convenient to hold meetings in different districts occasionally.

17,469. One house in each district?—Yes.

17,470. You think one is enough?—I think so.

17,471. (*Mr. Newton.*) For any election purposes?—Yes, I think so.

17,472. (*Mr. Hill.*) So long as it has two nice private rooms upstairs?—Yes.

17,473. That is all you want?—Yes, that is all I want.

17,474. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you help to get the voters up to Mr. Coupland?—I think I handed about two or three, as near as I can remember.

17,475. Can you give us their names?—There was one man of the name of David Sykes.

17,476. And who else?—And Thomas or George Richmond. I do not know whether both of the Richmonds or not, I think both of the Richmonds, but I am not certain. I know there was one of them.

17,477. Who else?—David Sykes and Thomas and George Richmond.

17,478. Anyone else?—Not any that I am aware of.

17,479. Do you know that they got their money?—I handed them to Mr. Coupland, and he I suppose gave them a vote, and then they went in to the "dumming," the "stranger." Mr. Coupland gave them a vote for the money.

17,480. You mean by "a vote" a voucher I suppose?—Yes.

JAMES HARRISON sworn and examined.

J. Harrison.

17,481. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A whitesmith.

17,482. Where do you live?—In Alfred Street.

17,483. Are you a master whitesmith?—No, I am foreman.

17,484. You assisted in the election did you not?—Yes.

17,485. What were you?—Well, I was a sub-captain I suppose.

17,486. In Mr. Coupland's district?—Yes, in No. 5 district.

17,487. What money did you get from Mr. Coupland?—I got 3*l.* from Mr. Coupland before the election.

17,488. When?—Somewhere about July. I cannot tell the date exactly.

17,489. Was that all the money you got?—I got 1*l.* from William Harrison before the election.

17,490. That was the last, was it?—Yes.

17,491. Anything more?—No, nothing more before the election.

17,492. What did you get after the election, or during the election?—I got 10*l.* for my services and my vote.

17,493. That makes 14*l.* Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

17,494. What did you do with that 14*l*?—A good deal of it went in refreshments.

17,495. Where at?—At the "White Horse" and at the "Golden Ball," and "Boar's Head;" different places.

17,496. You went drinking about the town, I suppose?—Up and down the town.

17,497. Did you help to bring the voters up to Mr. Coupland?—I did.

17,498. Tell us who they were that you brought up?—Samuel Gunson.

17,499. Anybody else?—I did not bring him up. He was there and I took him.

17,500. And you saw him get the money?—Yes.

17,501. Anybody else?—William Bingham, William Powell, Henry Thomas Waterhouse, Thomas Harrison, William Harrison.

17,502. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Which William Harrison?—William Harrison the coachmaker. He lives in Leonard Gate. Then there is John Miller, William Singleton, Benjamin Singleton, William Henry Singleton, John Singleton, Edward Harrison, William Harrison.

17,503. Another William Harrison?—In Edward Street. Then there is Robert Hodgson, John Hodgson.

17,504. Is that John Hodgson, whitesmith?—Yes. That is the whole that I can remember.

17,505. You saw those men paid?—Yes.

17,506. Yourself?—Yes, I saw them paid.

17,507. At the "Boar's Head?"—At the "Boar's Head."

17,508. Do you know that all these men got 10*l.* each, or that most of them did?—There was one had 9*l.* Edward Harrison and William Harrison 10*l.* each.

17,509. That is all you know?—That is all I know.

17,510. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get any other money paid to you?—No.

17,511. Only 10*l.*?—10*l.* was what I got. That was on the election day.

17,512. Did you vote Tory in 1864? Did you then vote for Saunders?—Yes.

17,513. You always voted on the Conservative side?—Always.

17,514. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are these Harrisons and the other men you have mentioned. Are they day labourers?—Yes, they are day labourers. They work at different trades you know.

17,515. All of them?—Yes, all of them. There is one a carter.

JOHN DOBSON sworn and examined.

J. Dobson.

17,516. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—An attorney's clerk.

17,517. Clerk to whom?—Mr. Maxsted. Maxsted and Gibson now.

17,518. What are your politics?—Conservative.

17,519. What part did you take in the last election?—I was sub-captain under Mr. Clark.

17,520. Were you in Mr. Maxsted's employ at that time?—I was. I have been in his employ about 20 years, I should say.

17,521. You were sub-captain to Mr. G. C. Clark?—Yes.

17,522. In what district was that?—Penny Street.

17,523. What money did you receive for the purposes of the last election?—9*l.* 10*s.*

17,524. From whom did you receive that?—I received from Mr. Clark 5*l.* 10*s.*; from Mr. Coupland 2*l.*; and from Mr. Danson 2*l.* That was all before the election.

17,525. Now, at the election?—I received, to pay for two voters, from Mr. Clark, 20*l.*

17,526. When did you receive that?—On the morning of the election, and from Mr. John Cross, captain of another district, 20*l.*

17,527. The same day?—The same day.

17,528. Was that all you received?—Yes.

17,529. Now, after the election?—I received 10*l.* for my services. I was employed about a fortnight altogether.

17,530. But you were in your employment with Mr. Maxsted at the same time?—No, I was not. I neglected my own work to attend to that.

17,531. But you were receiving your pay from him were you not?—No.

17,532. Were your wages then knocked off?—Yes.

17,533. What are your regular wages with Mr. Maxsted?—35*s.* a week.

17,534. The work that you were engaged upon during the election was harder work than your ordinary work?—Yes, it was. I should not like to do the same work again, not for 50*l.*

17,535. You received altogether 59*l.* 10*s.* How did you spend it?—It was all spent I believe amongst the voters.

17,536. How did you spend the first 9*l.* 10*s.*?—During the fortnight in treating the voters.

17,537. Refreshing and treating voters?—Yes.

17,538. Where at?—Different public-houses in the town. It was not confined to the district in which I was engaged.

17,539. Up and down the town?—Yes.

17,540. And I suppose you occasionally gave shillings to them?—Yes.

17,541. Did they come to you in the morning?—Yes; those that were dry.

17,542. To your private residence or Mr. Maxsted's office?—I was not in the office then. They saw me in the street and sometimes at my private residence

17,543. They would come for the shillings?—Yes, for something to drink.

17,544. You spent 9*l.* 10*s.* altogether?—Yes, I did.

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J. Dobson.

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17,545. In what way did you spend this 40*l.*?—In paying the voters.

17,546. What were the voters you paid?—With the 20*l.* I got from Mr. Clark, I paid John Towers, whitesmith, 10*l.*; and Edward Bond, painter, 10*l.*; and with the 20*l.* I got from Mr. Cross, I paid to William Masheder, 10*l.*, I think he is described on the list as a farmer; and Henry Thornton, Penny Street, labourer, 10*l.*

17,547. Did you pay anybody else?—No.

17,548. Have you got anything more to tell us about the election?—No. I do not know that I have.

17,549. You yourself do not know of any other persons being paid?—No.

17,550. You did not see any?—No, I did not see any others paid. I introduced several, but I did not see them paid.

17,551. Did you introduce them to Mr. Clark?—Yes.

17,552. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Whom do you remember having introduced?—I do not remember any in particular. They were all rushing upstairs. I told them where to go, and so on.

H. High.

HENRY HIGH sworn and examined.

17,553. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I am glad to see you are on the register at last?—I had better have been off I think.

17,554. You keep a shop on Castle Hill?—Yes.

17,555. What are you?—A plumber and glazier.

17,556. You exerted yourself for the Conservatives at the last election?—I did my best.

17,557. In whose district?—Mr. Clark's.

17,558. What money did you receive?—About 42*l.*

17,559. You have no account?—No.

17,560. From whom did you receive it?—I received 30*l.* of it from a gentleman from Liverpool, but I only received it in the presence of the voters.

17,561. That is you received it to pay over to the voters?—Yes.

17,562. From whom did you receive the rest?—From Mr. Clark.

17,563. How much?—Between 12*l.* and 13*l.* I could not state exactly.

17,564. How much shall I put it down as?—You may say 13*l.* at the outside. I do not think it exceeded that.

17,565. When did you receive that money?—3*l.* before the election, and 10*l.* after.

17,566. You spent that 3*l.* before the election in treating I suppose?—Yes. Both the committee-men and voters. It was not only the voters; the committee I think were as bad as the freemen.

17,567. What was the 10*l.* for, that you received after the election?—I suppose it would be for my expenses. It was seven weeks after the election that I got it.

17,568. The other 30*l.* you told us you gave to the voters, in the presence of the gentleman from Liverpool?—Yes, the cashier, I suppose he was.

17,569. Do you remember who those voters were?—There was William Cawson, shoemaker, John Hind, shoemaker, and his father from Warton. He wanted 14*l.* He said that Mr. Bleasdale, in Penny Street, had offered him 14*l.*, and he wanted the same.

17,570. He told you so?—Yes.

17,571. (*Mr. Hill.*) Those men received 10*l.* each?—Yes.

17,572. You paid them yourself?—Yes.

17,573. (*Mr. Newton.*) At the "White Cross?"—Yes.

J. Fenton.

Mr. JOSEPH FENTON sworn and examined.

17,574. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—An ironmonger.

17,575. A member of the Volunteer Corps?—Yes.

17,576. Lieutenant?—Yes.

17,577. A Conservative in politics?—Yes.

17,578. And you took a part in the election of 1865?—Yes.

17,579. In what street do you live?—I live at West Place, but my business place is in Market Street.

17,580. Were you a sub-captain?—No. I scarcely think I should come under that title. I had charge of the carriage department at the election.

17,581. Of the whole of the carriage department? Yes, of the whole of the carriage department.

17,582. How long before the election was that entrusted to you?—A week or 10 days I think. I do not exactly remember.

17,583. I suppose you went to the postmasters and carriage keepers and hired them all?—No; my duty was more specially to see that the carriages were got off to the various places in the country for the voters. That was my duty more than hiring them. I did not, as I remember, hire the conveyances.

17,584. You made no arrangement beforehand?—No; my duty was to see that the carriages were got to their respective places. They had been already collected together for that purpose.

17,585. Who had collected them together?—I cannot say to my own knowledge.

17,586. On the morning or the evening before you sent them off to the various places in the country?—Yes.

17,587. Did you receive any money for that purpose?—Yes; I did.

17,588. How much did you receive?—9*l.* 4*s.*

17,589. From whom?—Mr. Wilson Barker.

17,590. When did you receive that money?—I have got a memorandum here. On July 7th I received 5*l.* and on September 9th, 4*l.* 9*s.*, so that I see I am wrong. I received altogether nine guineas.

17,591. Did you receive any other money?—No; not for that purpose.

17,592. For any other purpose?—Yes.

17,593. How much?—5*l.* I can hardly say that I received it or paid it, though it passed through my hands. It is already accounted for as coming from Mr. Cross; I was simply a medium. I do not suppose I possessed the money two minutes, passing it from Mr. Cross or from a stranger with Mr. Cross, a man I did not know, but a man who had been employed for various purposes.

17,594. What is his name?—Christopher Towers. That is already accounted for in Mr. Cross's list.

17,595. Did you receive any other money?—No.

17,596. Not from anybody else?—No.

17,597. Did you receive any other money for your services?—No.

17,598. You did all this gratuitously?—Yes.

17,599. Where was this transaction with Cross and the voter?—In the "King's Arms" yard. That was my head-quarters. I was there all the day.

17,600. In the open yard?—The money was paid to the man in a room adjoining the yard, but I received the money in the yard.

17,601. You took the money in the yard and paid the man in a room?—Yes.

17,602. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Towers is a voter?—Yes, he is.

17,603. You knew that at the time?—Yes.

17,604. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you know what the money was paid to him for?—It would be partly for his services and partly I think to influence his vote.

17,605. Had he voted at the time?—Yes, he had. Before he voted, knowing me (he was a man I employed) he said that he had worked day and night for us for some time.

17,606. I suppose you found money going about

very freely, and got a five-pound note for him?—He said if I would promise him the money he would take my word, and I was to pay him after the election. I think I paid him in two sums, a sovereign before the election and 4*l.* afterwards, but I am not quite clear upon that point.

WILLIAM HALSTEAD sworn and examined.

17,607. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A nurseryman.

17,608. Where do you live?—Penny Street, Lancaster.

17,609. You are a Conservative in politics?—Yes.

17,610. What part did you take in the last election?—I took a pretty active part in Scotforth.

17,611. You assisted in the Scotforth district?—Yes.

17,612. Were you a captain?—I suppose so.

17,613. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the last election?—The monies that I received directly to spend was 7*l.* 3*s.*

17,614. What was the date of your receiving the first money?—The first money I received was on the 26th of June, from Mr. Cross, 1*l.* Then the other was a small sum of 2*s.*, but I do not know the date.

17,615. I do not want the small items, give it me in a lump?—7*l.* 3*s.*

17,616. Up to what date?—July 10th.

17,617. From Mr. Cross?—Yes.

17,618. Does that include the 1*l.*?—Yes, altogether 7*l.* 3*s.*

17,619. What other monies did you receive?—Those are all the monies I received directly. Other monies passed through my hands for voters.

17,620. What other monies passed through your hands?—They were paid to me by a stranger to hold for the voters till after they had voted.

17,621. Where were they paid to you?—Some of them were paid in Scotforth and some in Lancaster.

17,622. When was that?—The night before the election.

17,623. How much did you receive from the stranger?—10*l.* for Thomas Thornton, No. 839.

17,624. Did you pay that to him?—I paid that the following day after he had voted. 12*l.* for Robert Threlfall, No. 854.

17,625. That is the one they call "Bob" Threlfall?—Yes. 7*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Cross for Moses Mawson; he is a Lancaster voter. 7*l.* for Francis Richmond, No. 1,284.

17,626. From whom did you receive that money?—Mr. Cross, or the gentleman who was with him. It passed through Mr. Cross's hands. I think Mr. Cross has given an account of it. Then Thomas Cottam, No. 178, 10*l.*, through Mr. Clark. Mr. Clark gave me the tickets, and I got the money from the man in the adjoining room, at the "White Cross."

17,627. Mr. George Clark?—Mr. G. C. Clark. The next is John Cottam, 10*l.*, No. 182.

17,628. From whom did you receive that?—I received the ticket from Mr. Clark, and the money was paid to me by the man in the next room. I believe Mr. Clark has given you an account of the monies. The gentleman who I was with at Scotforth paid William Bibby 5*l.*, and also paid James Procter 6*l.*; but I may say he was a sub-captain of mine, and I do not know whether that would be for his services, or part for his services and part for his vote. He also paid John Jackson, No. 484, 7*l.*

17,629. Which Proctor was it the stranger paid?—James Proctor, of Scotforth, No. 675. In addition to the 7*l.* which the stranger gave Jackson I gave him 10*s.*

17,630. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was that the night before the election?—Yes.

17,631. We have not got that?—I believe Mr. Wollaston did not give the name. The stranger altogether paid 40*l.* in Scotforth that night. Then next I paid a bill to William Jackson, September 11th, 6*l.* for the use of the house. He is a publican. I received that money from a Mr. Greenall, but I fancy it would come from Mr. Barker.

17,632. From whom did you receive the 10*s.* you gave to Jackson?—It was from monies I received from Mr. Cross. Then I paid Jackson, February 8th, 1866, 6*l.*, for a bill of refreshments and breakfasts, from money I received from Mr. Clark.

17,633. (*Mr. Hill.*) 6*l.* was a convenient sum for Mr. Jackson to make his bill up to?—I believe Mr. Clark arranged for his house.

17,634. Did he arrange that his bill should be always 6*l.*?—No, he had nothing to do with the bill; but he arranged 6*l.* for his house.

17,635. What was the next payment?—That is all I spent.

17,636. What sign does Mr. Jackson sell his beer under?—The "Bowling Green."

17,637. The sum you received altogether was 93*l.*?—Yes.

17,638. Have you given us an account of the expenditure of 93*l.*?—The first sum that I paid was 12*s.* to William Jackson for refreshments.

17,639. I do not want the items?—There was paid by the stranger 40*l.*

17,640. Besides the sums you have given what other sums have you spent?—12*s.* to William Jackson.

17,641. I do not want the items. Was it all spent at public-houses?—Not altogether. It was all spent at public-houses, with the exception of 1*l.* to Mr. Lawson and 13*s.* to Mr. Cross.

17,642. You paid bills at public-houses to the amount of 5*l.*?—Yes, and 1*l.* to Mr. Lawson.

17,643. What was that for?—I think it was monies to be spent at Galgate, and 13*s.* I returned to Mr. Cross. He got it from me for some one. That will make altogether 7*l.* 3*s.*

17,644. And that makes up 93*l.*?—Yes.

17,645. You appear to have kept your book very neatly?—I thought it better to put it so that you could understand it.

17,646. You have made it up since the election?—Yes.

17,647. From what?—Partly from memory and partly from a book.

17,648. Have you got the book from which you made it up?—I have got one of them showing the money paid by Mr. Wollaston, and some of the others.

17,649. You entered that at the time, did you?—Yes. I think Mr. Anthony Downham, of Scotforth, will give you some information with regard to voters. He took a very active part in getting the voters in the country, and will give you an account of some money paid to voters which has not been accounted for.

17,650. What is he?—He is an overseer there.

17,651. On which side?—On the Liberal side.

17,652. You believe he paid some of them?—Yes, I believe so.

17,653. Those are voters of whom we have not yet heard?—I think there are some of them who got more money than what they have accounted for.

17,654. You think it would answer the ends for which we are sent down here if we were to ask Mr. Downham a few questions?—I think so.

HENRY GORST sworn and examined.

17,655. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a flour dealer, in Church Street?—Yes.

17,656. You were active on the Conservative side at the last election?—I was.

17,657. Whom did you assist particularly?—I assisted in the Overton district.

17,658. What money did you receive for that purpose?—20*l.*

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H. Gorst.

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17,659. 20*l.* in all ?—Yes, in all.

17,660. When did you receive it ?—I received 6*l.* previous to the election, perhaps a week before.

17,661. From whom ?—J. L. Bradshaw, and 2*l.* from Mr. William Storey.

17,662. Previous to the election ?—Yes, previous to the election ; 8*l.* from Mr. John Cross, and 4*l.* from a stranger ; I do not know.

17,663. How did you spend it ?—There was 10*l.* of it for myself for my services and vote ; 5*l.* I spent in refreshments, eating and drinking at Overton and the neighbourhood, and 5*l.* I returned again to John Cross.

17,664. You did not pay any voters ?—No, not any.

17,665. Is that all you have to tell us ?—That is all I know about the election ; the person you call Maddock, I did not know his name before, I took him down to Overton.

17,666. It is true he gave you 4*l.* ?—Yes.

17,667. When was that ?—That was on the day of the election.

17,668. On the morning of the election ?—I think it was in the afternoon.

17,669. (*Mr. Hill.*) Has Maddock had any talk with you ?—Very little.

17,670. Did he come to speak over the matter with you before he gave his evidence ?—I saw him before.

17,671. Did he speak with you before he gave his evidence ?—Yes, he did ; I was passing the "King's Arms," going down to the railway station on some business, and he followed me up.

17,672. He talked about the election ?—Yes.

17,673. Did he remind you that he had given you 4*l.* ?—No ; he said he had given me 3*l.*, and I said, "You are wrong, I shall contradict you upon that "point, you paid me 4*l.*"

17,674. And did you see Maddock on that day paying any voters ?—No.

17,675. Did you see him during the day ?—Yes, he was down at Overton ; we all came from Overton together.

17,676. You saw him pay the voters at Overton ?—No.

17,677. You did not see him pay any voters ?—No ; I pointed out two or three to him.

17,678. What was he doing after he had polled the Overton voters ?—I do not know.

17,679. Was he with you ?—He was with me but a very short time. I went to the "King's Arms" with him.

17,680. Do you believe he paid any voters ?—I do not know. I did not see him pay any. He was a perfect stranger to me. I did not even know his name.

17,681. Had he got any district at all assigned to him where he would be paying voters ?—He had Overton to pay.

17,682. Apart from Overton ?—Not to my knowledge.

17,683. To the best of your belief he did not pay any voters ?—Only the Overton voters.

17,684. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know any voters except Overton voters whom he paid ?—No, I do not. I did not see him in company with any voters except Overton voters.

17,685. (*Mr. Newton.*) What time in the day was it he paid you the 4*l.* ?—It would be in the afternoon.

17,686. After he had polled the Overton voters ?—Yes.

17,687. What did he give it to you for ?—He gave it to make up the 6*l.* that J. L. Bradshaw gave me equal to the other voters.

17,688. That made 10*l.* ?—Yes.

17,689. Did you tell him that ?—He was going to give me 10*l.*, but I told him I had received 6*l.*, and that I only wanted 4*l.* more to be equal with the others.

17,690. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you receive anything from the other side ?—I received 5*s.*, but not on account of the election. That was, I think, a fortnight or three weeks before the election. There was a party invited me to have a ride up to Quernmore, and came up into my shop. I said "I do not mind, it is a fine day, I will go with you." I went with him, and going along the road he said, "Here is 5*s.*," he being a Quaker.

17,691. Did you promise your vote ?—No. Going along the road he said, "Here is 5*s.*, and you can treat your friends."

17,692. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are not a Quaker ?—No, I am not.

17,693. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a freeman ?—No.

17,694. A householder ?—Yes.

17,695. What is the rental of your house ?—24*l.*

17,696. And you received 10*l.* for your vote ?—Yes.

17,697. And 5*s.* from the other side ?—Yes.

W. Bingham

WILLIAM BINGHAM sworn and examined.

17,698. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you ?—A cabinet-maker.

17,699. In whose employ are you ?—Messrs. Bell and Coupland.

17,700. Where do you live ?—In Edward Street.

17,701. Are you a freeman ?—Yes.

17,702. What part did you take in the election ?—I was on Mr. Coupland's committee.

17,703. How much money did he pay you ?—Mr. Harrison paid me 10*l.* on the morning of the election.

17,704. Did you pay away any money ?—No.

17,705. Is that all you got ?—I got 10*s.* on the nomination day.

17,706. Who from ?—From William Harrison.

17,707. The same man ?—Yes.

17,708. When did he pay you the 10*l.* ?—On the morning of the election.

17,709. When did he pay you the 10*s.* ?—On the nomination day, in the morning.

17,710. What was that for ?—For expenses during the election.

17,711. The 10*l.* was for your vote ?—It was given for being on the committee, I suppose.

17,712. Did anybody else pay you any money ?—Yes, George Jackson gave me 30*s.*

17,713. What was that for ?—He gave it to me on the Saturday previous to the election.

17,714. What else did you get ?—That was all I got.

17,715. 12*l.* ?—Yes, in all.

17,716. Did you pay anybody any money ?—No.

17,717. You are a journeyman in Messrs. Bell and Coupland's employment ?—Yes.

17,718. What are your wages ?—I work by piece work.

17,719. How much do you earn a week ?—It would average about 26*s.* a week perhaps.

T. Cranston.

THOMAS CRANSTON sworn and examined.

17,720. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A land steward.

17,721. You are steward to Mr. Garnett ?—Yes.

17,722. Who was formerly member for this borough ?—Yes.

17,723. How long have you been in Mr. Garnett's employ ?—About 15 years in the late Mr. Garnett's employ.

17,724. What are you in politics ?—I assisted the Conservatives.

17,725. What part did you take in the last election ?—I saw some of the voters in Quernmore.

17,726. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the last election ?—2*l.* from Mr. Clark, and 70*l.* from Mr. Wilson Barker.

17,727. G. C. Clark ?—Yes.

17,728. When did you receive it?—I do not know the date. I think it would be 10 days before the election.

17,729. Was that all the money you received at any time?—Yes.

17,730. Before or after the election?—Yes.

17,731. How did you lay out that money?—First of all I paid 15*s.* 6*d.* to John Curran, for expenses and trouble in going to see a voter; William Kelsall 7*s.* 6*d.*, and 5*l.*

17,732. What was that for?—7*s.* 6*d.* for expenses, and 5*l.* was for his vote.

17,733. You paid him yourself, did you?—Yes, I think I did, but I am not certain. Robert Huntington, 1*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, he is not a voter.

17,734. What was that for?—It was services and expenses. He was assisting in Quernmore. Richard Fox, 1*l.*

17,735. Is he a voter?—Yes.

17,736. What was that for?—He wanted it for expenses. After he voted he came to me and wanted something, and I gave him 1*l.* Richard Parkinson, 2*l.*

17,737. What was that for?—He was assisting the night before.

17,738. Is he a voter?—No. George Pease, 21*l.*

17,739. What was that for?—I suppose he would pay it away amongst the voters.

17,740. And gave one vote on the strength of it?—I do not know about that. He got other money besides I see. He will account for it I have no doubt.

17,741. What did George Pease do with that money?—I do not know; I fancy he paid it away to voters.

17,742. What voters?—I cannot tell; there were some he paid it to in Quernmore, as I know he gave money to them, and I know he had other money besides.

17,743. Who were the people in Quernmore that Pease paid?—I can give you the names.

17,744, I will have them afterwards. What is the next sum you paid?—The next is carriages and refreshments, 3*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, and I returned to Mr. Wilson Barker 37*l.* 5*s.*

17,745. Is that all the money you laid out?—Yes; but besides that I got from Mr. Pease 10*l.* for a voter, which I held till the man had voted.

17,746. That is a sum we have not had?—Yes.

17,747. How did you lay out that 10*l.*?—I gave it to a voter of the name of John Lamb, of Littledale. I am not quite certain whether it was 10*l.* or 12*l.* I did not count the money.

17,748. You paid that to Lamb yourself?—Yes.

17,749. Was there anything else that you laid out?—No, I paid no more money.

17,750. You were going to give me the names of these voters that Pease paid?—I fancy he paid to Cottam 10*l.* I did not see it paid, but I fancy Mr. Pease told me so.

17,751. To whom?—To James Cottam for his vote.

17,752. How much?—10*l.* I think it was. I think he told me so, and he also paid Brown, of Dolphin Lee, 8*l.*

17,753. He voted Fenwick and Lawrence?—Yes; then I think he also gave to Robert Curwen and John Curwen, William Curwen, Henry Hartley, William Lee, 5*l.* each, I believe. Those parties did not ask me for any money, but I think he told me he gave them that much.

17,754. Anybody else?—No, that is all.

17,755. That is 42*l.* He received 21*l.* from you; do you know what other sums he received?—No, I do not. I see since the Commission opened that he got some from Mr. Wilson Barker. I do not recollect the amount.

17,756. (*Mr. Hill.*) There is 6*l.* that he had, but you do not recollect the name of any other voter?—No, I do not.

17,757. Do you know Pease's address at present?—No.

17,758. Not who he works for?—I think he is out of business.

17,759. Have you any other persons to tell us of?—No, I think not.

17,760. You paid, then, yourself for their votes only Kelsall, Fox, and Parkinson, and Lamb?—Parkinson has not a vote.

17,761. Only Kelsall and Fox?—I did pay that, certainly. I got the money from Mr. Pease, and held it till he voted.

17,762. Did you bargain with Kelsall for his vote?—There was another man who had something to do with it.

17,763. But you arranged with Kelsall what he was to be paid?—Yes.

17,764. What is he?—A joiner.

17,765. Does he work for Mr. Garnett?—No, I think not. I do not think he has done any work for us for some time.

17,766. What did Richard Fox get it for?—After he voted he came to me and said he ought to have something for his expenses in coming, and I gave it him. I gave it to him after he had voted. He did not ask for anything.

17,767. Was he put to expenses?—He had seven or eight miles to come, or perhaps more; perhaps nine or ten miles.

17,768. He did not ask for anything for voting?—No, neither did the others. I think there was an arrangement between Mr. Pease and myself to give it to them.

17,769. To give it to all these Curwens?—Yes; they never asked me for anything.

17,770. Was this man paid after he had voted?—I did not see him paid.

17,771. Did these men never ask for anything?—They never asked for a farthing.

17,772. Do you mean to say you believe that their votes were not influenced at all?—I do not think they were; they were not by me at any rate.

17,773. But by the 5*l.*?—I do not know whether they were or not. I could not say positively.

17,774. Is this Fox that you have given us Richard Fox, of Littledale, farmer?—Yes, he is.

Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson recalled and further examined.

H. T. Wilson.

17,775. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We did not understand from you distinctly yesterday whether you expect to be repaid in any way the sum of money, or any portion of it, that you were out of pocket on account of the last Lancaster election?—No, I do not.

17,776. (*Mr. Hill.*) Then that still remains a debt of your own to the firm?—Yes.

17,777. So far as it is not written off on the books?—Yes.

17,778. (*Mr. Newton.*) As your own personal debt?—My own personal debt.

17,779. Can you tell us shortly what induced you to make this heavy expenditure on behalf of Mr. Lawrence?—I did it in consequence of what was told to me on the Monday.

17,780. On behalf of Mr. Lawrence?—It was on the Monday that I made up my mind to spend money.

17,781. Mr. Lawrence was your friend?—Yes.

17,782. You spent very nearly 3,000*l.* on his behalf?—2,200*l.*

17,783. What induced you to spend that money on his behalf, you not expecting to be repaid; tell us shortly?—I felt I had been instrumental in bringing Mr. Lawrence here, and when I saw that Mr. Schneider was prepared to pay heavily for the seat I was prepared then to spend money myself on Mr. Lawrence's behalf.

17,784. When you saw what you had drawn Mr. Lawrence into you felt yourself in duty bound to

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assist him with money?—Yes. I will not say "to assist him with money," but I felt that I had drawn him into the election, and that it was due to him that I should spend some of my own money to carry the seat if possible.

JOHN LEEMING BRADSHAW sworn and examined.

J. L. Bradshaw.

17,785. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A linen and woollen draper.

17,786. In what street?—Market Street.

17,787. You took no active part in the last election on the Conservative side?—Yes, I took some little part; not a very active part.

17,788. Who do you consider to have been your captain?—No one especially.

17,789. You did not work in any particular district?—No, I just worked as I was requested by the different captains. They asked me if I had any influence, and where I had any, I assisted.

17,790. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election; tell us first the gross sum?—67*l.* altogether, but I must say I received a sum of 5*l.* further than that. That will not be debited to me by the captain. I handed it over to a man named Sampson, and I have not got it in my account, and I think the gentleman who paid the voters will have it against the man I paid it to; that will make 25*l.* more.

17,791. From whom did you receive this 67*l.*?—From Mr. Clark 4*l.*, and on the 1st of July 8*l.* from the same person; I received from John Cross 12*l.*

17,792. What date?—The 4th of July, I think. On the 11th, from Mr. Wilson Barker, 40*l.*; on the 12th, from Mr. William Storey, 2*l.*; and on the same day, from Mr. Coupland, 1*l.* I think it would be on the 11th I also received from the stranger at the "Sun" Inn the 5*l.* I have mentioned before.

17,793. What did you do with it?—I paid Mr. Dugdale, one of the attendants at the Lunatic Asylum, for himself and three others.

17,794. (*Mr. Hill.*) Three lunatics?—No; perhaps they might be considered so in that respect. That was for himself and three other voters, all attendants at the asylum.

17,795. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are their names?—I do not know, but they are all attendants at the asylum. I gave the amount to Dugdale in the presence of two other persons.

17,796. What next?—The next was Simpson's wife; a dress, 1*l.*

17,797. Was that a dress from your own establishment?—Yes, it was.

17,798. Who is Simpson?—He is a voter living in the Derwent Road.

17,799. A householder?—I think he is. He is a labouring man.

17,800. What sort of a dress was this that you gave to Mrs. Simpson?—It was a winsey dress.

17,801. A "blue" dress?—Brown.

17,802. Bought with "Blue" money?—Yes. Then Henry Gorst, for assistance as captain of Overton, 6*l.*; Henry Ellershaw, Common Garden Street, 6*l.*

17,803. Does he keep a little hosier's shop?—Yes.

17,804. Who is the next?—His son, James Ellershaw, for vote and assistance, 6*l.*

17,805. Is he a young man in the shop?—He is in business in Market Street. Then there were my own expenses to Manchester to canvass the voters there, 1*l.*

17,806. That is a very moderate charge?—That is all it cost me. I was there on business, and of course paid my own railway fare, and did not charge that. The next is 4*l.* remitted to Mr. Hutton, of Manchester, to canvass the voters, and for expenses there.

17,807. Is he a voter himself?—He is a voter himself.

17,808. What is his christian name?—I do not know his first name; he is a painter, a freeman.

17,809. Is it John Hutton, of Fenton Street, painter?—Yes. I remitted to two voters in Manchester who were a little out of his way, they were a little way out of the town, a man named Dunderdale and Ralph, 1*l.* for both of them, 10*s.* each. Paid at Overton and Snatchem 7*s.* 6*d.*

17,810. For refreshments?—For refreshments.

17,811. Tell us where Snatchem is?—A small public-house about half way between Lancaster and Overton village.

17,812. On the river?—On the river side. Paid in town, in small sums, for treating 22*s.* 6*d.*

17,813. Is that all?—Yes, with the exception of the other which I explained.

17,814. That is within 10*s.* of the sum you received?—No, it is the exact sum.

17,815. You received 67*l.* you have told us, and you have accounted for 66*l.* 10*s.*?—You are correct, it is so.

17,816. I suppose you have nothing to say about the 10*s.*?—No, there is merely that Simpson. I got from the stranger at the "Sun" 5*l.*, and handed it to Simpson.

17,817. Which Simpson?—The same Simpson whose wife I gave the dress to; he is of Derwent Road, householder.

17,818. Where was the stranger?—At the "Sun Inn."

17,819. Do you know who the stranger was?—No.

17,820. Have you heard since?—No; but I expect he would be one of those gentlemen from Liverpool.

17,821. I forget who worked at the "Sun Inn?"—Mr. William Storey and Mr. Stanton were the captains, but I have no conception who the gentlemen were.

17,822. That is all you can tell us, is it?—That is all I have had to do with it.

17,823. Did you get anything for your own trouble?—Nothing at all.

17,824. You have never received any money at all since?—Not at all, not a farthing.

JAMES ELLERSHAW sworn and examined.

J. Ellershaw.

17,825. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Market Street.

17,826. What are you?—A hosier.

17,827. Are you a son of the gentleman who lives in Common Garden Street?—I am.

17,828. What did you do about the election?—I was sub-captain for the Market Street district, under Mr. Cross.

17,829. What were the first monies that you received for the purposes of the election?—1*l.*

17,830. Was that all?—The first money.

17,831. What did you receive in gross?—9*l.* altogether; 6*l.* from Mr. John L. Bradshaw, 1*l.* about a fortnight before the election; in the assembly room I received it.

17,832. Who from?—John Cross.

17,833. What was the next sum?—2*l.*

17,834. Who from?—John Cross.

17,835. The next?—6*l.* from John L. Bradshaw.

17,836. Is that all?—Yes, except 1*l.* 14*s.* that I received from John Cross to pay Mr. Barton, at the "Golden Ball."

17,837. How much did you receive from Bradshaw?—6*l.* and 1*l.* 14*s.* I received from John Cross to pay Mr. Barton.

17,838. That is not included in the 9*l.*?—No, the 1*l.* 14*s.* is included in Mr. Cross's expenses, he says.

17,839. You received then 10*l.* 14*s.*?—Yes.

17,840. How did you pay it?—1*l.* 14*s.* I paid at one shop, a drink shop.

17,841. Who to?—Mr. Barton.

17,842. For refreshments?—Yes.

17,843. Were the persons who were there voters?—Voters; and there were from 20 to 30 of the shipbuilding men, I should think, that and more.

17,844. Go on?—The first 1*l.*, which I received a fortnight before, I spent in treating one and another.

17,845. In different places?—In different places.

17,846. In treating up and down the town?—In Market Street, except 10*s.* 6*d.*, which I gave to Richard Tomlinson, who voted against us. Then I had 2*l.* the night before the election from John Cross and that I spent.

17,847. You said something about 10*s.* 6*d.* just now?—10*s.* 6*d.* I gave to Richard Tomlinson at different times.

17,848. What was the next?—2*l.* I received from John Cross on the nomination night.

17,849. What did you do with that?—I spent it at the "Golden Ball," that and more.

17,850. In treating again?—In treating again; the 1*l.* 14*s.* I did not spend.

17,851. Do not run on, but answer the questions? What did you do with the remainder?—6*l.*?

17,852. Yes?—I spent 1*l.* 10*s.* out of it, and the rest I kept myself.

17,853. The balance you kept for yourself?—I did.

17,854. There is 1*l.* 14*s.* you have not told us of?—It was merely a bill that Mr. Cross had to pay.

17,855. Where?—At the "Golden Ball."

17,856. You spent a good deal in eating and drinking?—Yes.

17,857. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you receive anything else?—Nothing.

17,858. Are you a householder or a freeman?—A householder.

17,859. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is the value of your house?—33*l.*

17,860. 33*l.* rental?—Yes.

James Wilson sworn and examined. *J. Wilson.*

17,861. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A grocer and provision dealer.

17,862. Where?—In Common Garden Street.

17,863. Are you a Conservative?—Yes.

17,864. What part did you take in the last election?—Well, I believe they put me down captain.

17,865. For what district?—For Common Garden district.

17,866. With whom?—With Mr. John Hatch.

17,867. What monies did you receive at the last election?—(*Referring to a paper*) 41*l.*

17,868. When did you receive that, and from whom?—June the 26th, from G. Clark.

17,869. How much?—10*s.*

17,870. Go on?—John Cross 1*l.*

17,871. When?—I have no date to it.

17,872. Now the next?—G. Clark 1*l.*

17,873. The next?—That was on the 10th of July. Then on the 12th 5*l.*

17,874. Who from?—G. Clark.

17,875. The next?—John Cross.

17,876. How much?—33*l.* 10*s.*

17,877. When was that?—The night before the election.

17,878. The next?—No more.

17,879. Was 33*l.* 10*s.* the last?—33*l.* 10*s.*

17,880. That makes altogether 41*l.*?—Yes.

17,881. How did you lay out that money?—Well, the first that I had was 10*s.*

17,882. How did you lay out the money is my question?—I laid it out in treating voters.

17,883. In refreshing voters?—Yes.

17,884. Where at?—In different places.

17,885. Now the next sum?—1*l.*

17,886. How did you lay that out?—In the same way.

17,887. The next?—The same way.

17,888. How much was the next?—1*l.*

17,889. Now the next?—The next was 5*l.*

17,890. How did you lay that out?—That was laid out on the election morning for expenses.

17,891. Expenses, of what character?—In breakfasts and refreshments for the voters.

17,892. Where at?—My own house.

17,893. How many voters had you at your house?—Well, I cannot say exactly.

17,894. Under what sign do you sell your refreshments; what is the name of your house?—It is my own sign.

17,895. Did they have 5*l.* worth of sweets?—No, they had breakfasts.

17,896. You sold them 5*l.* worth of refreshments?—No.

17,897. How many voters had you there?—Perhaps from 10 to 15.

17,898. Breakfasts at 10*s.* a head; is yours a licensed house?—No.

17,899. What had they for breakfast?—They had ham and eggs and coffee.

17,900. And potted shrimps, I suppose; no spirits or beer?—Oh no; they were not likely to get anything of that kind weren't the voters, I should think; I would treat them with gin.

17,901. Gin?—Yes, and rum and ale.

17,902. But you had no license to sell that?—Well, I did not sell it.

17,903. You gave it away and received the money for it, that is what we call selling. That was 5*l.*?—Yes.

17,904. For 10 or 15 voters?—Yes.

17,905. What was the next sum that you laid out?—I laid out to J. Binless 2*l.*; he was in the Old Man's Hospital. I paid him through John Cross. John Cross gave me 33*l.* 10*s.*

17,906. So you have told us; you gave J. Binless how much?—2*l.*

17,907. Did you give him the money with your own hand?—Yes.

17,908. Now the next?—William Harrison.

17,909. What is he?—A butcher.

17,910. He got more than 2*l.* then?—2*l.*

17,911. Only 2*l.*?—2*l.*

17,912. The next?—Miller.

17,913. What Miller?—J. Miller.

17,914. What is he?—A freeman.

17,915. What trade or occupation?—A shoemaker.

17,916. How much?—12*l.*

17,917. Is Miller a householder?—A freeman.

17,918. Mr. Miller is a householder, is he not?—I cannot speak to that.

17,919. What did you get for yourself?—I got nothing.

17,920. Except from the balance of the breakfasts?—There was no balance after all was done I do assure you. I would not like to take the honour of the post again.

17,921. You have nothing else to tell us?—No, nothing particular. I think one side was as bad as the other, and therefore the less I say the better.

17,922. That is no reason why you should not tell anything you know; two wrongs do not make a right, you know?—No, I believe there was no right.

17,923. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a householder?—I am.

John Hatch sworn and examined. *J. Hatch.*

17,924. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In New Street.

17,925. What are you?—A joiner; at the time of the election I lived in Queen's Place.

17,926. What did you do at the last election?—Not very much; I only started on the evening of the nomination day.

17,927. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

17,928. Whom did you assist?—Mr. James Wilson.

17,929. The last witness?—Yes.

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17,930. What money did you receive?—Altogether 10*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

17,931. From whom did you receive that?—From Mr. John Cross.

17,932. When?—On the morning of the election, July the 12th.

17,933. How did you spend it?—To John Satterthwaite 10*l.* I had some loose money myself, but I got 2*s.* 6*d.* from Mr. Cross as well.

17,934. Who is Satterthwaite?—In Spring Garden Street he lived at that time; he is a cabinet-maker.

17,935. Where did you pay him?—In Mr. Wilson's.

17,936. That is all the money you spent, is it?—Yes, it is all the money I spent and all I received.

T. P. Standen.

THOMAS PARKIN STANDEN sworn and examined.

17,937. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Lodge Street.

17,938. Are you a householder or a freeman?—A freeman.

17,939. What are you?—A painter.

17,940. What part did you take in the election of 1865?—I was engaged by Mr. Cross to look after voters.

17,941. You were a captain under Mr. Cross?—Yes.

17,942. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—34*l.*

17,943. Who did you receive it from?—I received 22*l.* from Mr. Cross and 12*l.* from Mr. Hagart; no, 12*l.* from Mr. Cross and 22*l.* from Mr. Hagart.

17,944. How did you spend that money?—10*l.* I gave to William Hodgson for his vote.

17,945. Where does he live?—In "Golden Ball" Yard, off Market Street. He is a smith I believe.

17,946. How much to him?—10*l.* 12*l.* to William Ireland.

17,947. What is he?—He is a labourer.

17,948. Where does he live?—On Castle Hill, I believe; and 12*l.* to William Ralph.

17,949. Where does he live?—At Castle Hill.

17,950. That is 34*l.*?—Yes.

17,951. Where did you pay these men?—I paid two of them in the street, and one I paid in a public-house in China Lane.

17,952. Where did you get the money from?—At the "Golden Ball," in Market Street.

17,953. Did you receive anything for yourself?—Yes.

17,954. You have not told us about that?—On the 6th of October I received 2*l.*

17,955. From whom?—From Mr. Barker.

17,956. What for?—For services rendered; and 1*s.* from Mr. Cross for refreshments on the election day.

17,957. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was anything spoken to you about being paid for your assistance before you did the work?—No.

17,958. Did you expect anything?—Yes, I rather did, because I had given up a situation as check clerk in one of the polling booths, and I thought I was entitled to some recompense.

17,959. What do they give the check clerks?—A guinea each.

17,960. You gave up that because you thought you would get something better?—No, I did not think about that.

17,961. Who appointed you check clerk?—Mr. Clark, the solicitor.

17,962. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you with Cross when Hagart paid all these men?—Yes, I was in the place at the time. Money was handed over to me to give to the men.

17,963. And they got it?—Yes.

17,964. Were you helping to bring the men up?—Yes, I was on the look out for them; Ralph was not in the room when the money was paid.

I. Hargreaves.

JOHN HARGREAVES sworn and examined.

17,965. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a nurseryman?—Yes.

17,966. And a Conservative in politics?—Yes, rather so.

17,967. I apprehend by the use of the word "rather" you took an interest in the last election?—Not particularly so.

17,968. What did you do?—I looked about, like other people, after voters.

17,969. Looking after voters, where?—Up and down the town; I was tied to no district.

17,970. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the election?—I received 2*l.* from George Clark.

17,971. When?—About two days before the election.

17,972. What was the next sum?—3*l.*

17,973. From whom?—John Cross.

17,974. When?—On the night before the election.

17,975. What was the next sum?—None.

17,976. Is that all you received?—Yes.

17,977. That was not very much to go up and down the town with?—No, it was not.

17,978. How did you spend the 5*l.*?—I spent it in going round on the election.

17,979. It was all spent in refreshing the voters?—Yes.

17,980. And giving them shillings and so on?—Yes.

17,981. You did not choose any particular public at which to expend your money?—No.

17,982. Have you got anything more to say about the election?—No.

17,983. Did you receive anything for yourself?—No, not a farthing.

17,984. That you are sure of?—Yes.

17,985. Are you expecting anything?—No.

H. Riley.

HESKETH RILEY sworn and examined.

17,986. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A warehouseman.

17,987. Where do you live?—In Common Garden Street.

17,988. What part did you take in the last election?—I was a runner.

17,989. Are you a voter?—No.

17,990. Did you receive any money?—I received 7*s.* 6*d.* from Mr. Cross.

17,991. Anything else?—No; that is what I received.

17,992. Have you anything to tell us?—Nothing at all.

17,993. That is all?—Yes.

17,994. Is that really all?—Yes, that is really all.

17,995. Did you offer anyone any money?—No. I offered no man money.

17,996. Did anyone offer you money besides the 7*s.* 6*d.*?—No.

J. McCann.

JOHN MCCANN sworn and examined.

17,997. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In King Street.

17,998. What are you?—A cab proprietor.

17,999. Have you anything to say with regard to the election of 1865?—Yes, a little bit.

18,000. That means a good bit, I suppose? What monies did you receive for that election?—23*l.*

18,001. From whom did you receive it?—I got 20*l.* at the "Golden Ball," in Market Street, but I cannot tell from whom. He was a stranger to me;

but John Cross was there, and he will be able to tell you. I do not know the man. I never saw him before.

18,001*a*. Where did you get the other 3*l*. ?—I got 2*l*. off John Cross.

18,002. Where did you get the other pound?—1*l*. off George Vince, at Morecambe.

18,003. How did you spend this 23*l*. ?—I paid 10*l*. for a committee room in Nicholas Street. I suppose it would be for his vote and all, for anything I know.

18,004. Where at ?—The "Golden Ball," in Nicholas Street.

18,005. What is his name?—I think it is Richard Townley.

18,006. It was for his vote and all?—I cannot tell. I suppose it was. I engaged the committee room, and he charged 10*l*. for it, and voted for Lawrence a plumper.

18,007. How did you spend the other money?—I gave 5*l*. to Thomas Slinger; that was for a split vote between Fenwick and Lawrence. Then I gave Edmund Hoggarth, for a split vote the same way. I split, too, with Hoggarth.

18,008. What did you get for your vote?—I got nothing.

18,009. How did you spend the other 3*l*. ?—In treating, and so on.

18,010. The balance of 3*l*. was spent in treating ?—Yes. I spent 1*l*. at Morecambe; I daresay Robert Shackleton will tell you about that. I had not as much as he had. He will tell you about my being down at Morecambe. He made remarks about me. It was the only time I was there. He had a pocket full of sovereigns, and took out a handful and shook them at me.

18,011. He would not give you any ?—No; I asked him.

18,012. I suppose if you had got some from him you would have voted for Schneider ?—No; I should have spent it on Lawrence's side.

18,013. What! Schneider's money ?—Yes, I would, if I had got hold of it; I would so.

18,014. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You got nothing for yourself?—Not a penny.

18,015. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did you get for voting for Fenwick ?—Nothing. I promised the other party, Hoggarth, if he would vote for Fenwick and Lawrence, I would split, too, the same way. I wanted to keep Schneider out.

18,016. Why ?—I did not want him.

18,017. What made you dislike him ?—No, there was no reason why I should dislike him.

18,018. Then why did you want to keep him out?—Because I thought he had no business in.

18,019. He has got plenty of money ?—I daresay he has; no doubt about it.

18,020. You say you gave 10*l*. for Richard Townley's committee room, and his vote and all. Were there any committees held there ?—Yes.

18,021. Committee meetings?—Yes.

18,022. What sort of committee meetings ?—I call them drinking meetings.

18,023. The drink was paid for ?—Yes.

18,024. (*Mr. Newton.*) You spent the 3*l*. there ?—Yes.

18,025. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was there much deliberation on political questions ?—I do not know anything about that.

18,026. You did not discuss the Reform Bill ?—No. I am no scholar, and it is a good job I isn't.

18,027. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who helped you at Morecambe ?—I went down with George Vince. I was only the driver.

18,028. Did anybody else go ?—Yes; Bulfield, Edward Musheder, and I think Cross was there, and Thomas Procter, of China Lane.

18,029. Did you ever go to Mr. Wilson Barker in September ?—I went for my money after the election.

18,030. You never told us about that?—That was for posting.

18,031. You never told us about that?—I had a contract.

18,032. When did you go to Mr. Wilson Barker?—I cannot exactly say when. I have it all down here. That is for canvassing and all (*handing some papers to the Commissioners*).

18,033. You went the 15th of August ?—Very likely I might. I could not say exactly.

18,034. What is the other paper you have in your hand ?—It is only a paper belonging to Fenwick and Schneider (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

18,035. You contracted with each party ?—Yes. I was on at both ends.

18,036. You received 130*l*. altogether from both sides?—Yes, I daresay I should.

18,037. I do not wonder at your politics being both-sided?—I had a deal to hire. I had three or four pair from Kendal.

18,038. 81*l*. 11*s*. from Mr. Barker, and 48*l*. from the other side ?—49*l*. 17*s*.

18,039. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much of that did you consider to be for your vote ?—Not a penny.

18,040. You would not have voted for Fenwick if you had not had that contract?—I would not have voted for Schneider. I never intended to.

18,041. Would you have given Lawrence a vote unless you had that contract?—Yes, I would. I always voted that way.

18,042. The contract had no influence upon your vote?—No, not a bit.

18,043. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you make your contract?—I included everything. If I had a carriage or two broke I had to make it good myself, and at election times you very often do have them broke, and of course, at election times, you charge heavier prices than at other times. I stood all the risk of any breakages.

18,044. I do not know now what your contract was?—There are eight pair of horses at 8*l*. a pair, and six pair the other side at 8*l*. a pair.

18,045. The contract was only for the polling day?—The nomination and polling day.

18,046. You had to find the party with whatever carriages they desired that day?—So many pairs; eight pairs for Lawrence, a one-horse carriage, and six pairs for the other side.

18,047. You have not brought us the contract?—No.

18,048. How much do you reckon a pair of horses a-day ?—I have charged 8*l*. a pair for the two days, and one horse.

18,049. And you stood all risks ?—Yes.

18,050. And you charge for drivers besides ?—I believe Mr. Fenton paid the drivers for Lawrence.

18,051. The drivers are included in Fenwick and Schneider's bill ?—Very likely they will be.

18,052. (*Mr. Hill.*) You charge a good deal more at election times than at other times?—Double, and little enough too.

18,053. Did you pay the Kendal men election price, or ordinary price?—I paid as little as I could.

18,054. You paid them the ordinary price, and charged election price?—No, they know how to charge at Kendal.

18,055. Who was that, Mr. Jackson?—No, Mr. Barrett, at the "Commercial." I think I had three or four pair from him, and I had a pair from another party.

18,056. You cannot read or write?—No.

18,057–8. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You may not be able to read or write, but you know your business?—I can charge when I have a chance. I have followed the job long enough to know it.

Adjourned to Monday next at 12 o'clock.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Monday, 17th September 1866.

PRESENT:

Mr. Barstow. | Mr. Newton.

Mr. Hill.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

J. Sharp.

17 Sept. 1866.

John Sharp sworn and examined.

18,059. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I believe you are a solicitor practising in this place?—I am.

18,060. Have you been generally active at elections on the Conservative side?—I have. I have had the management of several elections myself, as the professional agent; Mr. Garnett's two elections, and two for Mr. Greene.

18,061. We understand that at the last election you were the chairman of Mr. Lawrence's committee?—I was.

18,062. Of whom did that committee consist?—I cannot tell you. I can tell you that I received a requisition, after the canvass had proceeded some time, to act as chairman. I had taken no active part in the election and refused to do so; and I will tell you why I refused to do so. I hold the office of district registrar of the Court of Probate here, and I considered that I was better out of such things. I then received a requisition, which I have in my pocket, and which I will hand to you: it purports to proceed from the committee of Mr. Lawrence. I know of no gentlemen on the committee but those who signed that requisition. (*The paper referred to is handed by the witness to the Commissioners.*) You will observe that I was not a party to the formation of the committee, nor was I at all connected with it until some time after the commencement of the election. I cannot tell you the date when I received that requisition.

18,063. I understood you to say that you took no active part in the election until you received this requisition?—I took no part in it at all, and then I did not accept the invitation that requisition gave me for a day. I considered it.

18,064. I see this requisition is not dated?—No, it is not dated, and I cannot tell you the day on which I received it. I know it was on a Friday.

18,065. I suppose it would be something more than a week before the election?—Yes, I think it was.

18,066. Perhaps it would be the Friday week before the election?—Probably it would be about that time, but I cannot tell precisely; it was on a Friday.

18,067. That would be somewhere about the 1st of July?—I daresay it might. If it is important I perhaps might be able to come a little nearer than saying it probably was, but it was on a Friday, and it was after the canvass had commenced, and I think it was about a week before the election.

18,068. You were chairman of this committee; did you ever attend any of its deliberations?—I did.

18,069. About how often?—I should think I was there every day, more or less. I was very much occupied at the time at my office, but I was generally there in the evening or afternoon.

18,070. You were there part of every day for a week before the election?—Yes, I imagine so. I principally went there in the evening to see the result of the canvass of the day.

18,071. Did any considerable number of the gentlemen whose names I see here attend the committee?—Yes. I have seen them all there, I have no doubt, at time and time.

18,072. I may assume that, they being the general committee, your deliberations were very innocent?—Well, sir, our deliberations were how we could carry our candidate; but I knew nothing of any unfair means, and I certainly set my face against them as far as I could.

18,073. You never heard mention of any unfair means at those meetings?—I can tell you this, on one occasion I was present at the committee five or six days before the election, when a man came in and wanted some money; he was a very respectable tradesman in the town, and I presume I am bound to give you his name; his name is Robert Simpson, and he lives in St. Nicholas Street.

18,074. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is he a voter?—He is a voter.

18,075. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you understand that he wanted the money for himself?—He did not apply to me for it, but I heard him say this, that it was quite useless attempting to carry Mr. Lawrence's election unless his people were allowed to spend money, as money was flying on the other side in any quantity.

18,076. Did Simpson; then receive any money?—He did not to my knowledge, and I said that money, so far as I was concerned, should not be given for any such purpose.

18,077. Do you recollect having any conversation with anybody about the election on the subject of spending money?—I do.

18,078. With whom?—I had a conversation with Mr. Lawrence about it.

18,079. With Mr. Lawrence, the candidate?—With Mr. Lawrence, the candidate; and I will tell you, if you will allow me, how that conversation arose.

18,080. Tell us, if you please, as shortly as you can?—It arose in this way, I had learned in the course of the week, before the nomination and election, that Mr. Schneider had said that if Mr. Lawrence got in he should spend 10,000*l.* I pooh-poohed that, and said it was nonsense, that no such thing should at all induce us to do otherwise than what was right, and that I did not believe it. I heard this repeated afterwards by a gentleman who had told me before, and who said that Mr. Schneider had repeated it to him. I still said I did not believe anything of the kind, that I did not believe that anything of that sort would be done. On the day of the nomination, and after the nomination was over, I heard that Mr. Schneider had said to Mr. Chamberlain Starkie the same thing, and, happening to be alone with Mr. Lawrence in the "King's Arms," I referred to what I had just heard, and what he had heard also, about what Mr. Schneider had said.

18,081. On what day was this?—This was on the day of the nomination, after the nomination.

18,082. It was with reference to the conversation that we have heard of between Mr. Starkie and Mr. Schneider?—Yes, I had heard of it times before that. I referred to what I had heard, and Mr. Lawrence said he had heard the same thing. I said, "Well, "Mr. Lawrence, I do not know what your fortune is, "or what your family obligations may be, but if I "were you I would not spend a shilling in anything "but legitimate expenses."

18,083. What did Mr. Lawrence reply to that?—Mr. Lawrence replied that he did not intend to do so. I daresay more would have passed, but just at that moment our conversation was interrupted by two or three people coming into the room, and it was not pursued further.

18,084. Had you any conversation with anyone else on the subject? In fact, had you any conversation with Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson?—I see Mr. Wilson has said something. I do not remember that conversation with him. I am quite sure that if he had said so to me I should have given him the answer that he has told you I did give him, that I should advise him to contest the election on principles of propriety and purity.

18,085. But you do not remember that conversation?—No, I do not; I have no doubt that it took place, but I do not remember it.

18,086. Then we may take it, generally, that you discountenanced anything in the nature of the illegal expenditure of money?—I certainly did, and I would not have allowed it if I could have prevented it.

18,087. And you know nothing about it?—Except from what has transpired, I did not know that any illegal practices were being resorted to until, in the course of the polling, I looked at the poll-sheets as they came in, when I saw that a number of voters who had promised their votes for Mr. Lawrence, and who, I thought, were reliable men, were polling on the other side. I then began to suspect that there was foul play, but not till then.

18,088. Perhaps the reverse was the case, that men who had promised to vote for Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider were polling on your side?—That is quite possible, but I did not observe that; I was looking more after my own flock than theirs, and I did not care what was happening on the other side.

18,089. But your eyes must have been pretty well opened at that time?—I suspected what was going on.

18,090. I should think that suspicion at an election time is pretty much the same thing as having your eyes wide open?—That is a matter of opinion.

18,091. Did you act upon your suspicion with a view of stopping or interfering with what was going on?—No; how could I?

18,092. I should think that you could. I do not know. Might you not have issued orders for the expenditure to cease?—I did not know where it was coming from. I did not know what we were spending. Our remark was that voters were going from our side to theirs, and therefore the expenditure would be from them, and they, of course, would not obey my orders.

18,093. At any rate, as a fact, you did not interfere?—I did not, and I do not know positively that any illegal practices were resorted to.

18,094. Had you anything to do with the expenditure at the election, either legal or illegal?—No, nothing.

18,095. You knew nothing of any preliminary expenses?—No, not at all.

18,096. You probably have read the evidence, or a portion of it, that has been given here?—I have; not very diligently, but I have read portions of it.

18,097. Have you seen that for a Considerable time before the election, both on the Conservative and on the other side, small sums were given to people for the purpose of treating electors?—I have.

18,098. You had no knowledge of that?—No, I had not.

18,099. When you went about the town did you see the public-houses placarded?—I went out very little about the town. I stirred out very little. I confined myself principally to the office, and my journey was from my office to the committee room to see the result of the canvass from day to day.

18,100. Did you see no indication of a great deal of drinking going on?—I saw people drunk in the streets, as is the case at all elections; but I saw no excessive drinking that I know of.

18,101. Then, I suppose, you can tell us nothing on the subject of our inquiry?—I wish I could. I will tell you all I can. What I know is very little, and does not apply to any illegal practices.

18,102. We are quite aware that the chairman of a general committee is not likely to know anything of such practices. Do you know Mr. Lawrence's brother?—I do.

18,103. Did you see him here at the time of the election?—I am not sure whether I saw him until the morning of the election or the night before, but I certainly saw him at the "King's Arms" with Mr. Lawrence. I did not know who he was. I was not introduced to him, but I was struck with the resemblance between him and his brother, and I asked, I think, Mr. Wilson who he was, and he told me he was Mr. Lawrence's brother.

18,104. Did you know Mr. Taylor, Mr. Lawrence's partner?—No.

18,105. Did you never see him here?—I do not know him.

18,106. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you seen from Mr. Barker's statement that there was a considerable sum of money expended on the Conservative side before the 10th of July, that is, before the nomination day?—Yes.

18,107. To an extent exceeding 2,500*l.*? Did the expenditure of so large a sum of money as that in Lancaster entirely escape your observation?—Yes, it did. I did not know of it.

18,108. Did you not know of the payments that were made to public-houses?—No, not anything.

18,109. Do I understand you to say that you were rather less aware of the bribing of voters than of the treating of voters?—I am aware from past experience that there is always a little treating going on, but to no great extent. I can tell you what my experience has been as to the cost of elections, and I saw nothing going on beyond what had gone on before.

18,110. With regard to Mr. Greene's election, which you managed, what were the expenses at that election?—I happen to be able to tell you what the expenditure was although I had nothing to do with it, except in a subordinate character. I was assisting at the committee. I know what the expenditure by Mr. Greene was on the occasion of the contest between him and Mr. Marton, and Mr. Patrick Stewart and Mr. William Rathbone Gregg. That is a good many years ago.

18,111. What election was that?—I do not remember the date, but it was a good many years ago. It was when Mr. Patrick Stewart was defeated, and ceased to represent Lancaster.

18,112. We have not gone quite so far back as that?—There were then two Conservative candidates, Mr. Greene and Mr. Marton on the one side, and Mr. Patrick Stewart and Mr. William Rathbone Gregg on the other.

18,113. What do you say were Mr. Greene's expenses?—Mr. Greene's expenses at that election were 400*l.*

18,114. Perhaps you will be able to give the Commissioners the date of that at some other time?—I will try to find it out for you. I can tell you who the candidates were, and that perhaps will mark it sufficiently. I can tell you what Mr. Greene's expenses were on the occasion of the contest between him and Mr. John Armstrong. Mr. Robert Armstrong was elected and was unseated. Mr. Greene was then elected, and then Mr. Greene afterwards contested the borough in opposition to Mr. John Armstrong.

18,115. In April 1853?—Yes; Mr. Greene's expenses at the contest in 1853 were either a little under or a little over 600*l.* I can tell you how I account for the difference between the 400*l.* and the 600*l.* Certain expenses would be common to him and to Mr. Marton in the 400*l.* The fight on that occasion was foot to foot between the two parties; and therefore Mr. Greene would bear the whole.

18,116. Now come, if you please, to the next election?—The next election with which I am acquainted was Mr. James Garnett's first election.

18,117. In March 1857?—I daresay it was.

18,118. What were Mr. Garnett's expenses then?—His expenses were about 1,000*l.* The next election

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of Mr. Garnett's you will have the date of, I daresay. He represented Lancaster twice.

18,119. April 1859 ?—Yes ; his expenses on that occasion exceeded 1,000*l.* a little ; I believe they were about 1,200*l.*

18,120. Is there any other election as to which you can give us information ?—No.

18,121. Do you know anything of the cost of the election of Fenwick and Saunders ?—No ; I did not even vote on that occasion.

18,122. What number of voters were paid for by Mr. Garnett in 1857 ?—I do not know, I am sure.

18,123. About how many should you say ?—I cannot tell at all ; I was not the cashier.

18,124. But I thought you would have heard since? —No, certainly not. I really do not know of any votes having been paid for. I am quite willing to believe it, and to say I have no doubt that there was money spent, that was illegally spent in treating and in paying voters their wages for coming out of the country ; but I think that the practice of making naked purchases of votes had not then arisen in the borough.

18,125. You think that at that time there was no regular price for votes and no regular practice of buying and selling votes ?—No, I do not think there was.

18,126. Was there any in 1859, when the expenditure had risen to 1,200*l.* ?—No.

18,127. Then, to the best of your belief, neither Mr. Greene nor Mr. Garnett ever purchased a vote ?—I do not think they did. I do not mean to say that they did not agree to give any money to a voter who came out of the country if he was a labourer.

18,128. And perhaps they would give him a more liberal payment for his day's wages than he would usually get ?—Probably.

I. Willacy.

ISABELLA WILLACY sworn and examined.

18,129. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live at the "King's Arms," at Morecambe ?—Yes, I do.

18,130. How long have you lived there ?—I have been living there going seven years.

18,131. Have you been a widow all that time ?—No, I am not a widow at all.

18,132. Have you got a husband, then ?—Yes ; I should not like to be a widow.

18,133. Did the voters come to your house ?—Yes.

18,134. At the election in 1865 ?—Yes, they did.

18,135. There was a committee room there ?—Yes.

18,136. Who took the committee room ?—I really do not know. There was a deal of Lancaster people ; I was amongst them.

18,137. Did Vince come to your house ?—Yes.

18,138. He was a sub-captain ?—Something of that sort, I daresay.

18,139. And he took the room, did he not ?—He did not. Mr. Coupland took the room.

18,140. What was he to pay you for the use of the room ?—I got 10*l.* for two rooms. We had two committee rooms.

18,141. How long before the election did he take those rooms ?—Well, I do not know ; perhaps a fortnight, or something like that.

18,142. And he used to come there every night ?—Well, not exactly every night, but they frequently came three or four times a week, or something like that.

18,143. How many people used to come ?—Really I cannot say—sometimes seven or eight, or one or two ; sometimes more and sometimes less.

18,144. Can you tell me their names ?—No, I cannot tell their names exactly. Mr. Cross and George Vince, and Mr. Bulfield, the landlord of the "Queen's."

18,145. Mr. Bond ?—I do not know him.

18,146. Did Mr. Edmondson come ?—John Edmondson ; I do not know that he did.

18,147. Did Mr. John Curwen come ?—Yes, he did.

18,148. And did Mr. James Bell come ?—He did not frequent the committee room at all. He had nothing to do with it.

18,149. Mr. Charles Lodge, did he come ?—He did.

18,150. And Mr. Bulfield ?—Yes, he did.

18,151. And Mr. Thomas Procter ?—I do not know that I ever saw him before the morning of the election.

18,152. You saw him there that morning ?—Yes, I did.

18,153. What was Proctor doing there that morning ?—I really do not know ; he just came into the lobby and out again ; he never sat down in the house.

18,154. Was anybody with him ?—I think not ; he walked right through and out again.

18,155. There was Lodge, Bulfield, Proctor, Vince, Bell, and Curwen ?—Lodge had nothing to do with it.

18,156. But he used to come to your house ?—Only once, and that was when Mr. Lawrence made his speech.

18,157. Did you ever see any treating going on there with the voters ?—Yes, a deal of treating was going on.

18,158. Who used to treat the voters ?—I really do not know indeed ; I treated them.

18,159. You treated them ?—Yes, I did.

18,160. How long before the election ?—The Friday before ; the election was on the Wednesday. There was a little before that, but it was very little. I think that the bill had only run to 3*l.* or 4*l.* before that.

18,161. And then you went into it pretty well on the Friday ?—Yes, we did on the Friday night.

18,162. How much did you give them on the Friday night ?—I cannot exactly say ; perhaps 7*l.* or 8*l.*, or something like that.

18,163. Before that there was only about 3*l.* ?—Yes, there was not 4*l.* It was something betwixt 3*l.* and 4*l.*

18,164. Did you not send in a bill on the 7th of July for 8*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* ?—I did not.

18,165. Did your husband send in any bill ?—No, he did not.

18,166. "July 7th, bill delivered, 8*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* ?"—Not from me.

18,167. Is your husband James Willacy ?—Yes, he is.

18,168. On Saturday night you had a good lot ?—Yes, we had.

18,169. And then again on the Monday night ?—Yes.

18,170. And on the Tuesday night ?—Yes.

18,171. And then on the 12th, the day of the election ?—Yes.

18,172. On the 7th and 8th the amount of the bill was 8*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* 17 bottles of gin, 11 glasses of brandy, six bottles of whisky, and so on, and at the end of all your bill amounted to 41*l.* 7*s.* ?—I daresay it did, but I cannot account for it, whether it did or did not.

18,173. Who paid you that money ?—Mr. Coupland. I got 28*l.* from him, and 10*l.* from Mr. Gibson.

18,174. What did you receive from Coupland ?—28*l.*, and 10*l.* from Mr. Gibson.

18,175. How did you get the remainder ?—27*l.* 11*s.*, I believe, I received from Mr. Coupland ; I believe that was the sum.

18,176. Did you see any money going about on the afternoon of the nomination day ?—I did not see any in the afternoon, but I did at night.

18,177. Who had the money ?—I had.

18,178. Who gave it to you ?—I do not know.

18,179. A stranger ?—Yes ; I never saw him before or since.

18,180. What was he like?—A little dark-complexioned man, with a dark billycock hat on; I thought he was a Welshman.

18,181. Do you know his name?—I do not.

18,182. What did he call himself?—He called himself nothing. He was not three minutes there.

18,183. Then you had not much conversation with him?—He just jumped out of the gig. I was standing at the front door, "Are you Mrs. Willacy?" I said, "Yes, sir." He said, "If you will go upstairs "into a private room with me I will give you some "money."

18,184. Did he say what for?—He did not.

18,185. I suppose you knew pretty well?—Yes, I did, I thought.

18,186. What made you think him a Welshman?—I have heard those captains that come off those vessels from Wales, and I thought he was one of them.

18,187. Do you think that all the captains who come to Morecambe come from Wales?—We can tell them.

18,188. Did you ever hear Irish there?—Well——

18,189. Supposing he should turn out to be an Irishman?—I do not know; he might be an Irishman.

18,190. I think he was probably?—I do not know.

18,191. He gave you the money; how much?—I believe 200*l.* that night, and he brought me some more in the morning.

18,192. Was the money in gold or notes?—It was in gold.

18,193. 200*l.*?—Yes.

18,194. And how much did he give you the next morning?—He gave me 100*l.*

18,195. At what time did it come?—About half-past 5 in the morning as near as I can think.

18,196. That was 300*l.* altogether?—Yes.

18,197. I suppose your house was pretty full at the time he came?—There was a good deal of people in, no doubt.

18,198. How did you set to work?—I went into a little room and began to call the voters. I got John Curwen to call the voters in.

18,199. How many voters did John Curwen bring you?—I do not know; I cannot exactly say; perhaps ten or a dozen; some came without fetching; they knew where I was.

18,200. How many did you pay altogether?—I do not know; I have a paper; I should pay perhaps seven or eight and twenty.

18,201. That night?—I paid them all that night.

18,202. What have you in your hand?—A paper (*producing the paper and handing it to the Commissioners*).

18,203. Who made out this list for you?—John Curwen.

18,204. What is he?—A grocer.

18,205. Who keeps the books for you?—I have none, not on account of the election.

18,206. Who kept this book?—I believe Mr. Physick, one of Mr. Briggs's book-keepers.

18,207. Who was the first man you paid?—I think I paid James Dodgson first, from Bare.

18,208. Did you not pay some one on the Friday night?—There were 2*l.* Mr. Bulfield paid a-piece; I was with him at the time. That will account for the 2*l.* Mr. Vince spoke of, and I was with him when he paid it. I assisted him in getting the voters in.

18,209. Did you see it paid yourself?—Yes, I saw a good deal of them paid.

18,210. You saw them paid this 2*l.*?—I saw a deal of them paid, but I cannot say I saw them all.

18,211. Who got 2*l.* on the Friday night?—You will see on that paper; they very nearly all got it.

18,212. Did you see Richard Armistead get 2*l.*?—He would not have it; he came for it; he said, "Perhaps when I go to the other party they will say I have received 2*l.*," so, he says, "Give it to Mr. Bulfield, and I will call for it on Saturday." His 2*l.* were turned over to Mr. Bulfield, and I daresay he would call for it on the Saturday. He said he did not want the Liberal party to know that he had got anything on the other side.

18,213. Bulfield was a sort of stakeholder?—Yes; Bulfield took it, and he was to call for it on the Saturday.

18,214. Did Armistead get 2*l.* on Saturday night?—I do not know; it was given to Bulfield to give to him.

18,215. You saw Bulfield take it?—Yes, I saw Bulfield take it, and put it down in his book.

18,216. Was there anybody else paid on the Friday night?—Yes, they all got 2*l.*; it was given to them for assisting in canvassing.

18,217. The whole of that list?—Yes, the whole of that list for 2*l.* That is what was understood.

18,218. On Saturday night did any of these men come for their 2*l.*?—All got the 2*l.* on Friday.

18,219. I thought Bulfield was stakeholder?—That 2*l.* went to Lancaster, and Armistead said he would call for it. I do not know anything more about it till the election day.

18,220. On the nomination night, when you got this 200*l.*, what did you give to Richard Armistead?—He got nothing that night.

18,221. When did he get his money?—He came about 9 o'clock on the morning of the election.

18,222. Did he get his money?—Yes; he called on me and came in to me in the kitchen, and said he had come for his money; I said, "How much am I to give you?" and he said, "You will have to give me 12*l.*" I said, "You have received 2*l.* from Mr. Bulfield."

18,223. And you gave him 10*l.*?—Yes.

18,224. There are two Richard Armisteads?—Yes.

18,225. Is it father and son?—No; William Armistead is the father of Richard Armistead.

18,226. Did you pay William Armistead 8*l.*?—Yes,

18,227. Can you read?—No, I cannot; I cannot read writing at all.

18,228. Do you know from what John Curwen made this list out?—Only from my memory.

18,229. What you told him?—Yes, it was only from my memory; I had no books.

18,230. Then there is another Richard Armistead?—I think he would get 9*l.* He is the son of James Armistead.

18,231. Then Nathan Armistead got 8*l.*?—Yes.

18,232. John Armistead was paid 10*l.* and returned it?—Yes, he could get more money on the other side?

18,233. He voted on the other side?—Yes, he got more money.

18,234. What did he get on the other side?—I do not know.

18,235. Then James Armistead 9*l.*; Vince had paid 2*l.* before?—Yes, all of them.

18,236. Thomas Armistead 8*l.*; William Beesley 5*l.*?—Yes, he got it after the election was over; it was for working.

18,237. He was an active supporter?—Yes, he was.

18,238. Daniel Bell 9*l.*, Thomas Bond 9*l.*, Charles Bond 10*l.*, Edward Bond 13*l.* He is since dead?—Yes.

18,239. The sum of money killed him, I suppose?—He was scalded to death by the boiler explosion.

18,240. Richard Bond 9*l.*, Richard Bond, 8*l.*, George Bond 8*l.*, John Bond, farmer, 10*l.* He is since dead?—Yes, he is.

18,241. Charles Bond 12*l.* 5*s.*; he had nothing from Vince?—No, he had not.

18,242. That is the reason why he got 12*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes, he was very bad to manage; I was obliged to give him 5*s.* more.

18,243. He was difficult to get hold of, slippery?—Yes, he was.

18,244. William Bond 10*l.*, Frank Bond 11*l.*, Thomas Bond 10*l.*?—Yes.

18,245. William Bond received some money for the whole of the Bond family?—Yes, he received 40*l.* for four.

18,246. Do you remember the four for whom he received the money?—Yes, for his father.

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18,247. What is his father's name?—John Bond.

18,248. A farmer?—Yes. Thomas Bond, Charles Bond, and William Bond.

18,249. Robert Edmondson, 9*l.*, John Edmondson, 9*l.*, Daniel Edmondson got 10*l.* paid to him, but returned it?—Yes, he did.

18,250. What was that for?—I daresay he would get more money on the other side.

18,251. The same as the other one?—Yes, I think so.

18,252. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is that old Daniel Edmondson?—No, the young one.

18,253. (*Mr. Newton.*) Jonas Edmondson 11*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, Thomas Hadwen 9*l.*, William Hadwen 9*l.*, James Howson 9*l.*, John Threlfall 9*l.*, James Dodgson, farmer, from Bare, 12*l.*, James Bond 12*l.*, William Threlfall 9*l.*?—Yes.

18,254. That was 274*l.* What did you do with the balance?—The balance is over on the other side of that paper.

18,255. You paid John Bond 10*s.* for expenses?—Yes.

18,256. And he went and voted against you?—Yes.

18,257. Then J. Curwen, for sundry expenses at different times, 13*l.*?—Yes.

18,258. That included his vote?—He got nothing for his vote.

18,259. Who paid him for that?—He did not get anything. He was a worker all the time.

18,260. (*Mr. Hill.*) Vote and assistance 13*l.*?—He would not have anything for his vote.

18,261. It was merely for his assistance?—I daresay he will tell you all about it.

18,262. (*Mr. Newton.*) Sundry advances to freemen during canvass for assistance, 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, for delivering the cards and such like.

18,263. Then 12*s.* paid for delivering voting and other papers during the election?—Yes.

18,264. To whom did you pay that?—To boys to take them round and deliver them out. They came twice over. They had the voting cards to take and then the voting papers to take.

18,265. John Bond got two bottles of brandy?—His son took them for him, William Bond.

18,266. How much is that?—12*s.*

18,267. Then you paid 18 staff-men 10*s.* each?—Yes.

18,268. Then as expenses for yourself, I suppose, 2*l.*?—I did not charge anything for myself and did not keep anything. I could not say what I paid it for.

18,269. This is a very nice little account?—I believe it will be a true one.

18,270. I dare say it is. That makes a total of 302*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*?—I only got 6*l.* from Richard Armistead. I got it the day after the election was over. I went and demanded it and got only 6*l.*, but I got all he had I daresay. I went on the Saturday as soon as I found out how he had voted.

18,271. You lost 4*l.* by him?—I will tell you what he said. He said, "I daresay you owe me something over Gregson's election"; and I said "How? what is that?" and he said he was owed 4*l.* over that election, and should keep it, and he handed me 6*l.* Then he came back to our place to fetch it back, but I said "I shall not part with it; I have the staff-men to pay."

18,272. That is one of the expenses with which Mr. Sharp was not acquainted?—He went to Mr. Shackleton and said, "If "you don't deliver back "that 6*l.* I'll deliver you into the bribery court."

18,273. You have got a court of bribery down at Morecambe, then?—Yes, I think so.

18,274. Are you a member of the court?—No.

18,275. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a judge?—No, I think not.

18,276. *Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know Robert Bond of Belmont, husbandman?—Yes.

18,277. Some one would pay him for his vote, I suppose?—Yes; and I believe Mr. Shackleton did. He told me so last Sunday. He told me he had got 10*s.* of him, and 12*l.* on the morning of the election. Mr. Shackleton gave him a slip of something, and he went into a room and got it.

18,278. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you know of any Armistead that did not receive any money?—I think there would be none.

18,279. There was one Edmondson who was not bribed?—Which was that? I do not think there was. Yes, there would be the old gentleman.

18,280. They gave him a reward for not being bribed afterwards?—Yes; and I do not think he would take a bribe.

18,281. (*Mr. Newton.*) You say that Mr. Curwen made out this list for you?—Yes.

18,282. What relation is he to you?—My son-in-law. He made it out last night at half-past 10, but he made it out of my head. I have a very good memory, and though I am no scholar I am very particular.

18,283. Do you know a man of the name of Hodgson, of China Lane?—Yes.

18,284. Have you seen him lately?—Yes.

18,285. What did he come to you about?—He came to my house last Friday but one, and asked me to allow him to put the name of James Dodgson and James Bond in his account.

18,286. Hodgson, of China Lane, is a gentleman who keeps a public-house?—Yes.

18,287. The "Lord Nelson?"—Yes.

18,288. Did he say why he wanted to do that?—He said it was in his district.

18,289. Did he say why he wanted to do it?—He said it would not matter at all to me if he accounted for it, and I said, "I shall have plenty to do to make up my own account."

18,290. You would not let him do it?—No; I had plenty to do to make mine up without that.

18,291. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you kick him out of the house for being a rascal?—No, I did not.

18,292. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you give the stranger any receipt for the money?—No; I cannot write.

18,293. Did your husband?—No; my husband never saw him.

18,294. Who did?—I do not know anyone that did, that I can recollect.

18,295. Did anybody give a receipt?—I do not recollect.

18,296. When he came the next morning who was present?—He came into the bar parlour, put the money on the table and walked right out again. I was the only one there.

18,297. Do you know anybody of the name of Barker?—I do not.

18,298. Do you know Mr. Hartley?—Yes, I do.

18,299. Which is the Bond, do you think, that Hodgson wanted to put down on his list?—James Bond. He lives in Skerton. His house stands in Skerton, but still it is in Bare.

18,300. What is he?—A farmer.

18,301. You have got him down?—Yes, I have, but the man in China Lane wanted me to give up the money to him in his books.

18,302. Did they read you his evidence?—Yes.

18,303. Do you know whether he has stuck into his list any of your people?—I think not.

18,304. There is a Dodgson in his list?—Yes; but I do not know whether he gave him anything or not.

18,305. There is a Dodgson in his list?—James Dodgson was in my house on Saturday night and he said he got 2*l.*, but got nothing of him.

18,306. Nothing of Hodgson?—No.

18,307. He did not mind getting it of you?—No. He was a very bad one to bargain with I can assure you.

18,308. Tight, was he?—Yes, he was, indeed.

18,309. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Your Dodgson is James Dodgson of Bare?—Yes.

18,310. Have you told us all the story?—I think I have.

18,311. Have you omitted to tell us anything about the paying of the money, and the receiving of the

money?—I received the money and paid the men with it.

18,312. Except the money that was paid to you for the use of the house, and for the bill, have you or your husband received anything else?—No.

18,313. I suppose you have had read to you, if you have not read it yourself, all the account of what took place at Morecambe?—Yes, I have.

18,314. Do you know of anything else of which you can tell us besides what has appeared in the paper?—I do not know that I can.

18,315. On either side?—Nay, I don't know that I can.

18,316. I think you can if you will try and recollect?—I do not think I can. I do not think the Liberal party gave you exactly the right state of things.

18,317. What is the part of the case they did not tell us right?—I think there was a deal more drink going on beyond what they gave you an account of, and I think they have not given an account of all the money they have paid to the voters.

18,318. Why do you think that?—Because I can hear them talk when they are in the house. I can hear the men talking.

18,319. What do you think was the greatest sum paid for a vote?—I think 17*l.* was paid to one; I believe it was. I heard the man say so himself.

18,320. Who was that?—John Bell. I heard him say he got 17*l.* for his vote that morning.

18,321. Did he say who paid him?—He did not.

18,322. What is John Bell?—A fisherman.

18,323. When did he say so?—Perhaps three or four days since.

18,324. Three or four days ago?—Yes, he did.

18,325. Can you tell us anything more?—No, I think not.

18,326. You, I see, paid one man here 12*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes.

18,327. And another one 13*l.*?—Yes; he brought his money back that morning that I gave him 13*l.* He got 10*l.* from me, and 2*l.* from Mr. Vince; and on the morning of the election, about half-past 8 or 9, when all the voters had gone, he brought his 12*l.* back and said, "Mrs. Willacy, I cannot go for this "money. My father got 15*l.* from the Liberals, and "mother says if I do not get the same I cannot vote." I said, "I have paid all my money nearly, but I will give you all I have," and I gave him 1*l.* more and half-a-crown, and said, "Now will you go?" And he said "I don't know whether I will or not." He stood there a little bit, and then he said, "I will," and he went.

18,328. What was his name?—Jonas Edmondson, the son of Jonas Edmondson.

18,329. You paid the dead man 13*l.*?—Yes, but he never got 2*l.* of Mr. Vince. He was out at the time.

18,330. Were all these men Liberals?—Fishermen, and such like, a deal of them.

18,331. Earning weekly wages?—It is very uncertain. Sometimes they earn very little, and sometimes a great deal.

18,332. There was no better class of people amongst them?—No, only James Dodgson and James Bond, farmers. The others were all poor fishermen.

18,333. I mean men earning their weekly wages?—Sometimes they had very little and sometimes a little more. They are very uncertain with their earnings.

18,334. (*Mr. Hill.*) Had your husband a vote?—No, he had not.

Adjourned for a short time.

Robert Aldren sworn and examined.

18,335. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Skerton, and are a maltster?—Yes.

18,336. Are you a Conservative in politics?—Yes.

18,337. What part did you take in the last election?—Conservative.

18,338. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the last election?—I got 5*l.*, after I had voted for my services, and what money I had spent. I got nothing at all for voting, nor did any person ask me to take anything for voting.

18,339. You received 5*l.* after you had voted?—Yes.

18,340. From whom did you receive it?—From a person who was at the "Black Bull," at Skerton.

18,341. Do you know his name?—No, I do not.

18,342. You received it from a stranger, then, at the "Black Bull?"—Yes.

18,343. What services had you rendered at the last election?—I assisted Mr. Carruthers and Mr. Ellershaw.

18,344. What had you done in the way of assisting them?—By looking after the voters.

18,345. How did you look after the voters?—Well, I went to them and tried to get them to vote for our side.

18,346. What did you do for them?—I do not know that I did anything.

18,347. Did you begin by asking them what price they required for their votes?—We went like to get them together.

18,348. How many weeks did you spend in doing this?—Perhaps a fortnight, or something like that.

18,349. Doing that and nothing else?—No; I followed my own business and all.

18,350. You did not find that much of your time was taken up from your business, did you?—Part.

18,351. What did the stranger say to you when he gave you the money at the "Black Bull?"—I will tell you how it was.

18,352. Was this on the 12th of July?—It was on the voting day. Mr. Ellershaw said "Give Aldren "and me 5*l.* a-piece for our expenses and what we "have done," and so we took it. I did not ask for anything.

18,353. You did not ask for anything, but you took 5*l.*, and James Ellershaw took 5*l.*?—Yes.

18,354. And you do not consider that that was for your vote?—No.

18,355. You would not have had it unless you had voted?—Well, it was never mentioned about what it was for.

18,356. Did you not come to any agreement before you voted?—No.

18,357. You knew that you were to be paid for your services?—No, I did not.

18,358. What made you take the 5*l.*, then?—I thought I had been money out, and my time.

18,359. No money had been spent; you have not told us a word about spending any money?—When I met the voters I had to spend money out of my own pocket.

18,360. You say that you received this sum of money, 5*l.*, after you had voted?—Yes.

18,361. And you received it on account of your having voted?—No.

18,362. You would not have received it if you had not voted?—Well, I do not know, I am sure.

18,363. You know that neither you nor Ellershaw would have received it if you had not voted?—But I never asked for anything for voting.

18,364. You would not have received it, however, unless you had voted?—That I cannot say.

18,365. Do you mean that if you had gone to the stranger and had said to him, "I have not voted on your side, please to give me 5*l.*," he would have given it to you?—I do not know that he would.

18,366. You know he would not, do you not?—Very likely he would not.

18,367. You are a well-to-do man, are you not?—Yes.

18,367*a*. You are what they call pretty warm?—I do not know as to that.

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JOHN BOND sworn and examined.

J. Bond.

18,368. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—A fisherman.

18,369. Living at Poulton ?—Yes.

18,370. Are you a Conservative ?—Sir ?

18,371. "Blue"?—No, "Yellow," not "Blue"; there is enough "blue" at present.

18,372. You were very active on the part of the Liberals at the last election ?—Yes.

18,373. Did you receive any money ?—Yes.

18 374. Was that to distribute ?—No.

18,375. Did you give any money to any person on account of his vote ?—No.

18,376. Did you spend any money in treating ?—Yes.

18,377. That was not your own money, I suppose ?—No.

18,378. From whom did you get that ?—1*l.* from James Bell.

18,379. Anything else ?—10*s.* from Mrs. Willacy.

18,380. That came out of the enemy's camp ?—Well.

18,381. Did you spend that in treating ?—Yes.

18,382. Treating yourself, I suppose ?—Yes, and others besides.

18,383. Any other money ?—Mr. Shackleton gave me about 3*l.* or 4*l.*, I cannot exactly say which.

18,384. How much shall I say ?—3*l.* or 4*l.*, I do not exactly know.

18,385. Any other money to spend ?—No.

18,386. What became of this 5*l.*?—We spent it one among another, the freemen among us; I had it given me to spend and I spent it.

18,387. You treated the other freemen and the other freemen treated you ?—Yes.

18,388. How long were you spending this 5*l.*?—About a week or ten days.

18,389. You spent this 5*l.* besides what the other freemen spent upon you in a week or ten days ?—Yes.

18,390. You received something for your vote, what was that ?—Well, I did receive something, but not for my vote particular; I wrought hard for it.

18,391. You wrought hard in drinking, I suppose ?—It is very hard, drinking is.

18,392. You received something, we will not say for your vote; what was that ?—15*l.*

18,393. You got that from Mr. Shackleton ?—Yes.

18,394. You had voted for the "Blues" previously, had you not ?—No.

18,395. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you of Poulton-le-Sand, farmer ?—No, I am a fisherman.

28,396. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is the most you can earn in a week ?—To tell you the truth I made about 14*l.* one day; that is true.

28,397. That was by your vote, I suppose ?—No, you will find that correct.

18,398. But you made that by your vote ?—No, I make about 10*s.* or a pound a day average as near as I can come to it.

W. Armistead.

WILLIAM ARMISTEAD sworn and examined.

18,399. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you ?—A fisherman.

18,400. Where do you live ?—At Morecambe.

18,401. Are you "Blue" or "Yellow"?—Well, "Yellow" in my own mind; in my own way.

18,402. You were "Yellow" the last time ?—Well, I was always that; ever since I could poll a member of Parliament; I was always on that side.

18,403. Which side did you vote last time ?—I voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

18,404. You were "Yellow then ?—Yes.

18,405. And the time before ?—Yes.

18,406. Have you always voted "Yellow" ?—Well, not exactly.

18,4071 When did you not vote "Yellow"?—I once voted for Mr. Saunders; I gave him a vote.

18,408. You were bought then ?—No, I never was bought in my life.

18,409. How then came you to vote for Mr. Saunders ?—Well, I had good reason for that.

18,410. I have no doubt you had; what was your reason; come, tell us ?—Well, I am farming.

18 411. Come, let us have it ?—I suppose as it is put to me I must explain it. I am farming some land under Mr. Clark, of Crosshills, and he wished me to vote for the "Blues," and before I would lose my land and my living I thought I would give him a vote.

18,412. You are a fisherman, are you not ?—Yes, I am both a fisherman and I have land at the same time.

18,413. Then on that occasion you voted "Blue"?—Yes, at that time.

18,414. Is that the only time that you voted "Blue"?—I think it is.

18,415. Did you not vote "Blue" for Garnett ?—No, never.

18,416. You always voted against Garnett ?—Yes.

18,417. Did you vote for Greene or against him ?—I never voted for Greene.

18,418. This last time you voted "Yellow" according to your conscience ?—Yes, according to my conscience.

18,419. I always like to see a man do that ?—I have always been a Liberal; that was my mind.

18,420. How much money did you get for the purposes of the election ?—This last time ?

18,421. Yes ?—I got 15*l.*

18,422. That was conscience money; did you get anything more ?—Yes, I had something given me for treating the freemen with. I was put on for getting the freemen up, and treating them.

18423. By whom ?—By Mr. Shackleton.

18,424. What did he give you ?—I cannot say.

18,425. 5*l.* ?—No, he never gave me 5*l.* or 4*l.*; he says he gave me 5*l.* or 4*l.*, but I should like to come before him and let him answer for himself.

18,426. Shall I put it down 4*l.* ?—No, I believe 2*l.* to be what he would give me.

18,427. Shall I say 3*l.* 10*s.* ?—No, not 3*l.* 10*s.* I think.

18,428. How much will you say ?—I cannot exactly say.

18,429. 2*l.* ?—I should think that would be quite as much as he would give me. I should say he did not give me 4*l.* as he stated by a good deal.

18,430. What did you do with the 2*l.* 10*s.* that you got ?—I spent it.

18,431. What in ?—In treating the freemen.

18,432. I think you have been spending a little this morning ?—No, I never did.

18,433. Then somebody has been spending a little for you, I think ?—No.

18,434. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are the son of James Armistead ?—Yes.

18,435. Then you are No. 17 on the register ?—Well, I cannot say.

J. Edmondson.

JOHN EDMONDSON sworn and examined.

18,436. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live ?—At Morecambe.

18,437. What are you ?—A fisherman.

18,438. What money did you receive for the purposes of the last election ?—I cannot tell you, not to tell you the truth, and I do not want to tell you anything else.

18,439. Tell us about how much ?—I think nearly 24*l.*, or happen it might be 25*l.*; I cannot tell exactly. That was for spending altogether.

18,440. Might it happen to be 28*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* ?—I do not think it should.

18,441. Not more than 25*l.* ?—No, and I will tell you the reason why when you ask me.

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18,442. Then I will ask you at once?—Because I do not think that Mr. Shackleton is right in saying I got what he says I got. He says I got 4*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* to go and release John Bell out of prison.

18,443. Did you release John Bell out of prison?—No, he was released out of prison before I got there. The money was paid for him the Saturday before.

18,444. But you did get the money to do it?—I—I got 4*l.* on the Sunday to come and try to buy his vote.

18,445. Who gave you the money?—Robert Shackleton.

18,446. And did you buy his vote?—No, I did not offer him enough, I expect.

18,447. And so you kept it yourself?—No, I did not.

18,448. What did you do with it?—I gave 2*l.* to Thomas Edmondson.

18,449. What relation is he?—A brother. By Robert Shackleton's orders.

18,450. You received from him first 4*l.*?—The first money that I received from him was 1*l.*

18,451. Your number on the register is 252, is it not?—I do not know the number.

18,452. John Edmondson, of Poulton-le-Sands, fisherman. Is that you?—Yes, I daresay it will be.

18,453. You received altogether, you say, about 25*l.*?—I think something like 24*l.* or 25*l.*

18,454. And Shackleton did not give you so much as he says he did?—No, he did not.

18,455. That you are sure of?—That I am sure of.

18,456. You are sure you are speaking the truth?—I am speaking the truth, and I do not want to speak anything else.

18,457. How much money did you get from the other side?—I do not know exactly, but I think it was a shilling.

18,458. Was that all the "Blue" money that you got?—I think it would be; all the "Blue" money I got I was up in Lancaster here, and I think I got a shilling.

18,459. You got that out of some "Blue" captain?—The Blue captains wanted me; they wanted to buy me, and for me to buy other folks, but I was not exactly inclined that way.

18,460. You voted "Yellow?"—Yes.

18,461. And you got 24*l.* for it?—No, I did not.

18,462. What did you get then?—I do not know what I got. I should think at last of all I got something like 13*l.* clear. I was engaged to spend money. Now what I tell you is the truth.

18,463. We know that pretty well without your telling us?—That is what I was engaged for, to ask voters for their votes, and to try to get them; and I did all I could to get them to vote for Fenwick and Schneider.

18,464. That money was paid for your vote?—If I had not been a voter I do not suppose I should have got it.

18,465. Have you always voted "Yellow?"—No; I voted for Saunders the election before.

18,466. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you get then?—5*l.*

18,467. (*Mr. Hill.*) And what did you ask?—I asked nothing. They asked me what I wanted, and I said, "The same as the others;" and they told me I ought to have had more, and I said, "I do not want it."

18,468. That is a piece of modesty that I should not have expected from you?—That was my modesty. They have told you that I did things I never did; and Mr. Shackleton will admit that I spent what he gave me to spend.

WILLIAM ARMISTEAD recalled and further examined.

W. Armistead

18,469. (*Mr. Newton.*) How much did you get from the "Blues?"—I got 1*l.* to spend.

18,470. In addition to the 17*l.* 10*s.*?—I got it to spend and I spent it; and I have a witness here to prove it, Mrs. Willacy.

18,471. (*Mr. Hill.*) How did you spend your 1*l.*?—I spent it at her house 20 minutes after I got it.

18,472. Who gave it you?—James Bell.

18,473. Did you spend it at Mrs. Willacy's house?—Yes, I did.

18,474. All of it?—Yes, every penny.

18,475. How many did you treat?—I cannot say what I treated, a good deal.

18,476. You did very well; you got 18*l.* 10*s.* for your vote?—No; I never got anything for my vote. I never sold my vote; no man ever asked me what I would take for my vote in this world.

JOHN CURWEN sworn and examined.

J. Curwen.

18,477. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are Mrs. Willacy's son-in-law?—I am.

18,478. And you live at Morecambe?—Yes.

18,479. What are you?—A grocer.

18,480. You took part for the Conservatives at the last election?—I did.

18,481. Did you receive any money to spend?—Yes, I did.

18,482. How much?—I received 1*l.* from George Vince in the first place.

18,483. You do not remember on what day you received it, perhaps?—No, I do not. It would be the Friday, I suppose.

18,484. Friday, the 7th of July?—Yes.

18,485. Anything else?—No; George Vince says in his evidence that he gave me 2*l.*, but he never did.

18,486. Then that is all you received?—No; but it is all I received from George Vince.

18,487. Now tell us what other sums you received?—I made use of Mrs. Willacy's money for what was required. Did you receive any money from anybody else?—No, except from Mrs. Willacy.

18,488. You collected the voters and took them to her house?—No. I went to other places.

18,489. Did you receive money for other purposes?—Yes, for the purpose of treating; but I do not know exactly the items I received. The total amount will be altogether about 13*l.*

18,490. From whom did you receive that?—I received it in different sums from Mrs. Willacy.

18,491. At different times?—At different times, and in different amounts.

18,492. What did you do with it?—I paid it away in various directions. The first item I paid was 10*s.* 6*d.* to a public-house.

18,493. At what different times did you receive it?—In the first place, I got money of her before she ever received any from head-quarters, most likely on the Thursday or Friday previous to the election.

18,494. What was the last you received?—The last amount I received was the night previous to the election.

18,495–6. How much was that?—I really forget the total amount, but of course I took it down to a certain voter which she has taken credit for, and that is Jonas Edmondson, and paid him with it.

18,497. What did you receive on the day of the election?—I never received a copper.

18,498. Do you mean that you had no money at all on the day of the election?—No, I had not.

18,499. On the day of the nomination?—I had part then. Of course I got it from her; I do not know the amount, but I should spend something like 30*s.* on the nomination and other days, and Mrs. Willacy has taken credit for the money. I got it from her.

18,500. Are you a voter?—Yes, I am.

18,501. You have to account for 14*l.*, how do you do that?—The first item I paid was Mrs. Berry's, at the "Sword Fish Arms."

18,502. What is the "Sword Fish Arms?"—It is a jerry shop, we call it. I never saw the house itself, only outside.

18,503. What did you pay at the "Sword Fish Arms?"—I paid 10*s.* 6*d.* the first time, and at the

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same place the second time I paid about 6*s.* within three or four pence.

18,504. Let me see the paper which you have in your hand.—(*The paper is handed by the witness to the Commissioner.*) When did you make this out?—Last night, from memory.

18,505. Is your memory as good as your mother-in-law's?—I scarcely imagine it is; I know I could not have recollected as well as she did.

18,506. She helped you?—I cannot say she did. I recollect a great portion of what I did pay; it is not a great sum altogether. I paid the Bonds.

18,507. Do you say on your oath that you gave John Bond 7*l.*?—I do.

18,508. He is a not voter?—No, he is not a voter, but he is a broker of voters, and it was an understanding that he had to be paid for his services without being a voter. The broker came on the election morning and said, that unless he got paid for his services they would not vote, although he had got paid.

18,509. Is that the John Bond who was here?—No, not that John Bond; it is a son of John Bond, a farmer, and brother to William, Edward, Thomas, and James.

18,510. The money that you gave to Bond from Vince, from whom did you get it?—I got it from Mrs. Willacy.

18,511. Did she tell you to give it to Bond?—I went and told her what I wanted it for.

18,512. Did you tell her that you wanted it for Bond?—That I wanted it for Bond.

18,513–14. Did you tell her that he was not a voter?—It was understood that he was not a voter, but it was that he had come to assist, and it was a kind of sop for the other parties to vote for us if you will, that is his brothers; there were five of them I think. Mrs. Willacy should not have said it was for my vote and assistance, for I never had anything for my vote.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) You have given a very extraordinary account of your expenditure of the money that you received, and we think that Mrs. Willacy is quite correct in what she says.

(*Mrs. Willacy.*) No, I offered him 10*l.*, and his wife said, "Take it, John;" and he said, "No, I will not take it; I am not going to be published as taking money."

(*The Witness.*) I never took anything. I had a balance in hand the night of the election, which I turned over to Mrs. Willacy, which she will acknowledge.

18,515. (*Mr. Barstow.*) John Bond got 2*l.* from Vince to go to Leeds?—He had no occasion to go to Leeds.

18,516. He had no occasion to get 2*l.* for coming from Bradford?—The money was paid for bribery purposes; he had to assist, and it was understood that his brothers would vote for the same side if they were paid; they are marketable, there is no question about that, and this was an inducement in addition to what they had been paid.

18,517. But you got 2*l.* from Vince?—I did not, because I was not at home the time he was there.

18,518. We have your name down, "John Curwen, 2*l.*?"—That is what I say. Mr. Vince in his evidence has given it wrong, because I did not see Mr. Vince on that occasion.

18,519. You only got 1*l.*?—I got 1*l.*, and part of that was refunded to Mrs. Willacy for money I had got of her.

18,520. (*Mr. Hill.*) How came you to be spending money in Lancaster?—Because I had occasion to come up several times.

18,521. What did you spend 2*l.* 5*s.* upon?—If you look at Hodgson's evidence you will see that I was assisting him in getting voters together for the purpose of their being bribed at his house; and you cannot do that without treating them; and I was up on the nomination day.

18,522. Every expense was paid for them?—Where at?

18,523. At the places where they had their breakfasts, and so on?—I mean a day or two previous to the election.

18,524. You say here (*referring to the paper*) "Nomination and election days?"—Yes, nomination and election days; if I have not entered the others I have told you of them, I hope.

18,525. "On several occasions, including the nomination and election days, and canvassing." You were not canvassing?—Of course I was canvassing.

18,526. Did you spend 2*l.* 5*s.* in public-houses?—Yes, decidedly I did.

18,527. You did not go into any public-houses at which there were not bills?—Yes, I did.

18,528. Give us the name of any one public-house that you went to that was not free?—Mr. Shaw, of the "Ship Inn," at Morecambe; his house was not free, and Mr. Coate's was not free.

18,529. What is Coate's?—The "Morecambe Hotel."

18,530. We have both of them down as free?—I do not know that they were free.

18,531. How much did you give to John Bond for railway fare to Carnforth?—2*l.*; that was for his expenses to Carnforth and Garstang.

18,532. I will give you Garstang in; did you pay him 2*l.* for his railway fare?—Yes; it was for going to Carnforth and from there to Garstang; and then I had a conveyance for him besides.

18,533. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How far is it from Carnforth to Garstang?—14 miles, I should suppose, but his brother did not reside close to the station, but some distance off; he charged me cab fare.

18,534. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you go with a fly and pair?—No, I did not go at all myself.

18,535. Did Bond go in a fly and pair?—I cannot tell you I am sure; but there was that difficulty in dealing with the family, that every farthing they are debited with they were paid, and rather more if anything.

18,536. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you tell us on your oath that you gave Bond 7*l.* altogether?—I do on my oath. I gave him 7*l.* altogether.

J. Ball.

JAMES BALL sworn and examined.

18,537. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are your politics, Blue or Yellow?—Blue.

18,538. Have you always been "Blue"?—Yes, with the exception of once, I think, that is all.

18,539. When was that?—In Armstrong's time.

18,540. A long time ago?—Yes; it was a split vote you know.

18,541. What did you get for splitting your vote?—Nothing. I never got nothing in my life for my vote.

18,542. Where do you live?—At Poulton-le-Sands.

18,543. What are you?—A yeoman.

18,544. How much do you farm?—I farm nothing but my own land.

18,545. How much is that?—About 80 acres; and I let five or six acres or perhaps more; and eight or 10 cottages.

18,546. Have you anything to say to the election in July 1865?—No.

18,547. Did you go down to Morecambe?—Yes. They call it Morecambe now. It was called Poulton-le-Sands.

18,548. Did you go down there?—I live down there.

18,549. Did you treat any fellows to any drink?—Yes.

18,550. Where did you get the money from?—Mr. Coupland gave me 5*l.*

18,551. How long before the election?—It might

be a week, five or six days or a week. I do not know what day it was.

18,552. Did he give you anything more?—No.

18,553. Did anybody else?—Mr. Carruthers gave me 2*l.* to take to Armistead and Bond there. He said he did not know them, and they had been canvassing for the Blues. He said, "I don't know them." I said, "I see one of them," and he said, "Just take them those two sovereigns for their trouble;" and I just took it in my hand and went and took it to them. That is the money that Bond gives an account of.

18,554. What are the two men's names?—John Bond and William Armistead.

18,555. That is all the money that you had?—Yes, and all that I ever saw.

18,556. What did you do with the 5*l.*?—Spent it.

18,557. What in?—In drink and refreshments.

18,558. Did you get anything for your vote?—No; and nobody ever asked me for my vote.

18,559. You are a good man, I suppose?—Yes, I went and polled without.

CHARLES LODGE sworn and examined.

18,560. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A gentleman.

18,561. In no occupation?—In no occupation.

18,562. Where?—At Bare.

18,563. Are you a Conservative in politics?—Yes, and always was.

18,564. What monies did you receive at the last election?—Nothing at all.

18,565. From nobody?—No; except that after the election I received 2*l.* for expenses, and at the same time I had been upwards of 4*l.* out of pocket.

18,566. From whom did you receive the 2*l.*?—I think from Mr. Wilson, but I am not exactly certain about that; at least from Mr. Isaac Jackson.

18,567. Did you receive anything from Hodgson?—No, not a farthing.

18,568. Have you read his evidence?—I have.

18,569. Do you know that he says he gave you 3*l.*?—Yes, I read the evidence to that effect, but it is a falsehood. He never gave me a farthing.

18,570. And 15*s.* besides for refreshments?—Never.

18,571. You swear that distinctly?—I do. I will swear most solemnly on my oath that he never gave me a farthing in his life. He never gave me a farthing in no shape or way whatever.

18,572. That is Hodgson, of the "Lord Nelson?"—Yes. He tells a most abominable falsehood. I never received a farthing in my life, never since I was a voter, never.

18,573. You never received a farthing for your vote?—No, never in my life; and I never will do.

18,574. Do you mean to tell us that 2*l.* was the whole money that you received?—After I had voted I got 2*l.* for expenses, given to me, I think, to the best of my recollection, by Mr. Isaac Jackson, but I had been at the same time upwards of 4*l.* out of pocket; that I can prove.

18,575. What had been the character of the expenses to which you had been put?—I went to see him canvassing, and I went to Morecambe, and Torrisholme, and Bare, spending money among the freemen. Of course they expect something.

18,576. Were you much astonished to see this evidence of Hodgson's?—Yes, I was very much astonished; and it is a falsehood.

18,577. You are quite sure that you never received any money except 2*l.* you have mentioned?—Yes, I am certain of it. I will swear to it.

18,578. Perhaps you will have to meet Mr. Hodgson, then, at the assizes?—I shall be most happy to meet him.

WILLIAM BULFIELD sworn and examined.

18,579. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A publican.

18,580. Where?—In Market Street, Lancaster.

18,581. What is the sign of your house?—The "Cross Keys."

18,582. We have heard that you were very active on the Conservative side at the last election?—Well, I was, I believe.

18,583. Whom do you consider your captain to have been, to begin with?—Mr. Vince.

18,584. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—30*l.* altogether.

18,585. From whom?—I received it in different sums (*producing a paper*).

18,586. You are producing an account, I suppose?—Yes, a memorandum of the monies I received, and how they were disposed of.

18,587. Was it made at the time?—No, it was not made at the time.

18,588. Just hand it me up. (*The paper is handed by the witness to the Commissioners.*) When was it made?—Last night.

18,589. From what did you make it?—Chiefly from memory. I could not get wrong. If you will read it, you will see that.

18,590. Now take back your list (*returning the paper to the witness*), and tell me first of all the occasions on which you received the money, and from whom you received it?—1*l.* from Mr. John Cross, about three weeks before the election; on the 7th of July, 10*l.* from Mr. Coupland. The next item is the 8th of July, 5*l.* from Mr. George Clark; on the 10th of July, 2*l.* from Mr. George Vince; on the same day 2*l.* from Mr. Vince.

18,591. And 10*l.* from Mr. Wilson Barker?—Yes.

18,592. That makes up the whole amount?—Yes.

18,593. What is the date of the payment from Mr. Barker?—As near as I can recollect, three weeks after the election.

18,594. It was on the day of the election, was it not?—No. When I went to him on the day of the election he had not got the money, and he said that he would reimburse me if I would pay it, and so I went down home and got the 10*l.* and gave it to the man, and I received it from him afterwards.

18,595. How did you spend it?—Are you alluding to the first 1*l.*?

18,596. Yes?—There was myself, Mr. Edward Masheder, and Mr. William Proctor got 3*l.* from Mr. John Cross.

18,597. Tell us what money you spent in treating, before the election?—That 3*l.* was spent in treating, about three weeks before the election.

18,598. What next did you spend?—The next was 10*l.* on the 7th of July, from Mr. Coupland. I gave Thomas Parker 3*l.*

18,599. When did you give him that?—At the same time that I got it; we all went down to Morecambe together.

18,600. Now the next?—Mr. Vince 2*l.*

18,601. You gave Mr. Vince 2*l.*?—Yes.

18,602. Now the next?—Mr. Edward Masheder 2*l.*, and another 3*l.* I spent myself.

18,603. Spent in treating?—Yes; it was a kind of squander I call it.

18,604. That was at Morecambe, was it?—That was at Morecambe; the whole 10*l.* was spent there; that was on the Friday before the election, and we went down on the Monday as well following; the next was 5*l.* on the 8th of July, from Mr. George Clark.

18,605. That is money received; we have got all that; we want to know how you spent it?—That 5*l.* I gave to Mr. Edward Masheder.

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18,606. What did you give it to him for?—For a voter called Joseph Bond Richmond. I believe his name is on the list for Aughton.

18,607. Now the next?—On the 10th of July, 10*l.* from Mr. Vince, for Richard Armistead, of Morecambe.

18,608. That is one of those two who have been here to-day?—No; the one that says he never got the money.

18,609. Did you give it to him?—Of course I gave it to him. I can prove that if you wish it.

18,610. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you know his number on the register?—No, I do not.

18,611. Where did you give it to him?—In my own house.

18,612. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much?—2*l.*

18,613. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was anyone present when you gave it to him?—No; but one of my servants was a native of Morecambe, and she knew him better than I did; and I asked her to go and look at the man before I paid him the money; she went and looked at him, and said yes, he was the man. "Do you know what he has come for?" "Yes, of course I know."

18,614. Have you got that servant yet?—Yes. I drew it out on paper. "Received 2*l.* on account of election." He said he was not a good writer, but he put "R. Armistead," and I showed that to Mr. Vince; and I said, "Armistead has been here this morning, "and I gave him the 2*l.*, and that is the paper that "he signed."

18,615. What next?—2*l.* on the same date, the 10th of July, from Mr. Vince, to spend among the Morecambe voters.

18,616. Did you spend it among the Morecambe voters?—I did, and a trifle more too.

18,617. What next?—The next is 10*l.* from Mr. Wilson Barker.

18,618. What became of that?—I paid it to John Howson for his vote, and he assisted us a good deal at Morecambe; he went down and stayed there all night, and assisted us among the voters there.

18,619. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is that the same man that Mrs. Willacy paid?—No; I think no one else would pay him.

18,620. You do not think that he has had it twice over?—No, I do not think he has; he is a very decent sort of a fellow, he is one of the right sort.

18,621. That makes 32*l.*, that is 2*l.* too much?—No, I think not.

18,622. (*Mr. Hill.*) You said treating before the election, 3*l.*?—No, 1*l.*

18,623. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That will make it right. Did you give Vince any money?—I gave him 2*l.*

18,624. And he gave you two 2*l.*?—He gave me two 2*l.*

18,625. Is that all the money that you received?—That is all.

18,626. I thought I saw in your list that you wished to make some explanation?—It was only about Armistead, and I have said what I wish to say about him.

18,627. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not get any money for your own vote?—No, not a farthing, and I did not let my house. I believe it is all humbug that letting committee-rooms.

18,628. You think it is another way of bribing?—Yes, except in very exceptional cases. I would have nothing to do with it myself.

18,629. Did you not vote Blue?—I did, rather.

T. Procter.

THOMAS PROCTER sworn and examined.

18,630. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In China Lane.

18,631. What are you?—A publican.

18,632. What is the sign of your public-house?—"The Volunteer."

18,633. I believe you are a Conservative in politics?—Yes.

18,634. What part did you take in the election?—I took part both in Lancaster and at Morecambe.

18,635. Tell us about Morecambe first. What monies did you receive altogether for the purposes of the election?—16*l.* 13*s.* altogether.

18,636. Who paid it to you?—I received 3*l.* from Mr. Vince, and 2*l.* from Mr. Bulfield, 3*l.* from Mr. Barker, 1*l.* from Mr. Hatch, and 5*l.* 13*s.* from Mr. John Cross.

18,637. You have left out an item. You got 3*l.* from Vince, 2*l.* from Bulfield, 3*l.* from Barker, and 1*l.* from Hatch?—Yes, and 2*l.* from Mr. William Storey.

18,638. Now tell us how you spent that?—6*l.* 13*s.* was spent in Lancaster at my own house in treating up and down.

18,639. For refreshments to voters?—Yes.

18,640. Before or after the election?—About a fortnight before the election, up to the time of the election.

18,641. Go on?—I gave 2*l.* to John Cross to go to Garstang to bring his brother and himself to vote, and he received 20*l.* after he got here, and I think there will be 1*l.* to Thomas Mallinson, of Galgate, and the other was spent at Morecambe.

18,642. The balance was spent there?—Yes.

18,643. In what way?—In treating.

18,644. At whose house?—It was spent, some at the "Joiners' Arms," at the "King's Arms," the "Fisherman's Arms," the "New Inn," the "Morecambe Hotel," and the "Queen's hotel."

18,645. Was there a sober man in Morecambe all that time?—Not very many.

18,646. What did you get for your house?—8*l.*

18,647. That is not included in the 16*l.* 13*s.*, is it?—No.

18,648. Who paid you that?—Mr. Hatch paid 15*l.* for refreshments altogether. I think there were 30 to breakfast and 10 to lunch.

18,649. Was this the morning of the poll?—Yes.

18,650. Had your house been taken by anybody?—No, I do not think it was; the bill altogether was 15*l.* including the house. 8*l.* was for the house.

18,651. What would the house bill be?—That would be all for the house and the refreshment altogether.

18,652. But what was the house; does that include drink for the people who go there?—Yes, drink and breakfasts.

18,653. Did you furnish drink?—Yes.

18,654. You say you got 8*l.* for the house, how do you make out that 8*l.*?—It was for the use of the room.

18,655. There was a committee at your house, was there?—Yes.

18,656. Used voters regularly to go there?—Nearly every night some.

18,657. Were they working men who went there?—Yes.

18,658. All working men?—Yes, all working men. There were five or six sometimes of a night, and sometimes none, not voters.

18,659. They were all working men who frequented your house?—Yes.

18,660. Who had the breakfast?—I cannot tell. I went down to Morecambe at the time; it was the people in the China Lane district, I suppose; they were all done when I got back.

18,661. How many breakfasts did you furnish?—I think 25, or from that to 30.

18,662. How do you make up the sum of 7*l.*?—With drink the night before; there was all the nomination day, and the day before that, and the election day, and then there were about 25 from Morecambe. We brought them from the polling booth to our house, and they stayed there all day.

18,663. (*Mr. Barstow.*) May I ask whether you were not paid from day to day as well?—No, there

were three days; that 7*l.* was for three days, for breakfasts, luncheons, and refreshments.

18,664. You say you spent in Lancaster, at your own house, 6*l.* 13*s.*?—Yes, at my own house, and up and down.

18,665. (*Mr. Hill.*) The 6*l.* was at your house, and the 13*s.* was up and down, I suppose?—No, I went to Galgate once out of that 6*l.* and once to Bolton.

18,666. They never used your committee-room except when they were drinking?—Yes; there was a deal of writing there, Mr. Thomas Foster hired the room.

18,667. They never wrote dry?—Yes, he generally did.

18,668. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was any bribery going on at your house?—I cannot tell you.

18,669. There was no "illustrious stranger" or anything of that sort?—I cannot tell you.

18,670. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know Thomas Foster, of China Lane?—Yes.

18,671. Was not he bribed in your house?—I cannot tell you; he must have been. They were all gone when I got back from Morecambe.

18,672. Do you know where he is now?—I do not; I have not seen him only once since.

18,673. Only once since the election?—No.

EDWARD MASHEDER sworn and examined. *E. Masheder.*

18,674. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is your occupation?—A draper.

18,675. No. 564?—I believe that is the number.

18,676. Are you a Conservative?—Yes.

18,677. At the last election what monies did you receive?—I had about 11*l.* altogether.

18,678. From whom did you receive monies, and when?—I received 1*l.* from John Cross about three weeks before the election. I received 2*l.* from Bulfield, that would be about a fortnight before the election, 2*l.* from Vince, and 5*l.* from Bulfield for Richmond.

18,679. That is what he has just told us about?—Yes.

18,680. From whom did you receive the money for Richmond?—From Bulfield, 5*l.*; that was from Bulfield to give to Richmond.

18,681. Anything else?—1*l.* from Connor; that was the "man in the moon."

18,682. That was the Irish stranger?—Yes.

18,683. Or Welcher, as Mrs. Willacy thinks. Was that all the money you received?—Yes.

18,684. How did you spend it?—I spent 6*l.* in drink at Morecambe, with the exception of 4*s.* or 5*s.*, which I had left, and gave to Thomas Cross after the election.

18,685. What was the next?—That is all.

18,686. What did you did you do with the other 5*l.*?—I gave 5*l.* of it to Richmond.

18,687. What is Richmond's christian name?—Joseph Bond Richmond.

18,688. For his vote?—He said he wanted it for spending. I do not know whether he spent it or not.

18,689. That is the whole?—Yes.

18,690. And that is all you can tell us about it?—Yes.

18,691. You did not assist in paying anybody else any money?—I did not.

18,692. And you do not know personally anything about any being spent?—Except the party who was with me spent it.

THOMAS CROSS sworn and examined. *T. Cross.*

18,693. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are the brother of John Cross?—Yes.

18,694. What are you?—A plasterer.

18,695. Where do you live?—In Bath Street.

18,696. What money did you receive for the purposes of the last election?—12*l.* 7*s.*

18,697. You are a Conservative, I suppose?—Yes.

18,698. How did you receive it; in what sums?—I received 10*l.* from Mr. Hagart, and 2*l.* from Mr. Vince.

18,699. And 7*s.*, I suppose, from somebody else?—Yes, from Proctor and Masheder.

18,700. What did you do with the money?—I gave 10*l.* to George Cooper Hatton for his vote. I spent 34*s.* in treating electors at Morecambe and Lancaster—the freemen. I sent it down the day after the election. John and William, I think, father and son.

18,701. How much did you send?—13*s.*

18,702. That is the whole sum?—Yes, that is all.

18,703. Is that all you had to do with the election?—Yes, the reason that I sent the 13*s.* to the two Threlfalls was, that when I brought them from Morecambe to vote, a man of the name of William Woodhouse got hold of them and offered them 15*l.* a-piece, so they would not go and vote unless I promised them something else. William Woodhouse is a member of the Local Board of Health.

18,704. Where at?—At Morecambe.

18,705. Did you get anything for yourself?—No.

18,706. Absolutely nothing?—Nothing at all.

JAMES SIMPSON CARRUTHERS sworn and examined. *J. S. Carruthers.*

18,707. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A wine merchant.

18,708. Where do you live?—I live at No. 11, Springfield Terrace; I did live in Lime Street, Skerton, at the time of the election.

18,709. You are a Liberal?—No, a Conservative.

18,710. You are a Blue. I made a mistake; I took you for somebody else?—Yes, I am a Blue.

18,711. What money did you receive for the purposes of the last election?—I received 5*l.* from George Clark; I think it was about the 15th of June.

18,712. Did you receive anything more?—Nothing more that I am aware of from him.

18,713. Is that all you received?—No, I received 10*l.* from Mr. Coupland about the end of June.

18,714. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.

18,715. How did you spend this 15*l.*?—The first 10*s.* I spent was given to William Armistead and John Bond, 5*s.* each.

18,716. The two celebrated men that have been here to-day?—Yes. The next 2*l.* I gave to James Bell to give to them.

18,717. You paid Bell 2*l.* more to give to those two identical men?—Yes, I did.

18,718. How long after the 10*s.* was that?—I believe they got their 5*s.* on the Saturday, and I will not be confident whether it was on the Monday following, or the Tuesday, that they got the 2*l.*

18,719. How did you spend the rest?—You will find it all down on this piece of paper (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

18,720. I see that you got 20*l.* from William Lamb?—Yes, but that was about a month ago, given by Mr. Wilson Barker towards paying a refreshment bill.

18,721. According to this statement you are out of pocket?—Yes, considerably, 48*l.*

18,722. You received 20*l.* by William Lamb from Wilson Barker?—Yes, I believe he paid William Lamb 20*l.* 11*s.*, but I got 20*l.* only.

18,723. When was that?—I think about August the 27th, but I believe Lamb received the money before that.

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J. S. Carruthers.

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18,724. You received it the other day?—Yes, since the inquiry. They disputed the account previously.

18,725. That was the very day we first sat here?—Yes, about that time.

18,726. The last payment Mr. Barker gave us was July the 27th?—I believe Lamb was paid on that day.

18,727. Lamb has paid that 20*l.* since?—Yes, he has paid it to me in four 5*l.* notes.

18,728. Who was the captain of your district?—I do not know. I thought I was, but they contradicted it. I want to know who was.

18,729. The first payment you made was to Armistead and Bond?—Yes.

18,730. The next payment was to Sanderson, 4*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, in different sums, at different times, amounting to 4*l.* 10*s.*

18,731. Who is he?—Thomas Sanderson. He keeps a public-house in Chapel Street.

18,732. In this town?—Yes.

18,733. Did anybody authorize you to pay him that money?—Yes.

18,734. Who did?—Christopher Thornton Clark, and Bond also.

18,735. What is the name of his public-house?—I do not know.

18,736. John Mitchell, who is he?—He is a gentleman residing in Lime Street. That was to assist me to get a few voters; in fact, he did not ask me for it. I gave it to him to spend.

18,737. James Jackson?—That was another person to assist. He was sent down to me for money, and I provided him.

18,738. You paid him 15*s.*?—Yes.

18,739. By whose orders?—George Clark's.

18,740. James Walker 5*s.*, and James Pennington 5*s.*; who are they?—They are two voters.

18,741. Is Jackson a voter?—Yes; but they all voted the wrong way.

18,742. You gave him 5*s.*, for what?—I do not know; to go and get drunk with, I suppose. He said he had given over work and must be supported, both of them.

18,743. I suppose he put himself on the committee?—Yes, he was on the committee.

18,744. This seems to be a sort of relieving committee?—Yes, it was.

18,745. The next item is James Wilson, 1*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*?—George Wilson, I think. It is for the same thing. That was given at different times.

18,746. Relief, I suppose?—Yes, he was off work too.

18,747. What is Mr. Wilson in private life?—I do not know. I believe he is a cabinet-maker.

18,748. A journeyman?—No, I think not.

18,749. A master?—No.

18,750. William Lamb, 37*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*; what is that for?—An hotel bill, from the 12th up to the end of the time. I have a receipt for it.

18,751. What hotel does Mr. Lamb keep?—The "Black Bull." It is a house where all the carriages stopped, and that makes it so heavy.

18,752. Have you got Lamb's receipt there?—Yes (*handing it to the Commissioners*).

18,753. Thomas Winder, 4*l.* 15*s.*?—He keeps a beerhouse called the "Heart and Hand."

18,754. Is he a voter?—Yes.

18,755. Then William Lamb again, 5*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*; what is that for?—A bill incurred at the time. I was living at Morecambe at the time, so anything he put down I paid to him the first time I saw him.

18,756. Why was not that put into the first bill?—My bill of 7*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* has been since paid—a considerable time since.

18,757. Then "wages for staff-men, 13*l.* 10*s.*" How many staff-men had you?—35. I have the names of all of them. I paid them myself.

18,758. Were they voters or non-voters?—Non-voters principally; but there were voters as well in the number.

18,759. Can you give us the names of the voters?—I can give you the names of the staff-men (*handing in a list to the Commissioners*).

18,760. How many of these were voters?—I cannot say.

18,761. After your examination is over, be good enough to mark the voters on that list and give it in?—Yes. I can take that from the register.

18,762. Then the next item is, "Disbursements at Morecambe and Lancaster from the 20th of June to the 12th of July, 12*l.*?"—Yes.

18,763. What is that for?—It is for treating. I had the whole of the paying of the district. At least, I do not know that anybody else paid anything.

18,764. Disbursements for 22 days?—Yes.

18,765. Where at?—At Morecambe, Skerton, and at Lancaster. I was known almost by all of them, and the voters would come to me whether they were in our district or not.

18,766. Those items make 83*l.* 14*s.*?—Yes, I think so.

18,767. Why have you not been paid the full amount?—I do not know.

18,768. Have you sent in your bill?—Yes, I have. Mr. Gibson had it.

18,769. What does Mr. Gibson say?—Mr. Gibson would willingly have paid it if the rest of the captains had been agreeable.

18,770. The rest of the captains were not agreeable?—No.

18,771. Why were not the rest of the captains agreeable?—I do not know.

18,772. That is what I want to arrive at?—I hope you will.

18,773. I think you might tell us?—They say I was not authorized, and I want to know who was. I suppose it was to evade paying.

18,774. How came Mr. Lamb to pay you 20*l.*?—Because Mr. Wilson Barker paid him 20*l.* 11*s.*

18,775. What of that?—That was a separate bill for the night of the nomination. He asked him to make out two bills.

18,776. Who did?—Mr. Barker. That is what Lamb has stated to me, and he made out two bills, one of 36*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, and the other, I believe, 17*l.* something. That 37*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* would be the correct thing.

18,777. I think if your bill had been correct, the other captains would have allowed you to have been paid. That is my own opinion. They would not have allowed you to be out of pocket 48*l.* odd?—They have, whether they would or not.

18,778. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were very unlucky. You seem to have paid other people pretty freely. You are in the wine and spirit trade?—Yes.

18,779. Do you supply this house, the "Black Bull?" Yes, I have done; but more houses than that.

18,780. No doubt; but that house is, so to say, in your trade?—Yes.

18,781. Was anything due from Lamb to you at the time of the election?—I cannot say whether there was or not. No doubt there would be 8*l.* or 9*l.* There might or might not.

18,782. How much do you think was due?—I do not think it would be more than 10*l.*, if it was 10*l.* He is a good payer.

18,783. It is a good house?—Yes. It is a house where all the traffic goes past, and they all pulled up there.

18,784. Was this the only bill you received from Lamb?—No, I had another bill from him for 5*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*

18,785. Did he not give you the items?—No, the items were sent, I believe, to Mr. Gibson.

18,786. Have you received the items of the account?—No, I have not.

18,787. Did you pay the account in this form without receiving the items?—Yes, I did.

18,788. Then, I think, the captains were abundantly justified in not repaying you?—The account has gone in in full to the captains.

18,789. I can quite understand why the captains refused to pay you the 48*l.*?—They denied afterwards that they ever received the items.

18,790. (*Mr. Hill.*) Why did you pay Lamb that bill without having the items sent in?—I saw the bill with the items, and it was sent to the agent, Mr. Gibson.

18,791. Why did you not leave them to pay it, and not you yourself, pay it?—Because the man would not go on. He refused to go on. The order was from the committee room to allow the licensed house 30*s.* a day, and the beerhouse 1*l.* That was strictly carried out, and if you put that together for 12 days, you will find 20*l.* 11*s.* The amount is there.

18,792. Whose arrangement was that?—It was Mr. Coupland's.

18,793. With whom?—With William Atkinson.

18,794. Mr. Couplands and Atkinson's arrangement, with whom?—With Winder.

18,795. I thought this was a general arrangement you were going to tell us about with beerhouses, and licensed houses?—Yes.

18,796. Mr. Coupland and Mr. Atkinson arranged with what beerhouses?—The "Heart and Hand," and the "Black Bull."

18,797. (*Mr. Newton.*) With those two only?—Yes, those two only.

18,798. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was the arrangement?—The arrangement was that the beerhouse ——

18,799. Which is the beerhouse?—The "Heart and Hand." That was to be 1*l.* a day, and the licensed house 30*s.* a day. That is what the bill amounted to from the date.

18,800. You are talking rigmarole. You say Mr. Coupland and Mr. Atkinson engaged with the "Heart and Hand" to be 1*l.* a day, and the "Black Bull 30*s.* a day?—Yes.

18,801. What has that got to do with this matter?—That has to do with the receipt.

18,802. What has it to do with your paying Lamb 37*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*?—He asked me if I would see him paid, and I said, "Yes," never expecting but what I should have been paid.

18,803. How many thirty shillings are there in 37*l.* 11*s.* 4*d*?—That is only for 12 days. On the nomination night he made out a separate bill for 20*l.* 11*s.*, and that is the item Mr. Barker has paid.

18,804. Mr. Lamb's house was the "Black Bull" and the "Black Bull" you say was to have 30*s.* a day?—Yes.

18,805. How many days was the "Black Bull" engaged?—12 days, I think it was.

18,806. That would be twelve 30*s.*?—Yes.

18,807. That would be 18*l.*?—I cannot give you the exact number of days.

18,808. But you agree with me that twelve 30*s.* is 18*l.*?—Yes.

18,809. How is the remainder of the 37*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* made up?—On the night of the nomination they were allowed to go further; that is the bill they have paid; —there was no restriction.

18,810. That does not convey much to my mind?—That was the bill that was incurred on the nomination night.

18,811. Do you understand the English language? If so, will you be kind enough to speak it to me. Tell me what you mean. There are 12 nights at 30*s.* making 18*l.* How is the remainder of the 37*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* made up?—It could not be 12 nights.

18,812. You told me 12 nights, and that is the reason I took it. Take any smaller sum you like?—It must be nine or ten.

18,813. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you hear either Mr. Coupland or Mr. Atkinson make this agreement?—No.

18,814. How did you know they made the agreement?—Mr. Atkinson told me so, and I know it was the agreement, because I went over the bridge with him to Winder's and Lamb's to state that they were to go to this amount.

18,815. Did you hear him make this agreement?—Mr. Coupland?

18,816. Or Mr. Atkinson?—Atkinson and myself.

18,816*a*. Did you hear Mr. Atkinson make the agreement with Lamb?—Yes, together.

18,817. Did you hear Atkinson make the agreement with Lamb that he was to have 30*s.* a night for the use of his house?—Yes.

18,818. (*Mr. Hill.*) When did you hear that agreement made?—It was about the 1st of the month, I cannot say to a day.

18,819. The 1st of what month?—The 1st of July.

18,820. From the 1st of July to the 12th of July is 12 days?—About that time. I cannot speak to the time exactly.

18,821. That would be 18*l.* How is the other 19*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* made up?—That was on the night of the nomination for breakfasts.

That answer is quite sufficient to show me that you do not mean what you say, or at all events there is something wrong.

(*Mr. Newton.*) I am not in the least surprised at the captains not paying your claim.

William Atkinson sworn and examined.

18,822. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—I am a surveyor.

18,823. Where do you live?—I live at Morecambe at present.

18,824. Are you a Conservative in politics?—Yes.

18,825. What monies did you receive at the last election?—27*l.*

18,826. How did you receive it, and from whom?—I received 2*l.* from Mr. Coupland.

18,827. When?—Sometime about the 1st of July; I cannot say exactly.

18,828. What next?—I received on the morning of the election 25*l.*

18,829. From whom?—Mr. Bakewell.

18,830. Is that all that you received?—It is.

18,831. Have you not received anything since?—No.

18,832. Nothing at all in the way of paying bills?—No.

18,833. 27*l.* is all you received?—Yes.

18,833*a*. How did you lay it out?—I paid 15*l.* to Martin Ireland.

18,834. Is he a voter?—Yes.

18,835. You paid it to him for his vote, is that so?—Yes.

18,836. How came you to pay Martin Ireland 15*l.*? Was he in your district?—Yes.

18,837. I did not ask what your district was?—My district was Bulk and Skerton.

18,838. Did you give Martin Ireland anything else?—No.

18,839. What else did you pay?—I paid Henry Huntington 15*l.*

18,840. Is he a voter?—Yes.

18,841. Where?—He is a farmer in Bulk; he was then at least, but is not now.

18,842. What has become of him now?—He lives in Lancaster, on the Quay.

18,843. Did you pay anybody else?—I paid David Irvine 5*l.*

18,844. What was that for?—For his vote.

18,845. What is he?—A farmer.

18,846. What else did you pay?—I can scarcely tell you; I paid from 12*l.* to 15*l.* in refreshments during the time.

18,847. Where?—Some in Bulk, some in Skerton, some in Bare, and some in Morecambe. I did not keep any particular account.

18,848. You could not have paid much at Morecambe, I should think?—Yes, they were rather a sappy lot there.

18,849. What shall we say altogether? Give me the nearest figures you can?—12*l.*

18,850. It was rather more than 12*l.* was it not?—I daresay it was. I did not keep any particular account.

18,851. What shall I say?—12*l.*

18,852. What else did you pay?—I paid nothing more. I expect I shall have some more to pay, but that is all I have paid as yet.

18,853. What else do you expect to have to pay?—

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W. Atkinson.

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10*s.* for David Atkinson and 10*s.* for John Winder for going to Bolton on the morning of the election.

18,854. When do you expect to have to pay that?—I should like to pay it as soon as I get the money.

18,855. You owe the money?—Yes; I engaged the men, and they expect to be paid, no doubt.

18,856. Anything else? Let us have a schedule of your liabilities?—There is 5*s.* to John Winder, not 10*s.*; 10*s.* to David Atkinson, 10*s.* to William Wearing, and 10*l.* to James Walker.

18,857. What is that for?—For his vote.

18,858. The poor man has not been paid for his vote?—No, he did not get it from me.

18,859. Am I to say "I owe James Walker 10*l.* for his vote?"—Yes.

18,860. James Walker unfortunately polled before he was paid?—He did, I believe.

18,861. How came James Walker not to be paid?—Because he went away from the "Black Bull."

18,862. Has he turned up again lately?—He turned up that day.

18,863. What had James Walker to do with the "Black Bull?"—It was the place where we collected the voters together.

18,864. How came he to go away?—I cannot tell you.

18,865-6. How came he to vote without being paid?—Because he went out of the room without his money.

18,867. Did he forget it?—I do not know. I was not there.

18,868. He voted without being paid?—He did.

18,869. And has not been paid yet?—No, he has not.

18,870. When are you going to pay him?—I do not know.

18,871. Are you waiting for anything before you do pay it?—I do not know. I do not think he ever will get paid now.

18,872. From whom do you expect to get the money to pay him with?—I expect to get it from Wilson Barker.

18,873. He has not given it to you?—No.

18,874. You have told us of the expenditure of 47*l.*, and you tell us you only received 27*l.*; from where did the other 20*l.* come?—It came out of my pocket.

18,875. Are you that much out of pocket?—Yes.

18,876. Do you really mean to say you have not had that 20*l.* repaid you?—I do.

18,877. Why has not Wilson Barker repaid you?—I do not know.

18,878-9. Have you asked for it?—Yes, I have.

18,880-1. Often?—Yes.

18,882-3. What reason did he give for not paying you?—He said I was to get the amount certified by some of the captains.

18,884. Does he not quite credit that you have paid this?—I do not know; I do not know that he disputes it.

18,885. He said you were to get it certified by a captain?—Yes.

18,886. You are 20*l.* out of pocket?—Yes.

18,887. Besides your liabilities?—Yes.

18,888. You are Mr. Clark's head man at Morecambe, are you not?—I do not know that I am.

18,889. Do you do business for Mr. C. T. Clarke?—Yes I do; I am the surveyor to the Board of Health.

18,890. Did you invest this 12*l.* at Morecambe for the health of the people there?—No, I did not, only some of it.

18,891. How much did you lay out as clerk to the Board of Health?—I laid out nothing.

18,892. Mr. Clark is the chairman of the Board of Health?—Yes.

18,893. And you are surveyor?—I am surveyor to the Board of Health.

18,894. In spite of your connexion with the party from whom you cannot get the money which you are out of pocket?—I cannot get it; I do not know the reason, and I would like to know it.

18,895. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did no one give you any money for Martin Ireland?—Yes, I got 25*l.* from Mr. Bakewell; I paid Martin Ireland 15*l.*

18,896. (*Mr. Newton.*) That was not the arrangement?—It was the second arrangement.

18,897. What was the first arrangement?—I got 10*l.* for Martin Ireland and 10*l.* for Huntington.

18,898. And now you make it out 15*l.* instead of 10*l.* a-piece?—I paid them 15*l.* each, and I will tell you how that was. When I got the money it was early in the morning, and before I could meet with them other parties had got hold of them, and they would not vote unless I gave them 15*l.*

18,899. Who saw you pay them?—There was nobody saw me excepting themselves.

18,900. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who gave you authority to pay them?—Ido not know; Mr. Wilson, I fancy.

18,901. What Mr. Wilson?—Mr. H. T. Wilson.

18,902. Did he give you authority to pay them 15*l.*?—He did not give me authority to pay those two men exactly. He gave me authority in this way, I was with Mr. Carruthers, and he said we were not to lose a vote.

18,903. When did he say that?—The night of the nomination.

18,904. (*Mr. Newton.*) When did you make the first arrangement with Ireland and Huntington about the 10*l.*?—That would be some time previous to the election.

18,905. How long?—Two or three days perhaps.

18,906. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When Ireland and Huntington as you say declined to take 10*l.*, why did you not bring them back to the stranger at the "Black Bull?"—Because I was not near the "Black Bull" then.

18,907. You cannot have been very far from it; how far were you?—We were in Lancaster, those two men were in Bulk; they never were at the "Black Bull."

18,908. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you know the last witness, Mr. Carruthers?—Yes.

18,909. Have you ever seen his bill at the "Black Bull?"—Yes, I have.

18,910. What do you make of it?—I do not know.

18,911. What is your private opinion about it?—My private opinion is that it is correct.

18,912. 37*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*?—Yes.

18,913. 39*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* the two bills?—Yes; there were about 12 days; we were allowed to go as far as 30*s.*, and that is 18*l.*; and on the nomination night and election morning for breakfasts and other refreshments for voters from Morecambe, Carnforth, and Kellett, and other places, it was something like 20*l.* I cannot speak to a shilling or two, but that was somewhere about the amount.

18,914. I want to know who gave you authority to pay Lamb 30*s.* a day for the use of his house?—Mr. Coupland and Mr. Cross.

18,915. When was this?—It would be the latter end of June or the 1st of July; I cannot speak to it exactly.

18,916. Where was it?—At the "Royal Hotel," in the committee room.

18,917. Who else was present?—I do not know whether Danson was there; I do not remember any but those three, not in the room where we were, excepting Winder from the "Hand and Heart."

18,918. Have you ever asked anybody to pay you that 10*l.* for James Walker?—Yes, I have.

18,919. What have they told you?—I do not know. Mr. Barker said he expected I should get the money.

18,920. From whom?—I expect from him; I do not know any other.

18,921. After this inquiry is over, do you mean that?—I do not know.

18,922. When did he tell you that?—Sometime before the inquiry.

18,923. Was it a month ago?—Yes.

18,924. He said you would get the money?—He said there would be a meeting called, and I should lose nothing.

18,925. Who is James Walker?—He is a cotton spinner, I think.

18,926. When did you pay him?—I have not paid him, I owe it to him.

THOMAS TAYLOR sworn and examined.

18,927. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A wine and spirit merchant.

18,928. Carrying on business by yourself?—No.

18,929. Who is your partner?—Mr. Carruthers.

18,930. Did you take an active part for the Conservatives at the last election?—Not very.

18,931. Where did you canvass?—I went on the day of the nomination with George Coulston to Kellett.

18,932. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—I received, by direction of Mr. Coulston, 21*l.* from Mr. Barker.

18,933. Did you receive any other money?—No.

18,934. What did you do with it?—By the direction of Mr. Coulston I gave a woman 36*l.*

18,935. What was that for?—For three votes.

18,936. What woman was that?—The wife of one of the Garths, of Kellett. I fancy so.

18,637. Who were the voters?—There were three Garths; there is R. Garth, J. Garth, and R. Garth, junior.

18,938. They were to have 12*l.* a-piece?—Yes.

18,939. This woman you say was the wife of one of them?—Yes, I think so. No one told me so.

18,940. What makes you think so?—Because she accompanied them to Lancaster.

18,941. Did you give it to her in their presence?—Yes, I did.

18,942. What other money did you pay?—I paid a bill contracted by Mr. Coulston before the nomination night, 3*l.* 5*s.* He wished me to disburse the money. He did not wish to have anything to do with money, and that is why I paid all these sums.

18,943. Did you really receive nothing but 21*l.*?—That is all I received. There is a statement of it (*handing a paper to the Commissioners.*)

18,944. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is this debtor and creditor account?—It is a debtor and creditor account, as far as I am concerned, with relation to the last election.

18,945. There is a receipt here from Mr. Coulston of 16*l.*?—Mr. Coulston received 16*l.* He went out for the purpose of getting some more money, and brought in 16*l.*

18,946. You received that from Mr. Coulston?—Yes.

18,947. Then why did you not tell me so?—I think I did.

18,948. You said 21*l.* was the only sum you received. What did you receive?—I should receive the 16*l.* from Mr. Coulston.

18,949. You seem to have received from Mr. Barker, on behalf of Mr. Coulston, 2*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*?—I received in March the balance, 10*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, with a receipted bill, which you will see there attached to my statement, of 9*l.* 15*s.*

18,950. You have accounted for 36*l.* How do you account for the rest?—Mr. Coulston paid 5*l.* to a voter named Machell. He borrowed the money from me. He told me he paid him 5*l.*, but I did not see it paid.

18,951. Did you pay an account, of a man named Ireland?—Yes, 3*l.* 5*s.*

18,952. And another account, making a total of 4*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

18,953. Then there was a further payment to one of the Garths?—Coulston asked me for 10*s.* for one of the Garths to treat another of the Garths with during the day of the election. He was a sort of captain over the Garths. You have a correct account there of all the matter.

18,954. Then there is 30*s.* for your own disbursements and expenses?—For gates and toll-gates, and so on.

18,955. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The toll charges must be very heavy?—It is for both Mr. Coulston and myself.

18,956. Did you go in separate carriages?—We had a 'bus and Whitechapel.

18,957. It is not any matter for us, but you charge 30*s.* for toll-gates?—Yes. That is for Mr. Coulston as well as myself.

18,958. (*Mr. Hill.*) And refreshments, I suppose, for both of you?—What we gave to the voters.

18,959. That is all, is it?—Yes, that is all. I gave you that statement because Mr. Coulston is away, and it will prevent the necessity of your sending for him. He cannot tell you any more than I have already told you.

18,960. Who is Mr. Coulston?—He is now living in Caln, in Normandy; he is a gentleman.

18,961. Is he any relation to Mr. Coulston, the banker?—Yes.

18,962. His son?—No. Mr. Coulston at the bank is a bachelor.

18,963. His nephew, then?—I do not know the relationship. He may be a cousin, but I do not know. Mr. Coulston wished me to take charge of the money because he had been on the Liberal side before, and he thought there might be some reflections passed if he fingered the money. That is the reason the cash was handed to me.

18,964. Did the fact of Mr. Coulston being on the Liberal side before at all invalidate him from holding the cash?—He thought the Tories might be suspicious about him. There was a great difficulty in getting money.

18,965. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is the meaning of this Kellett bill?—On the eve of the election I inquired if there was anything owing, and they said the voters had had sundry refreshments, and the canvassers, which amounted to so much, by order of Mr. Coulston. He had given an order that they were to have so much.

18,966. Did you see the bill?—Yes, I did. Mr. Barker has the bill.

18,967. Was it a fair bill?—I suppose so,

18,968. Do you think all the ref eshments were had?—I thought so when I paid it, and of course I thought if we left the bill unpaid it would be much larger another day; therefore I was determined to have it all paid up.

18,969. Is this your entry? "Thirteen voters on the "register; seven voted Lawrence, four Fenwick and "Schneider. All were bribed but two?"—Yes. The two not bribed were Dr. Ainslie and Mr. Wilson.

18,970. You say all the voters at Kellett were bribed excepting two?—Yes.

18,971. Then you say, "This is all I know of the "election. I was from home on the eve of the election, "and therefore did not canvass any voters?"—No, I never asked a man for a vote; but with regard to some of those men who really did receive money I do not think any man would have influenced them to vote differently from what they did. That is Bleasdale and Machell. If they had had 100*l.* each offered to them they would not have voted on the Liberal side.

18,972. But at the same time they thought it right to receive the same as others?—They thought, I suppose, they might as well have something.

CHARLES EDWARD QUARME sworn and examined.

C. E. Quarme.

18,973. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—I am editor of the "Lancaster Gazette."

18,974. What may the politics of that Gazette be?—Conservative.

18,975. I suppose you are a Conservative yourself?—Yes, of course; I hope so.

18,976. Can you give us any information about the election of 1865?—I am afraid not. I was not engaged in it in any way further than that which has been testified before you. I think some witness said that I was engaged in addressing the electors in my village where I live, at Scotforth. That is perfectly true, and that is all I know about it.

18,977. I hope you made them a pure speech?—Oh

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C. E. Quarme.

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I am afraid my eloquence was entirely thrown away.

18,978. How many days before the election was that?—I cannot tell you exactly; some two, three, or four, I should think, but I really cannot tell.

18,979. I hope your speech was well received?—I got plenty of cheers, but I am afraid no votes.

18,980. You were unsuccessful?—I should think so, because there were other means employed of obtaining votes apart from any eloquence that I could bestow upon the voters, I am sure. I knew before that I could be of very little service indeed. I did not canvass any voters. I live in the village of Scotforth, and there are only seven voters there; and if I had interested myself I should have had very little to do.

18,981. You had not a very large audience, then?—Oh, no; very, very small, indeed.

18,982. I must ask you how much money you spent in paying voters?—How much what?

18,983. How much money did you spend in paying voters?—I can very easily answer that question; I did not spend any.

18,984. How much money did you spend in paying voters?—None; I had nothing to do with any money at all.

18,985. You did not receive any money?—Certainly not.

18,986. Are you a voter yourself?—I am not.

18,987. All you did was to address the seven electors of Scotforth?—That was all.

W. Cross.

WILLIAM CROSS sworn and examined.

18,988. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A plasterer.

18,989. Where do you live?—In Market Street.

18,990. Are you a Conservative?—Yes.

18,991. What part did you take in the last election?—I went to Ellel, the higher part.

18,992. Did you receive any monies?—I did.

18,993. What monies?—I received 30*l.*

18,994. From whom?—Mr. Barker.

18,995. Did you receive anything besides?—That is all.

18,996. When did you receive that from Mr. Barker?—On the evening of the nomination.

18,997. What did you do with it?—I gave 10*l.* to Henry Nelson. He was the captain of the district.

18,998. Is he a voter?—Yes, I believe he is.

18,999. What did you give him the 10*l.* for?—5*l.* was for James Towers, a voter, and the other was for expenses.

19,000. The other 5*l.* was for himself?—No; I think he said he had expended some money before I went up.

19,001. You say that the 5*l.* was for his own expenses?—Yes.

19,002. What other monies did you lay out?—I gave 5*l.* to Bartholomew Pye for Thomas Fox.

19,003. Was that for Thomas Fox's vote?—Yes.

19,004. What else did you spend?—About 13*l.* for expenses in breakfasts and so on.

19,005. Where was this?—At the "Fleece" inn.

19,006. Breakfasts at the "Fleece" inn, how much?—9*l.* for the breakfasts.

19,007. How many voters?—14 or 15 voters, with their wives. I should think there would be nearly 40 at breakfast.

19,008. How much money did that come to?—That was 9*l.*; but there were the conveyances staying all night, and beds, and the horses.

19,009. That was part of the 9*l.*?—Yes; and then there would be about 3*l.* or 4*l.* for what they had to drink, besides the 9*l.*

19,010. What did you do with the balance?—I returned it to Mr. Barker.

19,011. How much did you return to him?—Something over a pound.

19,012. There would be 3*l.* left?—There is another pound I forgot, for a young man that went with us for assistance.

19,013. What is his name?—James Bradshaw, a non-voter.

19,014. Are you quite sure you paid James Bradshaw?—Yes, quite certain.

19,015. Where did you pay him?—I think I paid him in my own house, but it was not given to him till after the election was over.

19,016. What is James Bradshaw?—He is an ironmonger.

19,017. In what way did he assist?—He went with us. He knew the voters in that district.

19,018. How many voters were there?—There are about 21 in that district.

19,019. You handed back a balance of 1*l.* to Wilson Barker?—1*l.* odd. I do not know what it was exactly, but I gave him back every halfpenny.

19,020. You kept the money separate?—Yes; I had not a halfpenny of my own with me, and I gave him the balance, whatever it was.

19,021. The same evening?—No, the day following the election.

19,022. There are 2*l.* remaining?—There might be a little more spent than I have given an account of; I cannot tell exactly, but I know that that is the exact sum that was returned.

19,023. Are you sure you gave that back to Barker, because he has not told us of that?—I am certain I did; I met him in the street.

19,024. Have you spoken to him about it lately?—Never since. It was over 1*l.*, but I cannot say how much.

19,025. Did you receive any money yourself for your vote?—Not a halfpenny.

19,026. You never received any money for voting?—Never.

19,027. Did you ever ask for anything?—No, never. I never wanted anything.

19,028. Do you expect anything?—No.

19,029. (*Mr. Newton.*) What was Fox?—A farm labourer. He is a brother to William Fox. The other Foxes were paid at Lancaster.

19,030. (*Mr. Hill.*) Henry Nelson got his money really for his vote, did he not?—No, I believe not. He had, I think, expended some part of it before I went up there, but he will be able to tell you.

19,031. Who paid him?—I do not think he got paid.

19,032. James Towers got the 5*l.* for his vote?—Yes, he did.

J. Carruthers.

JAMES CARRUTHERS recalled and further examined.

19,033. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you got the list of the staff-men who were voters?—Yes (*handing a paper to the Commissioners.*) There is only one George Wilson.

19,034. George Wilson, of Skerton, labourer?—Yes.

19,035. What sort of labourer was he?—A cabinet-maker.

19,036. He gave up his work?—Yes.

19,037. And went upon your list?—Yes.

19,038. What were the staff-men engaged at a piece?—It is all down there; 7*s.* 6*d.* I think, but some got more.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

NINETEENTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Tuesday, 18th September 1866.

PRESENT:

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON. | MR. HILL.

R. Peckover.

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RICHARD PECKOVER sworn and examined.

19,039. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A yeoman.

19,040. Where do you live?—At Morecambe.

19,041. You are not a voter I think?—No.

19,042. What had you to do with the last election?—Very little indeed.

19,043. Tell us what part you took in it?—Mr. Whiteside had got a sovereign given to him to spend among the voters on the election, and he did not wish to have anything to do with it, and he asked me to take it and spend it, which I did.

19,044. Did you spend it among freemen, or on yourself, or how?—I spent it among freemen and others, both voters and non-voters.

19,045. That is all you know about it?—Yes.

19,046. What is Whiteside's christian name?—William Whiteside.

J. Marshall.

JOHN MARSHALL sworn and examined.

19,047. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A wine and spirit merchant.

19,048. Where do you live?—I live in High Street; my place of business is in New Street.

19,049. Are you a voter?—Yes.

19,050. What part did you take in the last election?—Very little indeed.

19,051. What was that little?—The only transaction I had was, I went down to Stirzaker's, the gardener, on the morning of the election.

19,052. By whose orders did you go there?—By order of some friends of mine, Mr. Cross and Mr. Halstead; they wished me to go and call upon them.

19,053. Did you see them?—I saw them both, the father and son, and was with them perhaps most of half an hour.

19,054. Where?—I wished to induce them to vote for Mr. Lawrence; the bargain had been made with some friends of mine before—that is with father and son for 17*l.* 10*s.*

19,055. Were you told to make the bargain with them?—No, the bargain had been made previously.

19,056. You did not make the bargain?—I did not.

19,057. Do you know who did?—No, I do not. Stirzaker said that our party had named it at one of the inns at Lancaster. Old John Stirzaker told me that it had been repeated over at one of the inns at Lancaster that a bargain had been made, and for that reason he should not vote that way; that he should not vote for Mr. Lawrence. He said he had been told by the other party that he should be brought up for bribery, and would have to go to London, and that for a man of his years it would almost kill him.

19,058. What time in the day was this?—It was early in the morning; about 5 o'clock in the morning.

19,059. Of course that was before the polling had begun?—Yes.

19,060. It must have been known, then, probably on the day previous, or the day previous to that?—Yes, it must have been; and, moreover, he said that Mrs. Schneider and the Miss Turners, the vicar's daughters, were very good customers, and paid them a great deal of money for plants and different things out of the garden. A good deal has been said about a geranium, but there was no certain plant named at all.

19,061. What else took place?—I think that was all.

19,062. Did you get them up to vote?—No, I did not go down after; some of my friends did, but they could not make anything of them; they went the other way both of them.

19,063. Were you told that there had been a bargain made?—They told me themselves.

19,064. Had you been told of it before?—No.

19,065. What were you told to do?—I was told to go down and see if I could prevail upon them to come and vote for Mr. Lawrence.

19,066. This you say was at 5 o'clock in the morning; the poll was not open then?—No, but I would see the money paid to them.

19,067. You knew that there had been that bargain made?—Yes, but I did not know before that morning.

19,068. Who told you that there had been a bargain made?—Mr. Cross and Mr. Halstead.

19,069. They both told you that there had been a bargain made?—Yes.

19,070. Did they mention to you the sum?—Yes.

19,071. Are you a householder or a freeman?—A householder.

19,072. What is the value of your house?—Well, it is my own house—about 20*l.* a year.

19,073. Is it a good house in the High Street?—Yes, it is a small house. I am a bachelor.

19,074. Is it larger than the houses of your neighbours?—No; there are about four in the row all the same size.

19,075. Were your neighbours going about much that morning?—My next neighbours are two maiden ladies and a widow lady, and the next is Mr. Vivian, who is not entitled to vote; he is not much in that district; it is a very quiet part of the town.

19,076. Is Stirzaker a householder?—Yes, he is a householder; it is his own property. I think it is father and son and daughter.

19,077. Do you think many people like Stirzaker had been looked after?—There is no doubt of that.

19,078. You think there is no doubt that they had had bargains made with them?—I have no doubt that a bargain was made.

19,079. I mean with other people?—Well, that is the only party I called on myself, and I cannot speak to anybody else.

19,080. Have you any doubt about it—do you think that many householders had been offered money?—I think there is no doubt about it; it was offered on all sides and in all directions, and they took it.

19,081. On both sides?—Yes.

19,082. Do you know what sums they ranged from?—I suppose they ranged from 5*l.* to 50*l.*

19,083. Do you believe that they did?—I only know what I have heard from other parties.

19,084. Do you mean 50*l.* paid down, or a promise of some future benefit?—I understand that there has been as much as 50*l.* paid down, but I cannot speak to that from any knowledge of my own.

19,085. Can you give us any sort of clue to that?—No, I cannot.

19,086. When did you hear those reports?—Soon after the election.

19,087. 50*l.* is a very large sum?—Yes.

19,088. Much larger than anything we have heard of yet. To what class of persons do you suppose that was offered?—It was said that Mr. Schneider had made the remark himself that for the last hour there was 200*l.* or 300*l.* paid for about five votes.

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J. Marshall.

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19,089. Mr. Schneider said so?—It was reported so in the town. I cannot speak to it myself.

19,090. That they bought five votes for how much money?—I cannot speak to the sum; it was a very large sum.

19,091. But you think that a man wanting 50*l.* would be a person moving in the highest circles in Lancaster?—I cannot speak to that. Mr. Schneider had any amount of money to dispose of.

19,092. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You had not yourself any money to offer to anybody?—I had not; I neither offered or gave a penny nor received one.

19,093. You negotiated this business with the Stirzakers. Do you know yourself of any other person in the same position who had money offered to him?—No, I cannot speak to any one individual.

19,094. You cannot speak to any one in the same position as the Stirzakers who has told you that he had had any money offered to him?—No.

19,095. You have told us that it was reported that money was offered to people in a very respectable position?—Yes, I have been told so.

19,096. It was so reported?—Yes.

19,097. Did the report go any further and say how it was offered to them?—No, I am not aware that it did.

19,098. No details were given as to the means by which it was offered to them?—No.

19,099. As, for instance, whether it was offered to themselves, or to any member of their family, did the report go to that extent?—Yes, it did.

19,100. What was it; can you say?—John Stirzaker said that he never received a farthing, nor his son in London, and I suppose it has been proved since, by Mr. Wilson, that they took 20*l.*

19,101. You have spoken of a general report that people in a respectable position of life took bribes?—Yes.

19,102. Does the report go on to say through what medium they took them?—No.

19,103. Whether the money was offered to them, and put into their hands, or not?—I cannot speak to that.

19,104. I do not ask you of your own knowledge, but you have spoken of a report. Can you say whether the report went any further than you have told us?—It was publicly reported in different parts of the town. I heard it from different parties.

19,105. So you said before; but I want to know whether the report spoke as to the means by which this money was offered to comparatively respectable people?—No; I cannot speak to that.

19,106. Because I should say that it would be rather a brazen thing to do to go to a man living in a house worth 30*l.* a year, and to say to him, "I will give you 10*l.* for your vote?—I cannot speak to that.

19,107. You cannot say how it was done?—No.

19,108. Nor can you say how it was reported to have been done?—No.

19,109. (*Mr. Hill.*) No doubt the Stirzakers might say safely that they had not received the money themselves—that is, the father and son?—Certainly they might.

19,110. And yet it has been pretty clearly proved that they had it. They would be safe in saying that they had not received it, because it had been offered to some other member of their family, and not to themselves?—Very likely.

19,111. Is that what you mean?—Yes.

19,112. It might have been offered, for instance, to the women part of the family?—Yes.

19,113. Do you know that that was so; that it was offered to the women part of the family?—No, I did not offer it to them.

19,114. They were both there themselves?—Yes, they were both there, both father and son.

19,115. Would that be rather the way of getting out of it—that if it was offered to the women the men might be called up, and might say that they had not received it?—I cannot say that.

19,116. Is it not well known that a good deal of the bribery, with reference to one part of the constituency of Lancaster was done through the women part of the family?—I have had so little to do with it, that I cannot speak to that.

19,117. But as to the report you have been speaking of?—I suppose the money was paid in different ways.

19,118. You have been in Lancaster all the time, and you would hear what we may not have had an opportunity of hearing. In what way would the money find its way through Mr. Schneider's party to the women part of the family?—I cannot speak to that at all.

19,119. Who are the persons that we have not had before us, through whose hands it would be likely to come?—I cannot give you the least information about money matters.

19,120. But living here as you do, and knowing the way in which these sort of things would be worked, who would be the persons who would be selected for the payment of money to the more respectable part of the constituency?—I cannot say. I was not in any of the committee rooms, nor did I take any active part. That which I have stated was the only thing I had to do; that was as to the Stirzakers, and a great deal has been said about them.

19,121. But still you would be a person in the way of hearing what had taken place?—Certainly, I have heard reports.

19,122. Who have you heard of going about with money on behalf of the Schneider party that we have not seen or heard of?—You have seen or heard of most of them.

19,123. I think there are some one or two behind that we have not got hold of. Who would they be?—I cannot say.

19,124. In what class of life?—That I cannot speak to, I had so very little to do with it.

19,125. But still, being a man with your eyes and ears open, who were the persons employed on that side? Just tell me. I am sure you will fairly. You will not be inculpating anybody. We shall have them before us, and shall have an opportunity of hearing what they say?—I should be very glad to tell you if I could, but I do not know.

19,126. There were such parties, but you do not remember their names?—I cannot speak to any one individual. The only two parties were Mr. Cross and Mr. Halstead that I had any conversation with on money matters. It was reported in the garden that I took the money to the Stirzakers, and that they ordered me about my business, which is not correct.

19,127. Was Mrs. Cross or was Mrs. Halstead (if there are such ladies) active at all?—I do not know; I never was in their houses or saw them.

19,128. Was there any machinery of that sort which we have not got at used for the purposes of the election?—No, I should think they were too much of ladies to do anything of that sort.

19,129. Ladies are very active electioneerers sometimes, but you can give us no clue to that at all?—No.

19,130. You have told us that you understood there had been as much as 50*l.* paid for a vote. Would that be, as far as you understood, in more than one instance, or was it a solitary case?—I cannot say. It was merely a report going about the night when the election was over.

19,131. Of what sort of person was it reported that he had been so lucky as to get 50*l.*?—I cannot give you any name.

19,132. Did not rumour attach the 50*l.* to any particular person?—No.

19,133. Or to any particular class of persons?—No.

19,134. Did they not say who were the lucky people who were making the most money?—I do not know.

19,135. You think that the 50*l.* and those large sums would be paid to the last few voters who polled for Mr. Schneider?—Yes, it was so reported.

19,136. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you know Mr. Lawrence

personally?—I do not. I never spoke to him except once, at the time he called.

19,137. Were you on his committee?—I was not.

19,138. Did you see him in the course of the election?—I saw him going about with his friends, but I never spoke to him.

19,139. Who was with him generally when you saw him?—There was a largish party with him altogether.

19,140. But you cannot call to mind who the parties who were with him were?—No.

19,141. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did Stirzaker the father say at all what price was given for the plants?—No, he did not name any price. He only said theywere good customers, and that they paid them a good deal of money. That was the remark that he made.

19,142. He was not speaking of any particular recent transaction?—No, he was not.

THOMAS BOARDMAN sworn and examined.

T. Boardman.

19,143. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—In Penny Street.

19,144. What are you by trade?—I am assistant to Mr. Kelsall, the spirit merchant.

19,145. What part did you take in the last election?—I went down with Mr. Hartley to Morecambe, Heysham, and Bare.

19,146. Is that Mr. Christopher Hartley?—Yes.

19,147. Did you go down much before the election?—No, I never took no interest in it before whatever.

19,148. When did you first go down?—We went to Morecambe first.

19,149. Upon what day did you go there?—The day before the nomination day.

19,150. Monday, July 10th?—Yes.

19,151. What did you do at Morecambe?—After we got to Morecambe we went to Torrisholme and went to Bare. He said there was some voters there, and when we got there they had come to Morecambe.

19,152. You went canvassing?—Yes.

19,153. Did you make any bargains on that day with the voters?—No, we never did. In fact I did not take any part in it at all.

19,154. Did you not arrange as to the price of the votes?—No, I never did.

19,155. Are you a Lancaster man?—No, I am not.

19,156. How long have you been in Lancaster?—About six years.

19,157. You began to take a little interest in elections then?—The last time was the first.

19,158. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—I received 15*l.* a few days after the election from Mr. Hartley.

19,159. Shall we say it was two or three days after the election?—I cannot tell you not to a day or two.

19,160. What was that 15*l.* for?—It was for expenses, and going about with him.

19,161. Were your wages then deducted during the time you were at work?—Yes.

19,162. How much were your wages?—My wages was not always alike. I was working for Mr. Christopher Baines then.

19,163. Who is Mr. Christopher Baines?—He is a stonemason.

19,164. You were working for a stonemason?—He is a master man is Christopher Baines.

19,165. What was your occupation?—I was in the quarry.

19,166. You were working as a quarryman?—Yes.

19,167. Ready to turn your hand to anything, from stonemasoning to spirit-merchanting?—It seems so.

19,168. You received 15*l.*?—Yes.

19,169. For whom did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Fenwick and Schneider.

19,170. What expenses were you put to during the election?—I could not tell. I had 3*l.* or 4*l.* in my pocket, and I had a few shillings in my pocket when I got home.

19,171. You were driving about with Mr. Hartley?—Yes.

19,172. And Mr. Hartley was paying the expenses?—Yes.

19,173. I suppose that the money you were out of pocket might be represented by a very small sum?—I had a few shillings.

19,174. So long as you and Mr. Hartley were together Mr. Hartley paid the expenses, and not you?—Yes, I never paid a halfpenny for expenses.

19,175. And you got 15*l.*?—I got 15*l.*

19,176. You never received any other monies at any other time?—No, I never did, only that 15*l.*

THOMAS BENNETT HILL sworn and examined.

T. B. Hill.

19,177. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A smith, in business for myself.

19,178. Where do you work?—My shop is in Nile Street, in Lancaster.

19,179. What part did you take in the last election?—I was a sub-captain in Mr. Clark's district.

19,180. What money did you receive?—21*l.* 15*s.*

19,181. Probably all from Mr. Clark?—No.

19,182. From whom did you receive it?—Thirty shillings from Mr. Clark before the election; at three different times I received that money.

19,183. Three ten shillings?—I think I had 1*l.* and 10*s.* afterwards; and the other 5*l.* from Mr. Cross; 20*l.* I had given to me on the election day in the morning, at the "White Cross" committee room by a gentleman from Liverpool, to take two voters.

19,184. Who were they?—Richard and Thomas Tomlinson. I believe it has been named by Mr. Clark before.

19,185. Did you pay them?—I gave them each 5*l.*, and in the next half hour they received money from the Liberal party, and voted for the Liberals.

19,186. What did you do with the other 10*l.*?—I took it to Mr. Clark, and he returned it for my services; I was on three or four weeks before the election at different times assisting him.

19,187. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

19,188. You are your own master?—Yes.

19,189. I suppose besides that your smithy was going on as usual?—There is only myself and a boy; I had to leave my work at different times during those three weeks.

19,190. You did not leave it the whole day?—Yes, many a time a whole day, and half days. There is myself and an apprentice, that is all, and often the work was standing.

19,191. How many whole days were you away?—I cannot say, not many whole days; I was there at any time to be called on, ready to go at any time.

19,192. You are not in all the day I suppose when it is not election times?—A deal of my work is outside, and I have to go to any job that I am called to.

19,193. On what day was it Clark gave you this money for your services?—I cannot say; two or three different times three weeks before the election.

19,194. But the 10*l.* for your services, was that on the polling day?—Yes, on the polling day; I took it him some time after I had been with those Tomlinson's, some time during the day, I am not sure what time it was.

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A. Harrison.

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ALEXANDER HARRISON sworn and examined.

19,195. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A rope-maker.

19,196. Where do you live?—I live in Market Street.

19,197. Are you a freeman or a householder?—Neither.

19,198. Not a voter?—No.

19,199. What part did you take in the election?—I was a sub-captain.

19,200. Under Clark?—Yes.

19,201. What money did he pay you or anybody else?—I think I had 6*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* altogether.

19,202. Are you not sure about it?—I am sure; quite certain.

19,203. Then why do you say you think; what did you do with that 6*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*?—I spent it in different ways for the purpose of the election.

19,204. In what way?—There was a sovereign spent at the "Volunteer" public-house some few days before the election; we had a meeting of the electors there, and got a few of them together, and it was spent in drink; and then I had 5*l.* to go down to Galgate with.

19,205. What did you do at Galgate?—I went down to look after the voters.

19,206. What did you do with the 5*l.*?—It was all spent.

19,207. In how long a time?—Three or four hours.

19,208. What did you drink?—Mostly spirits; they are very particular at these times, as long as they know they are not going to pay for it, they will have the best they can get.

19,209. And as long as there is plenty going, they will drink it?—Yes.

19,210. How many voters did you treat at Galgate?—I do not know, they brought their friends as well; I should think there were sixty or seventy present sometimes.

19,211. Was this in the evening?—Yes.

19,212. After the men had done their work?—Yes.

19,213. Who had given you this 5*l.*?—Mr. Barker.

19,214. Did you receive the whole of it from him?—No, only the 5*l.*

19,215. Who did you get the 1*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* from?—Mr. Cross.

19,216. You spent that 5*l.* in drink?—Yes.

19,217. In two hours?—More than two hours, three or four hours; we got there about half-past 4, and I should think we were at work till perhaps 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning.

19,218. And then you brought them up to Lancaster?—Some of them, what we could get.

19,219. Did they get very drunk?—No, they can take a good deal without being drunk.

W. Jackson.

WILLIAM JACKSON sworn and examined.

19,220. *Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A manufacturer.

19,221. What sort of manufacturer?—Cotton.

19,222. Where do you live?—In Church Street, Lancaster.

19,223. Are you an elector of the borough?—I am a freeman.

19,224. And what are your politics?—Liberal.

19,225. Have you been in the habit of taking an interest in the borough elections?—Yes.

19,226. Always all your life?—I cannot say that; I have taken no very decided part since I was mayor in 1859 and 1860. I became afterwards a director of the bank.

19,227. You took an active part up to 1859 or 1860?—Yes.

19,228. At that time you filled the office of mayor?—Yes, in that year.

19,229. When did you become a director in the Lancashire Bank?—About 10 years ago.

19,230. How many is your board at the Lancaster Bank composed of?—Five when the number is full.

19,231. I will take, if you please, the number on the board at the time of the last election; give me the names of the directors?—John Coulston, Richard B. Armstrong, Leonard Redmayne, Samuel Edward Bolden, and myself.

19,232. Did you take an active part in the management of the bank?—Yes.

19,233. You are managing director?—I am one of the managing directors, and Mr. Coulston is the other.

19,234. Have you an equal amount of duties as managing directors, you and Mr. Coulston?—No, he has a good deal more than I have to do.

19,235. He is more at the bank than you are?—While he was well he was a good deal more.

19,236. But still you were in the constant and daily habit of going to the bank?—Yes.

19,237. And exercised a complete supervision over the bank interests?—Yes.

19,238. Have you any bill committee, or do you and Mr. Coulston look after the bills?—We see the bills as they come in, and we know the amount we have in our possession.

19,239. Have you weekly board meetings?—Yes.

19,240. Which is your board day?—It is Thursday now.

19,241. Which was it at that time?—Tuesday.

19,242. You held a board meeting on the Tuesday before the election day, the nomination day?—I had been confined to the house for nearly two months; I attended very little.

19,243. You know there was a board meeting then?—I have no doubt about it, but I am not sure.

19,244. There was a board meeting, I may take it, on the nomination day?—I cannot say there was positively, but I suppose there would be, and for anything I know to the contrary there was.

19,245. Were you at that board meeting?—No, I was not.

19,246. Where were you?—At my own house.

19,247. Were you confined to your house at that time?—Yes, I was; I got out to vote on the polling day, and was at the bank the same afternoon.

19,248. Were you not out of doors at all on the Tuesday?—I do not remember that I was. The bank is about 50 yards from my house.

19,249. So that if any directions were required with regard to the bank they could come to your house?—Yes.

19,250. When were you first spoken to as managing director, with regard to receiving the account of Mr. Schneider?—We had no account of Mr. Schneider I think, till September or October, not at the Lancaster Bank.

19,251. When were you first spoken to as to opening an account with Mr. Schneider?—I do not know.

19,252. Will you just try and think. The election was on the 12th of July; how long before that were you first spoken to with regard to opening an account with Mr. Schneider?—I was never spoken to at all about opening an account.

19,253. You managed the matter equally with Mr. Coulston?—I cannot say equally.

19,254. You had equal power with him?—Yes.

19,255. And equal responsibility?—Yes; except that he had been called the manager, and was so really, the sole manager.

19,256. You were both managing directors?—Yes, I was one of them.

19,257. That being so, when did you first hear of the probability of Mr. Schneider opening an account with the Lancaster Bank?—I think in September.

19,258. Do you mean to say you never heard of it before?—No.

19,259. Do I understand that you never had any conversation with Mr. Coulston as to an account being opened with Mr. Schneider before September?—I had

some conversation with Mr. Coulston, but not about opening an account with Mr. Schneider.

19,260. As to money matters with Mr. Schneider?—Yes.

19,261. What was the conversation between yourself and Mr. Coulston as to Mr. Schneider's account, or as to Mr. Schneider's money matters, rather?—Mr. Coulston told me he had advanced Mr. Schneider 2,000*l.* or 2,500*l.*, but that was a debt owing by Mr. Coulston to the bank; that was some time afterwards.

19,262. When did Mr. Coulston tell you that?—I should think it would be a week or a fortnight after the election.

19,263. Had you ever taken any steps with regard to getting an account opened between Mr. Schneider's firm and the bank?—Not at Lancaster, certainly. The account was opened before I joined the bank.

19,264. At Ulverstone?—Yes.

19,265. Was there any question of removing that account at all, to the Lancaster bank?—Never, that I heard of.

19,266. Your account with Mr. Schneider at the Ulverstone branch was a valuable account?—Yes.

19,267. An account which perhaps made it worth while opening the branch at Ulverstone?—I will not say that. His account was afterwards removed to Barrow. We should have had a branch there independently of Mr. Schneider's account.

19,268. Did you yourself at all supervise the Ulverstone branch?—Very little; we visited it sometimes.

19,269. You and Mr. Coulston each went over it occasionally?—Yes.

19,270. Of course the matters of the Ulverstone branch were fully discussed at your board-meetings in Lancaster?—Yes, they were.

19,271. That branch is an integral part of the Lancaster bank?—Yes.

19,272. Did you discuss, before the election, with Mr. Coulston the matter of Mr. Schneider's account?—No, I had been very little at the bank for two months.

19,273. So that it may have been discussed in your absence?—Yes, it may.

19,274. What had Mr. Coulston said to you as to advancing money to Mr. Schneider?—He told me that he had advanced this money and that Mr. Schneider was to give him, or had given him his promissory note for it.

19,275. This, you say, took place some time before the election?—I did not hear of it till after the election.

19,276. Did Mr. Coulston tell you for what purpose he had advanced that money?—I am not aware that he did, but I presume it would be before the election.

19,277. You did not think for one moment that Mr. Coulston had advanced the money for trade purposes?—No, certainly not.

19,278. Why did Mr. Coulston mention the subject to you?—I can scarcely tell you. It was in the course of conversation.

19,279. Did he tell you why he took the promissory note from Mr. Schneider?—He gave me no particular reason for it, that I remember.

19,280. Did he not say anything to you about holding it as security from Mr. Schneider?—He probably might, but I do not remember the circumstances.

19,281. Did Mr. Coulston tell you at the time of that conversation to what extent Mr. Schneider had drawn upon the bank, or drawn upon Mr. Coulston, rather?—No; he told me nothing but this 2,000*l.* or 2,500*l.*

19,282. He told you that he had advanced 2,500*l.*?—Yes.

19,283. You knew there had been an advance of more than 2,000*l.*?—I did not know it then,—not till long afterwards.

19,284. Do you go regularly over the Ulverstone accounts?—No.

19,285. Who does?—The manager at Ulverstone.

19,286. Who is he?—Mr. Satterthwaite.

19,287. Did you see Mr. Satterthwaite here at the time of the election?—No.

19,288. Do you know that he was over?—I do not know, and I do not think he was, or I should have heard of it.

19,289. Can you tell me what is the amount of gold you are in the habit of sending over to the Ulverstone branch?—It varies very much. Sometimes they get it from other banks in the neighbourhood. A good deal is required at Ulverstone for the payment of wages and other demands there. I saw yesterday that we had about 14,000*l.* in gold at Preston.

10,290. That is not the question. What were you in the habit of sending over to Ulverstone for the purpose of wages?—We do not send anything regularly; only when it is asked for.

19,291. Have you sent anything during the last two months?—Yes.

19,292. To what amount?—I cannot tell you that without referring to books.

19,293. Would you say it is a very large amount if you were called upon to send over a couple of thousand pounds?—No, I should not.

19,294. Do you mean to say 2,000*l.* is not considerably above the average?—No.

19,295. Is it below the average?—I should think it was below the average.

19,296. Did you send over every fortnight?—No, not regularly. It depends upon their wants.

19,297. What would be the average of what you send over every fortnight?—I cannot give a direct answer to that question. I know that the wages of Schneider, Hannay, & Co., are more than 2,000*l.* a week.

19,298. Would 2,000*l.* be fully the average amount that you would be called upon to send over?—Probably it might, but I am not quite sure.

19,299. You would scarcely have to send over the full amount of wages to Ulverstone?—The sending of gold is exceedingly irregular. They get it from neighbouring banks sometimes.

19,300. I apprehend that a certain amount of gold finds its way at once back into the bank from shopkeepers and so on?—Very probably, but Mr. Hadwen could give you better information on these points than I can. These are things that do not come before the board to be discussed at all.

19,301. Have you never had the question of the amount of gold which the Ulverstone branch draws from you, brought before the board?—Not to ask any directions from the board,—certainly not.

19,302. Not to ask directions, but as to guiding you in your mode of carrying on your business?—We should receive a letter from the manager at Ulverstone when gold was wanted.

19,303. Do you know that it was the subject of conversation during the last election, as to the amount of gold you had in your bank?—No, I do not know anything about it. As I said before, I do not think I was twice at the bank for a month.

19,304. Have you, since then, at the bank meetings talked over the amount of gold that there was in the bank at the time of the election?—No, never.

19,305. Do you mean that the fact of the small amount of gold there was in the bank on the day of the election has never been the subject of conversation?—I heard something about gold being applied for by Stirzaker, but I do not know what was said upon the subject.

19,306. When did you hear that discussed?—Some time after the election.

19,307. Tell us what took place about that?—I do not know who it was with. Some of the bank clerks must have told me,—the cashier, perhaps.

19,308. Must have told you what?—That Stirzaker had applied for money and got it.

19,309. Was that what he told you?—I think it was the cashier.

19,310. He scarcely would have given you that as a piece of information, that Stirzaker had applied for money and had got it, because I hope all persons who

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W. Jackson.

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apply for money get it?—I suppose it was a suspicious case that it was thought to be wanted for the election.

19,311. Did he also tell you that your bank refused or rather neglected to give Stirzaker gold?—I am sure that he did not say that the bank refused to give him gold, but I heard he had been paid in notes.

19,312. The bank-clerk at the same time he told you of Stirzaker's application also told you that he paid him in notes?—Yes, I think so.

19,313. Was not that rather an extraordinary piece of information to give to you?—I do not know.

19,314. To tell you that some person had applied at the bank for money and that he had given him notes and not gold?—I suppose he thought it was singular his asking for it during the time of the election.

19,315. He gave you that information at the time?—I think so.

19,316. That Stirzaker had applied for money for the purposes of the election, and he (the clerk) had given him notes and not gold, and that it was a suspicious thing I suppose, Stirzaker applying on that day. Did he tell you it was something he had done to help up the Conservative party or the Liberal party?—He did not say either the one or the other.

19,317. Mr. Schneider has at present an account at the Lancaster bank?—Yes.

19,318. Is that a private account or an account of his firm?—A private account.

19,319. I will not go into it, but I suppose it is a considerable account?—As compared with the account of the concern it is not considerable.

19,320. It is what you would call a good private account—that is all I want?—Yes.

19,321. Will you explain to me this,—how it is that if Mr. Schneider has at present a private account with the bank, that money which is debited to Mr. Coulston in the bank books has never been debited to Mr. Schneider,—how it is that it remains still debited to Mr. Coulston?—I cannot give you any reason for it. Mr. Coulston's security is quite ample to the bank.

19,322. You, as having a personal knowledge of Mr. Coulston's affairs to a certain extent, cannot give us any reason for that?—No.

19,323. Why that still remains debited to Mr. Coulston?—No, I cannot. It is Mr. Coulston's own doing. He has had the management of it himself, and I know nothing about it.

19,324. Will you tell me what proportion does that amount debited to Mr. Coulston in the bank books bear to Mr. Schneider's usual account?—I have never looked at Mr. Schneider's account.

19,325. You, as manager of the bank, have never looked at Mr. Schneider's account?—I see checks and bills, but we only look at accounts that we think want watching.

19,326. Do you really say with regard to a large private account of this kind that you do not look at it to see how it stands?—No, never.

19,327. Do you never look at any private accounts?—Oh yes, occasionally.

19,328. When and under what circumstances?—When the attention of the board is called to them.

19,329. You, as manager, would not look at any private accounts unless the attention of the board was called to them?—Not generally.

19,330. Do you really mean to tell me that that is so?—Yes.

19,331. That the managing director does not look at private accounts unless the attention of the board is called to them?—The board generally look at all the ledgers together.

19,332. The managing director and board are two different persons. I presume the managing director looks more carefully at the matters than the board does?—Yes.

19,333. Do you mean this to go forth that the managing director of a bank does not look into private accounts unless his attention is called to them? Do you really wish that to go forth as the practice of the Lancaster bank?—It is to some extent.

19,334. Is it to any extent?—During Mr. Coulston's illness here it has not been done.

19,335. I must have an answer really upon this point. Do you mean to tell me as managing director of the bank you do not look into private accounts or see the state of a private account unless your attention is drawn to it?—Yes, I say so, generally.

19,336. Whose duty is it to draw your attention to it?—The sub-manager.

19,337. That would be Mr. Hadwen?—Yes.

19,338. The reason why you know nothing about Mr. Schneider's account is because Mr. Hadwen has not drawn your attention to it?—Yes.

19,339. You do not in fact know at the present time, or since Mr. Schneider placed his account with you, whether it has been on the right side or wrong side?—I do not.

19,340. You have no notion?—No.

19,341. Not within thousands. You cannot say at this present moment whether the bank is indebted to Mr. Schneider in 10,000*l.*, or Mr. Schneider indebted to the bank?—No, I cannot.

19,342. And that is so with regard to all private accounts?—Any account to which our attention is called we look into.

19,343. That is so with regard to all private accounts to which Mr. Hadwen has not called your attention?—Yes, generally.

19,344. I ask you this question, and I desire a very plain answer upon the point, do you know, either by report or in any other way, of any other sums of money passing through your bank on behalf of Mr. Schneider's election except that 3,555*l.*?—I know nothing beyond the 2,500*l.* I have heard something of gold being had from the bank since the election.

19,345. Do you know of any other monies besides those which have been given in evidence before us as passing through the bank for the purpose of Mr. Schneider's election?—No, I do not.

19,346. I ask you this as a matter which will be canvassed considerably in the town and neighbourhood: Do you believe (and I ask you to give a very calm and cool answer upon the point) that any money passed through the bank for the purpose of Mr. Schneider's election, except those sums which have been given in evidence before the Commissioners?—I have no reason to believe there was.

19,347. Do you believe it?—No, I do not.

19,348. Do you know that any money was drawn from the Ulverstone branch for the purposes of this election?—I do not.

19,349. Do you know or believe that any money was drawn from the Barrow branch for the purposes of the election?—I do not.

19,350. You do not believe it?—No.

19,351. Do you believe that if any other monies than these sums which have been proved in evidence before us were spent upon that election they were obtained from other source than through the bank?—Yes.

19,352. Or any of its branches?—Yes, certainly.

19,353. Do you know of any arrangement between Mr. Coulston and Mr. Schneider as to the repayment of that money?—No, I do not.

19,354. Have you never heard of any?—If I have heard of any I have no recollection of it. I do not think I have ever heard of any.

19,355. Have you heard of any?—I cannot say that I have.

19,356. Have you any belief in any arrangement?—No, I have not.

19,357. Do you think there is no such arrangement?—Very probably there might have been, but I do not know.

19,358. Mr. Coulston never spoke to you about it?—Yes, he told me of the circumstance.

19,359. Did he not say when the money was to be repaid?—No, I think not.

19,360. Just consider?—I am pretty sure he did not.

19,361. Mr. Coulston never said anything to you

about when the money was to be repaid to him ?—No, I think not.

19,362. You have no recollection upon the subject? —No. I have not. If any specific time had been mentioned, I think I should remember it.

19,363. Did he not say how the money was to be repaid ?—No, certainly not.

19,364. Or whether there was to be any further security than the promissory note ?—No, none, I never heard of any.

19,365. Mr. Coulston is not a man who generally accepts indifferent security ? — Mr. Schneider was good enough for a much larger sum.

19,366. All of us are liable to shake sometimes, and a promissory note is but a promissory note ?—If Mr. Schneider had come for the money himself, and it had been ten times the amount, he would have got it.

19,367. Merely for the sake of securing his account, and the firm's account ?—Yes, to oblige him.

19,368. Did you see the letter to Mr. Coulston enclosing that promissory note. It is worded somewhat to the effect, "I send you the note as per arrangement." Do you know what that arrangement was ?—I never saw that letter.

19,369. Have you seen the evidence ?—No, I have not read the whole of the evidence.

19,370. Did you not read that part of the evidence which affected the bank ?—I do not remember anything about that letter.

19,371. It is a letter to Mr. Coulston put in by Mr. Hadwen enclosing a promissory note. There are some private matters in it upon which we did not touch, but the first two lines of the letter are, "I enclose you the promissory note as arranged" ?—I do not know anything of that letter.

19,372. Had not Mr. Coulston said anything to the bank board ?—No.

19,373. Did Mr. Coulston ever show you the promissory note ?—I think not.

19,374. Have you any explanation to offer to us why that promissory note was dated April the 28th ? —I do not know, unless it was to veil the transaction. I cannot give you any good reason.

19,375. What transaction ? — Of lending Mr. Schneider this money at some particular time. I cannot tell.

19,376. With regard to the bank, Mr. John Coulston's politics we know, and your politics we also know : with regard to Mr. Richard Armstrong, what are his politics ?—He is a Liberal.

19,377. And Mr. Richard Redmayne ?—I think he has never voted for many elections past, and I do not know what his politics are.

19,378. Is he an elector ?—Yes, a freeman. He has usually been in London.

19,379. He is a very old gentleman ?—Yes, very old, and blind.

19,380. Hel ives in London ?—Yes. He has a residence here as well.

19,381. He is not often down here ?—He has come now permanently to reside here.

19,382. Was he here at the time of the election ?—No, I think not.

19,383. Then Mr. Bolden ?—He was here at the time of the election.

19,384. What are his politics ?—Liberal.

18,385. To use your own Lancashire expression, you were all in a band, as far as politics goes ?—There was no great difference between us.

19,386. (*Mr. Newton.*) You said just now you went to the bank on the day of the election ?—Yes.

19,387. At what time did you go ? — About 3 o'clock.

19,388. Was the bank closed then ?—I am not quite sure. Three o'clock is the usual hour of closing, but I am not sure whether it was open longer that day or not.

19,389. When were you told about Stirzaker's cheque ?—A day or two after perhaps, but I am not quite sure.

19,390. Were you told about any other cheques ?— No.

19,391. The explanation you give is that it was a very suspicious thing as coming on the day of the election ?—Suspicious, wanting it in gold, I thought.

19,392. Would it be a suspicious thing for anyone to go to the bank to get change for a 500*l.* note ?—It depends upon circumstances.

19,393. Did you hear about that ?—No ; I never heard anything about it.

19,394. Did you hear that Mr. Schneider changed a 500*l.* note in gold ?—I have heard of it since.

19,395. Was that a suspicious thing ?—Everybody must form their opinion upon that matter.

19,396. (*Mr. Hill.*) There is one thing which arises out of Henry Threlfall Wilson's evidence as to your connexion with the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway ; you are a director ?—I am vice-chairman of the board.

19,397. The porters and officers on the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway are virtually not under your control at all ?—No.

19,398. It is all North-western ?—Yes.

19,399. Under a lease to the North-western ?—Yes.

19,400. Did you yourself do anything at all in canvassing at the last election ?—I had to issue letters, I think printed letters, calling meetings, and requesting electors to come to the poll on the day ; whether it was in my capacity as chairman or not I do not know.

19,401. Were you chairman of Mr. Schneider's committee ?—I never presided at any meeting.

19,402. Were you called the chairman ?—I think I was called chairman in those circulars ?

19,403. Have you got one of those circulars ?—No, I have not.

19,404. Were these circulars sent to all the "free and independent ?"—I did not send them.

19,405. Were they addressed to the "free and independent ?"—Yes.

19,406. Not to the railway porters alone ?—No.

19,407. You attended some of these committee meetings ?—No.

19,408. None at all ?—No ; I was not able.

19,409. When did you accept the office of chairman ? —I can scarcely tell you ; as far as I can remember a printed copy was sent me asking me whether I had any objection to its going out in my name.

19,410. Was that a week before the election ?—More.

19,411. A fortnight or three weeks ?—Yes, I should think so.

19,412. The circulars went out under your name to the voters asking for their vote and interest ?—I presume so ; I did not send them.

19,413. Giving the details of the election ?—I forget I am sure.

19,414. Were there other names upon that circular besides your own ?—I think not.

19,415. Can you get me a copy of that circular ?— I have no means, but perhaps Mr. Maxsted might assist me.

19,416. This circular will go out, amongst others, to the railway servants ?—Yes, I should think so.

19,417. Were your titles put underneath it, "Vice-chairman of the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway," for instance ?—No.

19,418. It was pretty well known, I suppose ?—I suppose so.

19,419. Apart from that, did you at all personally canvass anybody ?—I think but one voter.

19,420. Who was that ?—A person called Edward Cutts.

19,421. A railway porter ?—No ; he has nothing to do with the railway ; he is a cabinet-maker.

19,422. You canvassed him yourself ?—I sent for him to my house.

19,423. When was that ?—Four or five days before the election.

19,424. Was Mr. King present when you sent for him ?—No.

19,425. William King ?—No.

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19,426. Do you know what Cutts got for his vote?—I do not.

19,427. Do you know that he got 8*l.* from William King?—No.

19,428. You did not all arrange with him what price he was to have?—No, I did not.

19,429. Was anything said about the price of his vote when he came?—No, nothing.

19,430. You sent for him to canvass him?—I heard that he was going to the other side, and Mr. Gregson, who had been our member, had got three of his brothers Government situations, or situations in the Customs or Post-office, and I represented to him that it would be very ungracious on his part now to go against us, and I fancy the consequence was that he voted for us.

19,431. Gratitude, plus the 8*l.*?—I know nothing about the 8*l.*; I paid the expenses of several elections myself, and I have never paid a sixpence in bribing, or never sanctioned one being paid, and never saw it done.

19,432. I am not at all accusing you, but did you at all yourself canvass any of the railway people?—No, I did not, excepting a William Batty, to whom I wrote, but who did not get my letter till after he had voted.

19,433. What were the inducements which you held out to Batty?—None whatever; he was a distant relative of mine, and always supported our side, I believe.

19,434. Did you canvass anybody else?—I wrote several letters to persons with whom I thought I had some little influence.

19,435. We have been asking some questions as to the money that was spent. Have you heard of any rumours as to the top price of votes at the last election?—No, I have not; 20*l.* or 30*l.* I have heard.

19,436. To what class of people would that 20*l.* or 30*l.* be given?—I should fancy to small shop-keepers, or small householders.

19,437. Do you think that that was given to any great extent?—I have no means of knowing.

19,438. You were mixing with people in the town, and you are a bank director?—It is said that a great deal of money was given on both sides.

19,439. You have no doubt that there was?—No, I have not.

19,440. Amongst small householders as well as freemen?—I am afraid so.

19,441. You know of no especial case to which you can direct our attention?—I do not.

19,442. Did you canvass any other railway persons?—I sent for a person called James Malley to my house.

19,443. Is he a railway man?—No.

19,444. Were you out canvassing with Mr. Schneider?—No, never.

19,445. Were you never in his company?—Yes.

19,446. Canvassing in his company?—No.

19,447. Did you discuss with Mr. Schneider the probable cost of the election?—Before the election or after?

19,448. At any time?—No, never, that I know of.

19,449. Then why did you ask me whether it was before or after the election?—I can scarcely tell you; I may have mentioned to him the cost of previous elections.

19,450. You may have mentioned to him what the probable cost would be?—Yes, probably I may.

19,451. Do you recollect any sum that you put forward as the probable cost?—At the contested election in 1847 I paid for Mr. Gregson, up to a day or two after the election, about 700*l.*

19,452. Was that legal or illegal expenses?—I do not think they were strictly legal; there would be some treating amongst it.

19,453. Did you talk to Mr. Schneider as to what the probable cost would be to him?—I am not quite sure; I may have said it ought not to exceed 1,200*l.*

19,454. Would you say that before the election?—Yes, I think so; I would not swear to it, but it is very possible I might say so to him.

19,455. Did you say anything to him about what the cost would be if votes had to be bought?—No, never.

19,456. Was Mr. Schneider frequently with you during the election?—No; I think he called upon me twice.

19,457. And in this instance he never alluded to money matters?—I do not think he did.

19,458. You have no recollection of it?—No recollection at all. I should like to be allowed to make a remark upon some previous elections, and I speak more especially with regard to the election of 1847, in which I paid all the expenses with the exception of carriages, and some portion of the legal expenses; I had no authority to do it, but I took upon myself the paying of everything relating to that election, and Mr. Clark has said in his evidence here that bribery began then; now I never paid a farthing for a man's vote, nor sanctioned the payment by anybody else, and I am quite sure Mr. Gregson never did so. In any of the former elections, he never sanctioned any buying of votes, but a man who had the money given to him for the payment of carriages, without any instructions, or communicating with anybody else, took upon himself to give seven men at Overton and two at Heysham 2*l.* a piece, and for this, I think, Mr. Gregson was very unjustly unseated.

19,459. Were those all the cases that were put in the bribery list?—I believe they were, and I may mention at the same time that the petitioner, Mr. Salisbury, who was the opposing candidate, did not ask for the seat.

19,460. The conclusion you draw from that is, I suppose, that he also had touched the tar?—I think so, although I do not know of any particular case; with the exception of building the chapel for the poor and baths and wash-houses for the town, I am sure Mr. Gregson's memory can never be charged with anything like bribery.

19,461. Still he was unseated?—Yes.

19,462. Did you give evidence?—No, I think not; I was there, but did not give evidence.

19,463. Did Mr. Gregson get into the chair himself?—I do not remember that he did. Perhaps you will allow me to say a word about Mr. Coulston. Mr. Coulston has always kept himself off the register, although he might be entitled to vote as a householder, but on account of his interest in the bank he would not; he thought he ought to be regarded as quite impartial, and I know that at the last election but one he requested the clerks at the bank not to attend the nomination.

19,464. (*Mr. Newton.*) It is very unfortunate that Mr. Coulston cannot be here to speak for himself, but really we are not here to inquire into his political principles. We are inquiring into corrupt practices during the election of 1865?—

19,465. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you anything to say with regard to the evidence given against Mr. Coulston?—I do not exactly call to mind what has been said.

19,466. We thought, perhaps, that you might have been deputed by Mr. Coulston to say something?—I have not seen Mr. Coulston for three weeks.

19,467. You have nothing further to add?—No.

A. Harrison.

ALEXANDER HARRISON recalled and further examined.

19,468. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understand you wish to make some statement?—Yes, I have got a correction or two to make in Mr. George Clark's evidence. He has got down as having paid two men of the name of Parker, from Galgate; and they were not paid by him.

19,469. Who paid them?—I do not know; but Mr. Preston, of Ellel Grange, voted them. We brought them from Galgate, and when we got here we had no money left, and they left our committee room, and the next thing I saw of them was in the hands of young Mr. Preston, of Ellel Grange. Mr. Clark's money

notwithstanding, will be perfectly correct, because there are two men from Galgate who got 10*l.* a piece, and they are both down for 5*l.*

19,470. Mr. Clark will be able to correct his own evidence?—I thought it right to mention that the two Parkers were not paid by Mr. Clark.

19,471. By whom were they paid?—I do not know. They voted for the other side.

19,472. They might have been paid by both sides?—No; I had got vouchers for them, and went to the Dummy, but the money was done. He had none to give them.

Bartholomew Sharples sworn and examined. *B. Sharples.*

19,473. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A cabinet-maker.

19,474. Where do you live?—Market Street.

19,475. You assisted Mr. Coupland at the last election?—Yes.

19,476. What money did you receive?—I received 10*s.* from Mr. Coupland first.

19,477. Do you remember when that was?—I think it would be about a week before the election.

19,478. When did you get any more money?—I received a sovereign from him about a day or two, I think, before the election.

19,479. What next?—The next I received on the election day to pay the voters as they came in.

19,480. How much did you receive?—I received it as they came in and paid it out.

19,481. You received the money from whom?—From a stranger.

19,482. And you put it into the hands of the voters?—Yes.

19,483. Have you read Coupland's evidence?—Yes.

19,484. Does the list he has given correspond with yours or have you any correction to make?—It corresponds with mine with the exception of John Gardner.

19,485. How many did you pay? Read out the names, and when you come to where your list differs from Coupland's, stop?—Septimus Hodgson, William Gill, Henry Wilson, John Swainson, John Wilcock, William Shaw, James Whittaker and John Winder. That is all.

19,486. You say there is some difference between you and Coupland as regards a man named John Gardner?—Yes.

19,487. (*Mr. Hill.*) You paid all those, as Coupland has stated?—Yes.

19,488. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What about John Gardner?—I paid him 8*l.*

19,489. I have not Coupland's evidence before me. In what way does he differ from you?—It is 10*l.* in Mr. Coupland's evidence.

19,490. Have you any way of accounting for the difference between you and Mr. Coupland?—No, I have not. There is a mistake, and I cannot tell where it is.

19,491. Is that all the money you received, 30*s.*, besides the money you paid for votes?—I received 3*l.* about a fortnight after the election.

19,492. That is all?—Yes; I was 12 days, and I sent in a bill of 5*s.* a day.

19,493. That was for yourself?—Yes, that was for myself, 3*l.*

19,494. Did you receive no money for yourself?—No, not beyond the 3*l.* I never received anything for my vote in my life.

19,495. The 30*s.* you spent in treating, I suppose?—Yes.

19,496. No one has ever said you did receive anything for your own vote. Is that all you can tell us of your own personal knowledge?—Yes, I do not know anything else.

19,497. (*Mr. Newton*) Whereabouts do you live?—I live in Market Street now.

19,498. Have you lived in Moor Lane?—Yes, I did live in Moor Lane.

19,499. Who lives in Moor Lane now?—James Sharples.

19,500. What is he to you?—My son.

19,501. Is he a voter?—Yes.

19,502. James Sharples, cabinet-maker?—Yes.

19,503. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You spent this 30*s.* in treating?—Yes, in treating.

Thomas Capstick sworn and examined. *T. Capstick.*

19,504. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A joiner.

19,505. You assisted Stanton in this election?—Yes.

19,506. In what district?—Damside Street and Cable Street.

19,507. How much money did you receive?—In all, 56*l.* 15*s.*

19,508. That is the total amount?—Yes.

19,509. From whom did you receive it, and how did you receive it?—The first I received was 7*l.* 10*s.*, from Mr. Stanton.

19,510. When?—I should think about three weeks before the election.

19,511. When was the next sum?—1*l.*, from Mr. Danson.

19,512. When was that?—The night before the election; and 5*s.* from a man of the name of Cooper. That is all, except the four voters which Mr. Stanton named.

19,513. What about the four voters?—I got 10*l.* for Thomas Taylor.

19,514. From whom?—From Stanton.

19,515. Have you read Stanton's evidence in the paper?—I have.

19,516. Is that correct?—Yes, it is.

19,517. Have you no alteration to make in it?—No, none whatever; only he says, "I paid John Dobson, and it should be Thomas Dobson."

19,518. Give me the names of those you paid?—I paid John Wilcock 13*l.*, Thomas Taylor 10*l.*, Thomas Dobson 10*l.*, and Robert Howson 5*l.*

19,519. How did you spend 8*l.* 15*s.*?—I think, as near as I can tell, I spent 25*s.* at the "Black Bull," in Church Street.

19,520. In treating voters?—Yes.

19,521. Before the election?—Yes, it was perhaps a fortnight before the election. Then at Johnson's, the "Moulders' Arms," in Wood Street, I think I spent about 2*l.* Then there is the "White Hart." I spent about 50*s.* there, and at the "Sawyers' Arms," about 15*s.*, as near as I can tell.

19,522. Is there anything more?—Yes, I spent about 15*s.* in sundry little sums, treating anywhere. Then I paid William Bond 1*l.*; Bridge Lane, beer-house keeper.

19,523. He keeps the "Three Mariners?"—Yes.

19,524. Did you only give a 1*l.* to the "Three Mariners?"—I gave it to him to spend amongst the voters. After the election was over Mr. Stanton gave me 10*l.* for my services.

19,525. How long was that after the election?—It was between 4 and 5 o'clock on the same day.

19,526. 10*l.* for your services?—Yes.

19,527. Your services being to go and make the voters drunk?—I suppose it was.

19,528. Are you a householder or a freeman?—A householder.

19,529. You would not have taken any money for your vote, of course?—No.

19,530. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a master joiner?—No.

19,531. You work?—Yes.

19,532. How many days were you off work?—I could not say indeed.

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19,533. You were off work at nights mostly ?—Yes, and days too occasionally.

19,534. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you offer any other people bribes except these ?—No, I do not know that I did.

19,535. Did you bargain with any ?—With Robert Howson only. That is the only one I bargained with.

19,536. He is a freeman ?—Yes, he is.

19,537. Do you know any householders who have taken money for their votes ?—No, I do not.

19,538. You never spoke to any about it yourself? —No.

19,539. Have you heard about these sums that have been offered, 20*l.* and 30*l.* for a vote ?—Only from what I have seen in the daily paper.

19,540. Have you heard no rumour about it ?—No, I have not.

19,541. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you with Stanton at the "White Horse" vaults, in Church Street, on the night of the nomination ?—I was there, but I do not think Stanton was there at the time, not when I was there.

19,542. What was the row about there ?—I do not know indeed, what the row was about.

19,543. There was a considerable row, was there not ?—I do not think I was in it. I believe I was in the street.

19,544. You would remember it if you had been ? —I was in the street, I think. I did not see any row.

19,545. You do not know what the row was about ? —No.

19,546. Are you sure of that ?—Yes.

19,547. Do you know what the origin of that row was ?—No, I do not.

19,548. Come, come ; yes, you do ?—No, I do not, indeed.

19,549. Stand up and tell me what it was about. You know very well what it was about ?—No, I did not see any row, not to my knowledge.

19,550. Did you not hear of it ?—I heard a rumour that there was rows going on.

19,551. What was the row about ?—There was rows about in different parts of the town.

19,552. I am speaking about the "White Horse" vaults ?—I did not see it myself.

19,553. What was the origin of that row ?—I do not know indeed.

19,554. You never talked the matter over with Stanton ?—No, I did not.

19,555. (*Mr. Newton.*) What rent do you pay for your house ?—18*l.*

19,556. Who is your landlord ?—He is a man at Blackburn.

19,557. Did he write to you about the election ?— No, he did not.

F. Miller.

FRANCIS MILLER sworn and examined.

19,558. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live ?—In Moor Road.

19,559. What are you by trade ?—A cabinet maker.

19,560. Were you at work with Stanton at the last election ?—Yes, I helped him a bit.

19,561. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the election ?—22*l.* 5*s.*

19,562. From whom did you receive that money ? —I received 10*s.* from Mr. William Storey about a week before the election.

19,563. What next ?—On a Saturday before the election I received 30*s.* from Danson.

19,564. The next ?—5*s.* from Stanton on the nomination day.

19,565. On the 12th ?—The nomination day.

19,566. What was the next sum you received ?—I received two 10*l.* on the day of the election.

19,567. Who did you receive that from ?—I cannot tell you that.

19,568. Where did you receive it ?—The "Sun Inn."

19,569. The stranger at the "Sun Inn ?"—Yes.

19,570. What is the next sum ?—That is all.

19,571. What did you do with these monies ?—10*l.* was paid for my vote. I will begin with the biggest lump first.

19,572. You received for your vote 10*l.* ?—Yes, and the next 10*l.* was for another vote.

19,573. Whose vote was that ?—John Dobson, cabinet maker.

19,574. Did you pay him yourself ?—Yes.

19,575. 10*l.* ?—Yes, it is put per Capstick, I think, in the list, but it is wrong. I paid him.

19,576. Whose evidence is it in ?—In Stanton's, I think.

19,577. You paid him and not Capstick ?—Yes.

19,578. Capstick tells us that his ought to have been Thomas Dobson's ?—That is very likely.

19,579. Do you recollect what figure Thomas had ? —No, I cannot tell ; I did not pay him.

19,580. Anything else ?—Yes, there is 30*s.* and 15*s.* ; 15*s.* was for me to spend and 30*s.* was for my pay.

18,581. For how many nights was that ; did you charge a certain price per night ?—No, it was given to me, and I suppose I must be satisfied with it.

19,582. You received for your wages 30*s.*, and 15*s.* you had to spend ?—Yes.

19,583. Which I suppose you did spend ?—I spent a good deal of it on myself. I did not give it all away.

19,584. Do you know anything about any other sums that were paid ?—No.

19,585. You got 10*l.* for your vote ?—Yes.

19,586. Did you think when you got that that you got a good price ?—I thought I ought to have some money for working, because they did not give me 10*l.*, the same as three other chaps.

19,587. You think that some of them went a good deal higher than 10*l.* ?—Yes.

19,588. What was the highest price you heard of as having been given for a vote ?—I had 30*l.* offered myself.

19,589. Who offered you 30*l.* ?—Thomas Cleminson.

19,590. When did Thomas Cleminson offer you 30*l.* for your vote ?—He begun at 15*l.* and rose to 30*l.* for my vote and services.

19,591. Why did you not take the 30*l.* when he offered it to you ?—I told him I liked brass as well as anybody, but I thought then that I should be paid by the other side better than I was.

19,592. You did expect to get a little more than 10*l.* ?—Yes, I expected to be paid after the election was over, but I never got a farthing. I sent a bill in to this chap here (*pointing to Mr. Gibson*), but I never got anything.

19,593. How much did you send in your bill for ?— 1*l.* 15*s.*, I think.

19,594. That was not exorbitant was it ?—I doubt not.

19,595. What was it for ; was it for additional services ?—It was for additional work. I consider that I worked as hard as——

19,596. Can you tell me anybody else who was offered 30*l.* besides yourself ?—No. I do not know whether he would have paid me the 30*l.*, but he offered it.

19,597. On the whole, which got most money for their votes, householders or freemen ?—I cannot tell you.

19,598. You are a freeman ?—Yes.

19,599. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was this the first election at which you had voted ?—No ; it was the second.

19,600. Were you a "Blue" the first time ?— Yes.

19,601. And were you Blue last time ?—Yes.

19,602. I do not suppose you will be Blue next time ?—I do not suppose I will have a chance.

ROBERT JACKSON sworn and examined. *R. Jackson.*

19,603. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Mr. Joseph Wilson tells us that you were active on the Conservative side at Carnforth?—I was.

19,604. I suppose that you would not have been of much use at Carnforth without money?—I had none.

19,605. What are you?—A gentleman.

19,606. Living on your own land, perhaps?—I have land of my own.

19,607. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you live at Carnforth?—Yes.

19,608. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you do towards forwarding your party at the last election?—I canvassed.

19,609. Did you spend no money?—A few shillings of my own.

19,610. Did you receive any money from anyone?—Not a farthing.

19,611. Did you make any bargain with the voters about their votes?—Not any.

19,612. You did not arrange what they were to have?—No.

19,613. Did you only ask them to vote for Mr. Lawrence?—I only asked them to vote for Mr. Lawrence.

19,614. Did you not introduce them to some one else?—No.

19,615. Did you see Mr. Isaac Jackson there?—I did.

19,616. Did you assist him at all?—No.

19,617. Did you go to the railway station with the voters?—No.

19,618. You have told me a great many things that you did not do. Now, can you tell me anything that you did?—I came along with Richard Nelson, his wife, and a friend, a young girl or two, in one of Mr. Lawrence's carriages, along with Halliwell, the late station-master.

19,619. Is that all you did on the election day?—Yes; I gave my vote.

19,620. You voted for Lawrence, I suppose?—Yes.

19,621. And that is all you can tell us?—That is all I can tell you.

19,622. I believe you are indebted to Mr. Joseph Wilson for having been brought before us at all?—I saw Mr. Wilson canvassing along with Richardson, the postmaster.

19,623. The postmaster canvassed, did he?—I took it for granted he was canvasssing; he was with Mr. Wilson.

19,624. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did it appear to have much success?—I believe they got some voters from us.

19,625. They were got from you by Mr. Joseph Wilson's arguments?—I cannot say whether it was by his arguments or not. I rather think it was something else.

19,626. Do you know anything more about the election?—No.

19,627. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did the young lady vote?—I do not think they polled her; but ladies have great influence.

19,628. (*Mr. Hill.*) A good deal of the election was worked through their influence, was it not?—I fancy it was.

19,629. Money was paid to them?—Yes, I think so.

19,630. On which side?—Perhaps on both sides, but I do not know it myself. In fact, I had nothing to do with money.

ROBERT CLARKSON sworn and examined. *R. Clarkson.*

19,631. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A stone-mason and builder.

19,632. Where do you live?—At Carnforth.

19,633. What part did you take in the election?—I think I was a sub-captain.

19,634. Under whom?—Under Mr. Halliwell, the late station-master at Carnforth, and Mr. Hodgson, gentleman, of Carnforth Lodge.

19,635. And Mr. Jackson?—Mr. Jackson took very little interest in the election.

19,636. Not so much as you did?—I took very little interest in it.

19,637. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—I received 2*l.*

19,638. Who from?—From Mr. Richard Coupland.

19,639. When did you receive that 2*l.*?—Perhaps it would be three days before the election.

19,640. Was that all you had?—That was the whole money I got.

19,641. What did you do with it?—I spent it in refreshments for the voters, and I paid for breakfasts for upwards of 16, I think, including voters from Carnforth and non-voters.

19,642. Where at?—At the Carnforth inn.

19,643. You got no more money?—No.

19,644. Did you come over to vote with Mr. Jackson and a jolly party?—I came over with three voters, William Whinray, Thomas Mashiter, who is since dead, and Abraham Heald.

19,645. That is all you can tell us of?—That is all I can tell you of.

19,646. You have to thank Mr. Joseph Wilson for having been brought here to-day?—I am aware of that. We were of very little use after Mr. Wilson came with the money to Carnforth.

19,647. How much money did Mr. Wilson come with to Carnforth?—I cannot tell you that.

19,648. How much should you suppose?—I cannot give you any idea.

19,649. Would he come with 50*l.*?—I think so, at the very least.

19,650. What makes you think that?—He gave to the Whormbys 15*l.* each, and there was a Mashiter that he gave 15*l.* to, and there was a Nelson he gave 14*l.* to, and, I think, Nelson got 2*l.* from Mr. Lawrence's party besides.

19,651. Who paid him?—I think Mr. Cross said he paid him in his evidence.

19,652. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have we had those three men whose names you have just mentioned in the evidence that has been given before us?—Yes.

19,653. Those three that you brought over?—Yes. I think they would be paid by some one of Mr. Lawrence's committee, but I do not know who paid them.

19,654. Have you seen their names down?—Yes, I think I did, as having been paid from one of the committee-rooms, but who paid them I do not know.

19,655. What are the names of the persons that Wilson paid?—Richard Whormby, Thomas Whormby, and Richard Nelson, and there was a John Mashiter. There are not any names that I know. They only refer to what Mr. Nelson has acknowledged himself to have paid.

THOMAS HODGSON sworn and examined. *T. Hodgson.*

19,656. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A farmer.

19,657. Where at?—At Carnforth.

19,658. What district did you look after at the last election?—I canvassed.

19,659. You canvassed Carnforth?—Yes.

19,660. About how many voters were there at Carnforth that you canvassed?—About seven, I think.

19,661. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the election?—1*l.*

19,662. From whom?—From Mr. George Clark.

19,663. Is that all that you received?—Yes.

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19,664. And you spent it in paying voters?—No; I spent it in refreshments.

19,665. In refreshing voters?—Yes.

19,666. Who paid your voters?—I do not know, I am sure. Mr. Clark brought them to Lancaster in a conveyance, and I remained at Carnforth and came by train afterwards.

19,667. And voted afterwards?—Yes.

19,668. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

19,669. No payment of any sort?—No.

19,670. And no promise of anything?—No.

19,671. Did anyone of your family receive any payment?—No, none.

19,672. You are quite sure of that?—I am quite sure of it.

19,673. What sized farm have you?—It is only about 20 acres.

19,674. Under whom do you hold that farm?—Mr. Gilbert Procter, the Reverend Gilbert Procter, of Eyton parsonage.

19,675. Have you no other business besides that of a farmer?—No. I have land of my own. I am independent of farming, as it were; but this is a small place called Carnforth Lodge that I rent of Mr. Procter.

19,676. But you have had land of your own?—Yes.

19,677. Where?—At Yelland.

19,678. You know nothing more about the election than you have told?—No.

19,679. You did not arrange about any votes?—Yes. I arranged with three voters, and bargained with them for the price they got—Abraham Heald, 7*l.*; Thomas Mashiter, 7*l.*; and William Whinray, 8*l.*

19,680. You got them cheap, as prices went?—Yes, I suppose so.

19,681. Did they get nothing from you afterwards?—Nothing at all.

19,682. When did you make those bargains with them?—It was, I think, the night before the election.

19,683. Had they not been offered money on the other side?—Yes, I believe they had.

19,684. They had been offered less, I suppose, on the other side?—They had all been offered more, a good deal, I believe.

19,685. Why did they not take more?—They wanted to have 10*l.*, and would all vote for Mr. Lawrence if we would give them 10*l.*, or if we would promise them 10*l.* I told them we were not authorized to go as far as that. I came over to Lancaster, and saw Mr. Wilson, and he asked me what I could do. I told him I could get the principal part of them in Carnforth if he would give them 10*l.* each, and he said he would do nothing of the sort.

19,686. That was the night before the election?—I cannot say exactly whether it was the night before the election or not, but it was just before the election; he said he would not give them more than 5*l.* each. I went back and told them so, and they would not do any different, and so I raised them and I got two of them at 7*l.* and one at 8*l.*; but when they went out at night Mr. Joseph Wilson took them away. The two Whormbys he gave 15*l.* each to, and Mashiter he gave 15*l.*

19,687. You had arranged with them?—Yes; and they would all vote for me for 10*l.*, and I would not give it.

19,688. Then they were bought over your head?—They were bought over my head that night.

19,689. Had you received from Mr. Wilson any authority to raise the price?—No.

19,690. You did that of your own accord?—I did it of my own accord.

19,691. (*Mr. Newton.*) When did you go to Wilson to tell him this?—I went before the election; he authorized me to go to 5*l.* and no further, and before I left Lancaster I heard somebody say he would not grumble if I gave I think more perhaps, and so I did do so.

19,692. Was it the impression that Wilson had plenty of money?—I never heard anything about that.

19,693. Was it at all said where the money was to come from?—No, I did not know where the money was to come from.

19,694. You did not hear it said?—No.

19,695. Did you know Mr. Wilson before?—Not at all.

19,696. What were these three men you bought at 7*l.* and 8*l.*? Were they labourers?—Yes, they were poor infirm old men that work hard for their living in Carnforth.

19,697. And they were very glad to make the best bargain they could I suppose.?—Yes.

J Rowe.

JAMES ROWE sworn and examined.

19,698. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—An innkeeper.

19,699. Where?—In Chapel Street.

19,700. What is the sign of your house?—"The Dolphin."

19,701. What part did you take in the last election?—None at all.

19,702. Do you know nothing of it?—I never went out canvassing and had nothing to do with it.

19,703. Did you let your house?—I did.

19,704. To whom?—To Mr. Lawrence's party.

19,705. Was there a committee held there?—Yes.

19,706. How much did you let your house for?—10*l.*

19,707. That I suppose was for the use of the committee-room?—Yes.

19,708. How often did the committee assemble there?—About three or four times.

19,709. Did they drink a good deal of stuff when they were there?—I was only in one night.

19,710. But you know quite well what they had?—Yes.

19,711. About how much was your bill each night the committee met there?—It was 2*l.* 14*s.*

19,712. Altogether?—Thirteen breakfasts at 1*s.* 3*d.* a piece.

19,713. I asked you how much was spent in drinking each time the committee met there?—I did not wait on them.

19,714. But you got the money?—Yes; altogether it was that.

19,715. It was not paid day by day?—No.

19,716. The whole amount was how much?—There were two nights that were never paid for at all till after when the bill went in.

19,717. When were the other nights paid for?—It would be a week before the election.

19,718. And how much was that?—I cannot say indeed. I did not wait upon them.

19,719. Do you not know what your bill was?—The bill was 2*l.* 14*s.* altogether.

19,720. Then you had another bill besides that?—No, that was the only bill; that was for their breakfasts and what they had to drink.

19,721. I understood you to say that a bill went in after the election?—It did.

19,722. Was it a bill for 2*l.* 14*s.* that went in after the election?—It was.

19,723. Then besides that you were paid ready money were you?—Yes, the 10*l.* for the house.

19,724. Was all the money that you received for refreshments in the course of the last election 2*l.* 14*s.*?—Yes.

19,725. Did no one come round and pay you after the committee had broken up?—Yes, but it was some time since; the 2*l.* 14*s.* was paid in 1866.

19,726. Do you remember whether at the time of the election anybody paid you for refreshments that had been supplied in your house?—Well all that was put in the bill was that 2*l.* 14*s.*

19,727. I am not asking about what was put into the bill; I am asking you about what was paid the

week before the election?—That was paid for by Thomas Garnett as it came in as I understood.

19,728. That is what I have been trying to get out of you all this time; how much was that?—I do not know. I did not receive it, and I did not wait on them.

19,729. You are the master of the house?—Well, I am not in every room.

19,730. I suppose you receive the money that is taken in every room though?—I dare say I do.

19,731. Just tell me how much it was?—I cannot tell.

19,732. About how much?—I do not know. I cannot tell at all.

19,733. Was it as much as 5*l.*?—No, nor half of it, I should think, nor half of that.

19,734. Then you do seem to know because the half of half is 1*l.* 5*s.*?—I do not know what there was because I did not wait upon them, and I did not ask any questions.

19,735. Will you pledge your oath that it would not be 1*l.* 5*s.*?—I dare say it would be that, but I never waited on them.

19,736. The whole amount you received except this bill you swear was under 1*l.* 5*s.*?—I should say so.

19,737. Do you represent to us that that was the whole amount that was paid for refreshments consumed by the committee?—Yes.

19,738. 2*l.* 14*s.* and 1*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes.

19,739. And you say a man named Gardener paid you?—Yes, he paid as he went on, but James Hatch paid me the other bill.

19,740. What Gardener was it?—He was a joiner in Chapel Street, but he is not there now; he was a sub-captain as they called him.

19,741. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was the number of the committee?—In the room?

19,742. Yes.—Sometimes five, six, or seven, but I never waited on them.

19,743. They only came two or three times did they?—About three times. I cannot say how much they had, to tell you the truth.

19,744. You voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

19,745. Have you always voted Blue?—Yes.

19,746. (*Mr. Hill.*) When was your committee-room taken?—It might be a fortnight before the election.

19,747. Was the money paid to you when it was taken?—It was paid the night of the nomination day.

19,748. They paid you at night?—Yes.

19,749. Before you voted?—Yes.

19,750. (*Mr. Newton.*) Suppose your committee room had not been taken for Lawrence, how should you have voted?—Then it should have remained as it was and as it always had been.

19,751. How should you have voted?—I should have voted the same way as I did.

19,752. (*Mr. Hill.*) Not if the yellows had come and taken your house?—I should not have let them have it.

19,753. You did not set apart any separate room as a committee-room?—No.

THOMAS TAYLOR sworn and examined.

T. Taylor.

19,754. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Church Street.

19,755. What are you?—A stonemason and letter cutter.

19,756. Does that mean that you cut letters on tombstones?—Yes.

19,757. Were you under John Cross as a captain? I assisted all I could.

19,758. What did John Cross give you?—11*l.*

19,759. When did he give it to you?—On the nomination day.

19,760. Was that all that he gave you?—Yes.

19,761. Did anybody else give you any money?—No.

19,762. Coupland?—No.

19,763. Clark?—No.

19,764. Only Cross?—Only Cross.

19,765. And what did you do with the 11*l.*?—I had it to go and bribe a voter with.

19,766. What was the voter's name?—T. Barrett Taylor.

19,767. What did you pay Taylor, 11*l.*?—No, I did not; he would not have it.

19,768. Why not?—The Liberals would give him more.

19,769. (*Mr. Hill.*) He had 12*l.* from John Marsden?—Yes.

19,770. (*Mr. Newton.*) He would not take the 11*l.*?—No.

19,771. What did you do then?—So I returned the money to Mr. Cross in the afternoon.

19,772. Did you do anything more for the purposes of the election than that?—I spent very little.

19,773. Where did you get it from to spend?—I spent it out of my own pocket.

19,774. Did John Cross give you back the 11*l.*?—No, he gave me 3*l.* for the trouble I had had, he said.

19,775. What trouble had you had?—For my services was what he called it.

19,776. What services?—Assisting in getting all the voters I could for Mr. Lawrence.

19,777. What assistance did you render?—I assisted to get all the voters I could get for Mr. Lawrence.

19,778. It seems everybody assisted everybody else to do nothing?—Yes, that is about it. I did not want it. I never got a farthing for my vote in my life.

19,779. Are you a householder or a freeman?—A freeman. I told them I did not want it, but the stranger says, "Oh, give him 3*l.*, it will do for him (he says) for something for himself."

19,780. Where was this done, in the street?—They gave me the 11*l.* in the street on the nomination day.

19,781. But the 3*l.*?—No, they gave me the 3*l.* in the room.

19,782. Which room?—The "Golden Ball" in Market Street, when I took the 11*l.* back.

19,783. Was that on the nomination day?—On the polling day.

19,784. Had you polled at that time?—Yes, I believe I had.

19,785. There was no occasion for your taking it?—No.

19,786. Why did your take it?—They pushed it on me.

19,787. You might have left it there?—Yes, I might have done.

19,788. Why did you not?—Well, money is tempting when they force it on you.

19,789. How many days had you assisted?—Perhaps I was engaged a fortnight before the election.

19,790. You call yourself a stonemason, I suppose you are a master stonemason?—Yes.

19,791. (*Mr. Hill.*) Had you not been able to work for a fortnight?—Yes, I was at work.

19,792. It did not interfere with your work at all then?—No, very little.

THOMAS MILLER WILLIAMSON sworn and examined.

T. M. Williamson.

19,793. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—In Fleet Square.

19,794. What are you?—An oil baize manufacturer.

19,795. What part did you take in the last election?—I was employed as a joint captain in the Quay district, but I did not act in that capacity.

19,796. In what capacity did you act?—In no special capacity.

19,797. You were joint captain with whom?—With Mr. Moser and, I think, Mr. Cole.

19,798. That was Alfred Cole?—Yes.

19,799. What work did you do in the election?—I simply used my influence as far as I could.

19,800. Your influence over whom?—Over any voters with whom I might be acquainted.

19,801. You canvassed, I suppose?—I did.

19,802. Have you many freemen in your employment?—We have.

19,803. How many?—I think we have about 20; from 20 to 24.

19,804. And those, I suppose, you simply looked after?—No, I did not.

19,805. But you had some influence over them?—None. I did not exercise any influence over them at all.

19,806. Who were the persons then that exercised an influence over them?—I recollect offering Cleminson Riley, the proprietor of the "Mitre Inn," 7*l.* for his vote. I think he received 12*l.* from the other party previous to that; 12*l.* or 14*l.*

19,807. And you offered him 7*l.*?—Yes.

19,808. He voted for you at last, did he not?—Yes.

19,809. He took 10*l.* off a form?—I do not know anything about that.

19,810. He would not have the 7*l.* that you offered him?—He decided to vote for the 7*l.*

19,811. But he went off that bargain, did he?—He had received the 14*l.* or 12*l.* previously to that, I think.

19,812. What other vote did you arrange for?—None.

19,813. Was that the only one?—That was the only one.

19,814. Did you receive no monies for the purposes of the election?—I received 5*l.* from Mr. Ball, the coal dealer, 2*l.* of which I spent for the purposes of the election, and 3*l.* I returned to Mr. Welch.

19,815. What other monies did you receive from Mr. Ball, the coal dealer?—None.

19,816. What monies did you receive from anyone else?—None. That was the only money I spent during the election.

19,817. You returned to Mr. Welch 3*l.* you say?—To Mr. Welch, or to Mr. Wearing to give to Mr. Welch.

19,818. Was that all you had to do with the election?—That was all.

19,819. Do you know of any sums of money having been offered to these freemen who were in your employment?—I was under an impression at the time, from what I had heard, that 10*l.* was the value placed upon the votes. I cannot say exactly who was my authority which caused me to come to that conclusion, but I had heard that sum mentioned.

19,820. How many of these 20 to 24 freemen voted Liberal?—One out of the lot voted for Mr. Lawrence.

19,821. One voted Conservative and the others voted Liberal?—Yes.

19,822. And you exercised no influence over them?—No, I did not.

19,823. Nor any of your firm?—None.

19,824. But still you were appointed a captain in that district?—I was appointed a captain in that district.

19,825. Is that one freeman who voted for Mr. Lawrence still in your employ?—He is.

19,826. What is his name?—Ireland.

18,827. What is his christian name, is it Martin Ireland?—No, George.

19,828. He is still in your employ, you say?—He is.

19,829. And you know nothing of any other sums of money having been paid?—I do not; not previous to the election.

19,830. But at the election?—No, I do not.

19,831. Why do you say previous?—All I have heard I have heard since the election.

19,832. Why do you say previous?—Because I did not hear it; the major part of what I have heard about the election I have heard since the election, and principally in this court.

19,833. Tell me the names of the persons who you heard out of this court had received money?—I recollect a man named Huntington, and another man named Smith, each received 8*l.* from the Liberal party, and 12*l.*, I believe, from the Tory party—this especially, I recollect.

19,834. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do those men live?—I cannot say.

19,835. Do you know what their christian names are?—No, I cannot say.

19,836. Do you know how they voted after all?—I believe they voted for the Liberals.

19,837. John Huntington, of John Street, labourer, is that the man?—Yes; I believe both men were in our employ at the time. I believe so.

19,838. But they are not now?—They are not now.

19,839. When did they leave your employ?—Since the election.

19,840. How soon after the election did they leave your employ?—Probably two months.

19,841. How much did your 24 freemen get?—I believe they got 10*l.* each.

19,842. They all got the same price?—I believe so, but I cannot speak to it positively.

19,843. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is the christian name of Smith?—I cannot say.

19,844. (*Mr. Hill.*) Can you give us the names of your 24 men?—Not the whole of them; there is Gregson, Hornby, and Richardson. Really I can scarcely recollect them, but I can provide you with the whole of their names.

19,845. Will you kindly send us a list of those who were in your employ in 1865?—I will do so.

19,846. You have more than one Gregson in your employ, have you not?—Only one.

19,847. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know who canvassed your voters?—I believe Mr. Cole canvassed them.

19,848. Is Mr. Cole in your employ?—He is.

19,849. In what capacity?—Foreman.

19,850. I suppose he canvassed the men then, at your mill?—I cannot say whether he canvassed them at the mill or at their houses.

19,851. Do you know whether he was the man who bargained with them as to what they were to receive?—I cannot say that; I heard him simply make reference to the 100*l.* which he had provided Mr. Slater with, which he had taken to Mr. Slater on the morning of the election. That was all he stated to me with reference to the voters.

19,852. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you know how long before the election it was arranged that they should be paid 10*l.* each?—I cannot say.

19,853. Two or three days before?—I do not know. I know nothing about money matters in the Quay district.

19,854. You knew the price that was being asked for votes?—That was well known throughout the town.

19,855. What was the price asked for those votes?—I think I heard that some of them had been offered 12*l.* by the other party. I think I heard that remark made, but I will not say positively that I did.

19,856. Who was the spokesman or head man of your freemen to look after their own interests?—I cannot say.

19,857. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you a man in your employment named James Hornby, of St. Mary's Place, painter?—Yes.

19,858. He got 10*l.*?—I believe he did. I believe they all received 10*l.*

19,859. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is Parker in your employ?—No.

THOMAS JOHNSON sworn and examined.

19,860. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your occupation?—A cabinet-maker.

19,861. Where?—At Mr. Gilchrist's, in High Street.

19,862. What part did you take in the last election?—I assisted to get voters up at Morecambe.

19,863. Who do you consider to have been your captain?—Shackleton.

19,864. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—None.

19,865. You received no money?—Not before the election.

19,866. Do you really mean to say that you received no money?—Not before the election.

19,867. You took it out in drink did you?—I paid money out of my own pocket.

19,868. How much?—Six or seven shillings, I should say.

19,869. That would not go very far. You received money after the election?—Yes.

19,870. How much?—1*l.*

19,871. Is that all?—Yes.

19,872. Was that for your own services?—Yes, and expenses.

19,873. What did you do at Morecambe?—I went down on the nomination day, and went to the "Joiners' Arms," and they told us to look up the voters, and get them to the house.

19,874. Why should Lancaster people go there to get up the voters?—I do not know.

19,875. Were the Morecambe people too drunk to look after the voters?—Yes, I think they like drink very well.

19,876. Do you know anything about paying money?—No, I did not see anybody paid.

19,877. You paid no one yourself?—No.

19,878. And you saw no one paid?—No.

PHILLIP THOMAS sworn and examined. *P. Thomas.*

19,879. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—I am manager for the Morecambe Gas Company.

19,880. Are you anything else besides the manager of the gas company?—By trade, do you mean?

19,881. No, by profession?—I am not in possession of any vote.

19,882. Because we have been told that you are a local preacher, and manager of the gasworks?—I am nothing of the kind.

19,883. You are not a local preacher?—No, I am nothing of the kind. I heard that stated by one Mr. Vince, but it is false.

19,884. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you ever preach?—Never.

19,885. At any rate, you have no congregation?—No.

19,886. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are your politics?—If I were privileged with a vote, I should vote for the Liberals, but I am a non-voter.

19,887. You have a Liberal inclination?—I have.

19,888. Did you take an interest in, and did you take part in the election, in 1865?—I was not engaged or asked by any one to take any part, but still I joined with the non-electors.

19,889. You went with the rush?—Yes, I went with the people, moved by the excitement.

19,890. Where did you go; to Morecambe, or Lancaster, or what did you do?—I remained at Morecambe. I took no part whatever till the evening previous to the day of election.

19,891. What did you do that evening?—I was merely at a house called Daniel Edmondson's, a public-house.

19,892. What is the name of the public-house?—The "Joiners' Arms."

19,893. What did you do there?—I was getting a glass of something to drink the same as the rest.

19,894. I suppose you were treating?—Yes. I did not pay for it. It was given to me by the landlord, and I was invited upstairs. I suppose there would be what they call a committee, but I do not know who would be the committee; there was Mr. Shackleton for one, and a gentleman named Henry Gorst, and several others. I suppose they would be voters and non-voters. It was named that they were going up to Mrs. Willacy's, at the "King's Arms," to see if they could get some people that they considered were bottled, and of course, I went with the rest to the house.

19,895. To see whether there was any bottling there?—Yes.

19,896. And did you find any who had been bottled;—We looked through the window, and saw some men, as it were, dead drunk—them was the men that they considered voters that they wanted to get out of the house.

19,897. That is what bottling means; men being drunk?—Yes, and incapable.

19,898. Everybody has denied having bottled anybody. You saw some drunken men there?—Yes, through the window. We were not allowed to go into the house.

19,899. What did you do?—We attempted to get in. We said it was a public-house, and that we had a right to go in and get a glass, and in the act of getting in we were thrust out by the throng inside.

19,900. Did Mrs. Willacy come in and turn you out?—No, I did not see her. There would be some of my friends there, as Mr. Shackleton said, on the other side.

19,901. You saw men drunk and lying about; that was all?—That was all.

19,902. Did you get any money from anybody?—Perhaps I might state that in endeavouring to get into the house, we were thrust back, and in the act of getting out my body was rather pressed in the doorway by extricating myself.

19,903. (*Mr. Hill.*) We knew all about that; you lost the tail of your coat, and got half-a-crown for it?—Yes.

19,904. Do you know anything more about it?—No, I do not know anything more than that Mr. Shackleton made a mistake as to the money he had, if that is of any consequence.

19,905. What was the mistake that he made?—It was 7*s.* 6*d.* to Garston, instead of 2*s.* 6*d.*

19,906. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you see anybody paid?—I did not.

19,907. Did you see any money at all?—I did not.

19,908. They were all too drunk, I suppose, to take money?—Yes.

19,909. (*Mr. Hill.*) How soon was Morecambe at all sober after this election? How soon did you see sober men after the election?—I saw plenty the same night.

JAMES LEAHY MILNER sworn and examined. *J. L. Milner.*

19,910. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A printer and bookseller.

19,911. You are the proprietor of the *Lancaster Guardian*?—Yes.

19,912. Where do you live?—In St. Leonard Gate.

19,913. What are your politics?—Liberal.

19,914. What part did you take in the last election?—I accompanied the candidates on their canvass principally.

19,915. What else did you do?—Well, I think I confined myself to that pretty nearly.

19,916. Were you one of the committee?—No, not one of the secret committee.

19,917. You were one of the general committee?—One of the general committee.

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19,918. Had you any special district assigned to you?—No, I had not.

19,919. What was the first you heard of the spending of any money at the last election?—I do not know that I heard anything definite, beyond the general rumours that were current as to the spending of money.

19,920. When did you first hear anything definite?—Those rumours prevailed a week or two previous to the polling.

19,921. When first did you hear anything definite?—I cannot fix any particular time.

19,922. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the last election?—I did.

19,923. What was that?—I received the parcel that was afterwards transferred to Mr. Wright Wearing.

19,924. It was a brown paper parcel, was it not?—It was not a brown paper parcel when it left my custody.

19,925. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Smith of Barrow.

19,926. Who is Mr. Smith?—He is the manager, or one of the managers, of the Barrow Hæmatite Steel Company.

19,927. Was he at that time in the employ of Mr. Schneider?—Schneider, Hannay, & Co.

19,928. Do you know what employment his was?—He is one of the managers, I think—one of the general managers.

19,929. I speak at the time of the election; he was one of the managers then?—Yes, he would be.

19,930. When did you receive the parcel?—To the best of my recollection, I received it ten days or a fortnight before the day of polling.

19,931. Where did you receive it?—It was left at my house.

19,932. By Mr. Smith?—By Mr. Smith.

19,933. What directions did Mr. Smith give you with regard to that parcel?—As far as I remember, he said it was for Mr. Welch, and he was not able to inform Mr. Welch, or did not know, where he lived; I forget exactly what he said about it, but he asked me to send it on to him.

19,934. How long did you keep it before you sent it on?—I followed him out of the house in the course of two or three minutes, and sent one of my assistants down for it, and he took it to Wearing's.

19,935. Down for it to where?—To my house; it was left at my house.

19,936. Mr. Smith, then, came to your place of business?—No; he came to my house, and I was at home, and then he left this parcel; there were three parcels, I think, and I immediately left the house after Mr. Smith, and sent one of my assistants down for the parcels, with directions to take them to Mr. Wearing.

19,937. There were three parcels, you say?—I think so; I think there was a canvass bag, and there were also two paper parcels, as far as I remember.

19,938. You sent down a servant of your own to your house for it?—Yes.

19,939. Did he get it?—Yes, he got it.

19,940. And brought it up to you?—No—he took it direct to Wearing's.

19,941. Did you give any directions that he was to take it secretly to Wearing's?—No, I think not.

19,942. You did not inform this man as to what was the character of the parcels at all?—No, I do not think I should.

19,943. Who was the person whom you sent for it?—A man of the name of Wright.

19,944. You sent Wright for the parcels, and told him to take them to Wearing's?—Yes.

19,945. What was the next thing you heard about them?—I think I asked Wearing in the course of the evening if he had received the parcels, and he said he had; and so I had no further interest in the matter.

19,946. Both you and Wearing knew at that time what were the contents of the parcels?—I presume so; I was not told.

19,947. It was understood?—I assumed it was money.

19,948. Did you know at all the amount?—No, I did not, at all; I simply knew from Mr. Welch's evidence that it was a parcel containing 700*l*.

19,949. How long had you known Smith?—I was introduced the year previous, at Barrow.

19,950. Were you over on business at Barrow?—The public authorities were dining there, on the invitation of Mr. Schneider; I was there at that time, and was introduced to Mr. Smith.

19,951. At Mr. Schneider's house, or the works?—At Furness and the works.

19,952. Lancaster went over for a day to Barrow?—Yes, that was it.

19,953. Were you introduced by Mr. Schneider?—Yes, I was.

19,954. That was the year before?—Yes.

19,955. In the summer of 1864?—Yes, it was immediately after Mr. Schneider's first election—Easter Monday I think it was.

19,956. Did Mr. Schneider introduce you for any specific purpose at the time?—No, not at all.

19,957. He only introduced you to him generally?—Yes.

19,958. Had you had anything to do with Mr. Schneider at the walk over?—Yes.

19,959. Had you managed matters for him?—I had not managed matters at all, in any way; I was on his committee.

19,960. There was no money, of course, paid, at least none to any extent?—Not a penny, that I am aware of; in fact, I never had anything to do with the pecuniary part of electioneering.

19,961. When did you next see Smith after your introduction to him?—I did not see him from that time till he called upon me; that is, to the best of my knowledge.

19,962. He called at your house?—Yes.

19,963. Will you tell us what took place between you and Smith?—He came into my house and produced these three parcels, and said they were for Mr. Welch; and I think he said, "I presume you know what they are for," and, as I understood, he said he had not been able to find Mr. Welch, and asked me to take charge of them.

19,964. From whom would you have learnt that there was money coming?—From Mr. Schneider.

19,965. What had Mr. Schneider said to you?—I think he called on me the previous day, and said there would be a parcel for Mr. Welch, and would I take charge of it; or it might be the same day—I am not sure which.

19,966. Did he tell you what would be the nature of the parcel?—No, he did not.

19,967. Was nothing said to you about what the character of the parcel would be?—I presumed it would be money.

19,968. Did Mr. Schneider, at that time, talk to you about the probabilities of his success?—He has done so during the course of his canvass.

19,969. Did he at that time?—I do not think he did; that would be before the canvass commenced.

19,970. In what way did he connect the parcel with the election?—He was coming down then on his canvass; it was immediately after Parliament had expired, and he was coming down to canvass the town.

19,971. Did he tell you he was coming to canvass?—I do not know, but I presume so; the members were down for that purpose; he was in the habit of calling upon me frequently.

19,972. Did you and he discuss together the probable cost of the election ?—Not the cost, certainly.

19,973. The topic of the election ?—Yes.

19,974. What was said about money matters ?—Nothing was said to me about money matters, with that exception.

19,975. What was said by Mr. Schneider in your presence about money matters ?—I do not know that anything was said ; I never discussed money matters, and this was the only money transaction I had to do with through the election.

19,976. How do you connect this bag with the canvass ?—He was down for the purpose of canvassing.

19,977. And he was also down for the purpose of telling you about the bag ?—Yes ; he was in the town ; he had come to reside during his canvass.

19,978. Was that the first time you had seen him on that canvass ?—I am not sure about that.

19,979. You cannot recollect ?—No ; I saw him daily during the canvass.

19,980. You do not remember whether that was his first visit ?—No, I do not.

19,981. You knew it had been arranged that Mr. Welch was to manage his money matters ?—Yes, I understood so.

19,982. From Mr. Schneider ?—From general report.

19,983. Did not Mr. Schneider at that time, when he told you there would be a bag for Welch, say, "You know Mr. Welch is looking after my money matters ?"—He would assume that I knew that, I expect.

19,984. Did you tell Mr. Schneider afterwards that the bag had come all right ?—I do not think I ever mentioned it to him again.

19,985. Did you speak to Mr. Wearing about it shortly after ?—Yes, I did, that night.

19,986. Was this all that took place between you and Smith when he came ?—Yes ; he was not above two or three minutes in my house ; I followed him out immediately ; I was anxious to get rid of it.

19,987. Did you know that there would be more required than those parcels were likely to contain ?—I did not know what they contained.

19,988. You knew by the weight of them ?—I never even touched them.

19,989. You knew by the size of them ?—As I have said before, I never entered at all into money matters, and knew very little of the cost of an election.

19,990. To whom was the previous parcel of 300*l.* given—making up the 1,000*l.* ?—I know nothing about it at all.

19,991. Have you never heard anything about it ?—Yes, from Mr. Welch's evidence ; but that was my first knowledge that there was another parcel.

19,992. Has Wright, your man, taken any parcel to Welch's shop ?—I know nothing about it ; he did not, to my knowledge, at all.

19,993. Do you not know anything about that other parcel of 300*l.* ?—Not at all, not the slightest.

19,994. Do you know how it got to Welch's shop ?—No, except from seeing it in Welch's evidence.

19,995. You know nothing at all about it ?—No.

19,996. You have no idea how it got there ?—Not the remotest.

19,997. Did Smith say, when he brought that over, anything about its being the second lot ?—No, he did not.

19,998. You did not give Wright any intimation as to keeping this parcel secret ?—I do not remember at all what I said to him.

19,999. You probably told him not to talk about it ?—I may have done that.

20,000. Mr. Smith had spoken to you about not being able to find Welch ; why did you send it to Wearing ?—I think I called on Wearing on [my return from my house to the office ; I knew they were acting in concert, and Wearing was more likely to be found at home than Welch.

20,001. You knew Wearing and Welch were acting in concert in money matters ?—Yes ; and I called at Wearing's on my way from my house to the office, and told him that some parcels were left at my house, and asked him what I should do with them, and I think he said, "You had better send them on to me, and I will forward them," or something to that effect.

20,002. What parcels did you tell Wearing they were ?—I said they had been left by Mr. Smith of Barrow ; he at once inferred, I presume, what they were.

20,003. You told him it was some of Mr. Schneider's money ?—I daresay I should tell him that ; I should tell him that Mr. Schneider had called about it ; I cannot remember the conversation.

20,004. In fact, it was quite understood between you what it was ?—Yes ; he would understand it.

20,005. Did you know that Wearing expected money ?—No, I did not know that at all.

20,006. The difficulty I am in is this— why, if you were only spoken to about Welch, did you go to Wearing ?—I do not know whether I may have called at Welch's shop, and found him not in, and then gone on to Wearing's ; they are neighbours.

20,007. Perhaps you have answered my question by saying you knew they were acting in concert ?—Yes, that is about it.

20,008. And you really do not know how that 300*l.* parcel got there ?—I do not know anything at all about it.

20,009. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of the last election ?—No, not a penny.

20,010. Did you arrange with any voters as to the price of their votes ?—No, certainly not ; never in my life.

20,011. I am obliged to ask you these questions, and do not think I am at all accusing you ; not having arranged with any voters, I presume you did not pay anybody ?—No, certainly not.

20,012. Do you know of any other money having been expended than that of which the Commissioners have taken evidence ?—No, not at all ; in fact I was not aware that so much money had been expended.

20,013. You would pretty well have information of everything that was going on ?—Not with regard to the money department.

20,014. What sums of money were being offered during the election for votes ?—From personal knowledge I am not aware of any sums being offered.

20,015. Take rather a wider range than personal knowledge : what sums were being offered ?—I really do not know. The evidence given before this commission has been a revelation to me ; I had no conception of the extent of bribery, and I believe this last election was quite unexampled.

20,016. Were you not aware of the sums of money that had been paid ?—No, I was not.

20,017. There were rumours that a very large sum had been paid for a vote ?—Yes, there were rumours.

20,018. Going up as high as 50*l.* ?—I do not know that I ever heard that.

20,019. Did you hear any difference made between the class of voters that had received money ?—No ; I suppose the bribery was amongst the freemen principally.

20,020. Why do you suppose that ?—I do suppose so ; it is based upon common rumour entirely.

20,021. Have you any reason to suggest how it happened that it was amongst the freemen rather than amongst the householders ?—No ; the freemen have always been petted and pampered for generations, and brought up under the system of receiving money.

20,022. (*Mr. Newton*). And a good many householders too, I should think ?—So I see now, but I was not aware of it.

20,023. (*Mr. Hill.*) In fact, between the freemen and the lower class of householders there is not a very great difference ?—No.

20,024. A great many freemen are householders, and *vice versâ* ?—Yes.

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20,025. Excepting on the register there is no broad distinction between them ?—Yes, I should think there was.

20,026. In what way ?—A householder must have a 10*l.* house, and you have some gauge of his respectability which you have not amongst the freemen; they are simply born freemen, and may be the very lowest and poorest class, and therefore exposed to the greater temptation.

20,027. In your opinion the gauge of respectability is to a certain extent a *prima facie* presumption against bribery ?—Yes, I should say so.

20,028. That is the only reason you can suggest ?—Yes, that is the reason that occurs to me now.

20,029. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you believe these stories about the householders and these large sums of money ?—I have no reason to believe or disbelieve them. I have no personal knowledge of it whatever.

20,030. I mean with regard to the influence used by means of the females of the house ?—I should think that is a mere tale.

20,031. A tale of what—of romance ?—Yes, I should think so, to a great extent.

20,032. You think it is not true ?—Perhaps I do not understand the purport of your question.

20,033. I mean that the voters have been influenced by the wives, daughters, aunts, and grandmothers ?—No, I should think not. I should think voters would not be influenced in that way.

20,034. They might be influenced by money being given to these female relatives. Supposing it is said to them, "I will give you so much money if you get "your husband, brother, or father (or whatever it is) "to vote for me ?"—I never heard of it.

20,035. That is what I wish to know. You think no influence has been used in that way ?—I am not aware of it at all.

20,036. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The story that reaches us is that the money is in many cases given to the wives and daughters, and then the voter sells his conscience with that, and comes here and says he has received no money ?—I cannot confirm the story or rebut it.

20,037. (*Mr. Newton.*) The wives or daughters having received the money ?—I am not aware of it.

20,038. What made you and Mr. Schneider talk about the parcel that day ? You said he told you you were to expect a parcel ?—Yes; he said there would be a parcel for Welch, and asked me if I would take charge of it.

20,039. Did he say what was in the parcel ?—No, he did not.

20,040. That was all he said ?—Yes.

20,041. Did you know by that what he meant ?—Yes, I assumed it was a parcel of money.

20,042. How many days was that before the parcel was left at your house ?—The same day or the day previously.

20,043. Three weeks before the election ?—Not so much as that; a fortnight or ten days.

20,044. Did it occur to you as rather a curious thing for a candidate to bring 700*l.*, or whatever it was, into the town in sovereigns a fortnight before the election ?—I thought it was very indiscreet and imprudent.

20,045. Is that all you thought about it ?—It was for electioneering purposes, and I knew that elections were very expensive things.

20,046. It is not the first election you have had at Lancaster ?—No.

20,047. You must have known it was illegal for a candidate to bring 700 sovereigns into the town a fortnight before the election ?—It depends upon for what it was required.

20,048. It could be for no other purpose; it would be perfectly illegal if it was only paid to one person. Mr. Welch was not his election agent ?—No, certainly not.

20,049. Then it must have been an illegal thing, and yet you tell us you never heard of bribery going on till the revelations before the committee ?—I was not connected with the money matters at all.

J. Williamson.

JAMES WILLIAMSON sworn and examined.

20,050. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a brother to the witness who was examined to-day ?—Yes.

20,051. Are you the partner of the last witness ?—Neither my brother nor myself are partners; we are with our father.

20,052. Were you actively engaged for the Liberal party at the last election ?—I cannot say I was actively engaged; I did take some little interest in it, but I was not active.

20,053. I suppose, if you took a little interest in it, you got a little money and spent a little money ?—I did not.

20,054. Do you know of any money transactions ?—Mr. Welch desired me to go down to Overton. He knew I was acquainted with the persons in that district, and I said I would. That was on the night previous to the election.

20,055. Did you go to Overton ?—Yes.

20,056. Did you go to Overton empty handed ?—Yes, except what I had got in my pockets, which was my own; I did not ask for any money.

20,057. And you never received any money ?—No.

20,058. Did you spend any money of your own ?—If I did spend any money it would not be more than 6*d.* or 1*s.*, and that would be on my own account.

20,059. Is that, seriously, all you did at the election ?—That is all I can tell you.

20,060. When you went down to Overton what did you do ?—When I got down, a person of the name of Gorst had a lot of voters in a public-house there. I went down to another public-house that there is in the same place, and whether I saw any voter there or not I am unable to say. There may have been one or two, but I really cannot say who they were, if there were any. Rather than go into the public-house, and see those men that Gorst had I suppose bottled, I came home; I would not go to see them.

20,061. I do not think they will send you to Overton again ?—I am sure I do not care if they do not.

20,062. That is all you did ?—Yes.

20,063. Do you know anything about what was going on on the Quay ?—No, I do not know a thing.

20,064. You know nothing at all ?—No, I took no part at all; in fact I was careful to avoid everything of the kind.

20,065. You were not very careful, because if you had been very careful you would not have gone to Overton ?—I mean I was very careful not to do anything which I considered illegal.

20,066. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you go down to Overton with Maddock ?—No, I went down in our own conveyance.

20,067. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Your horse did not eat 20*l.* worth of fodder down there ?—No, it did not.

20,068. (*Mr. Newton.*) When did you know that all the freemen in your employment got paid ?—It was rumoured that they were paid as well as other freemen.

20,069. When did you know it ?—I really cannot answer you, because I do not know.

20,070. How long ago was it ?—I really cannot say. I am here to tell you the truth, and I would tell you if I knew.

20,071. (*Mr. Hill.*) It was not the freemen only who got paid ?—No, I am sorry to say it was not.

JOHN MITCHELL sworn and examined. *J. Mitchell.*

20,072. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Skerton.

20,073. What are you?—I am out of business.

20,074. What were you when you were in business?—A commercial traveller.

20,075. You are a gentleman living on your own means?—Yes.

20,076. What are your politics?—Conservative.

20,077. What part did you take in the last election?—I assisted in getting voters.

20,078. Who with?—Along with Mr. Carruthers and Mr. Atkinson.

20,079. I suppose you did not assist without getting some money to assist with?—I did get some money.

20,080. How much?—1*l.*

20,081. From whom did you get that?—Mr. Carruthers.

20,082. When?—A fortnight before the election.

20,083. Is that all you got?—That is all that I got.

20,084. Altogether?—Yes, altogether.

20,085. I suppose, like all the rest, you spent that money in treating?—Yes, I did.

20,086. I must ask you, did you get anything for your own vote?—I had not a vote.

Adjourned for a short time.

ELIZABETH HELME sworn and examined. *E. Helme.*

20,087. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a married woman or single?—Married.

20,088. What is your husband?—He is a guard on the railway.

20,089. And he keeps the "Swan" at St. Leonard Gate?—No, Mrs. Ralph keeps the "Swan," my mother.

20,090. Who was summoned?—Mrs. Ralph or Mrs. Helme it says on the summons.

20,091. You are the daughter of Mrs. Ralph?—Yes.

20,092. And you live at the "Swan Inn" in St. Leonard Gate?—Yes.

20,093. Do you look after your mother's public-house?—Yes, when she is not able.

20,094. Do you remember Anthony Knowles Allinson coming to you in June or July 1865, and taking your public-house?—Yes.

20,095. Did he make an arrangement with you or with your mother?—With me. I believe we were both present.

20,096. What were the terms on which he was to have the public-house?—He did not state any terms.

20,097. Do you know what your mother was paid for the use of the house?—5*l.*

20,098. Why do you say 5*l.*?—Because it was paid to me; my mother was ill at the time.

20,099. By whom was it paid?—Mr. King.

20,100. You were only paid 5*l.*?—Yes.

20,101. Did you give a receipt for it?—Yes; Mr. King has got the receipt.

20,102. Did you or your mother give the receipt?—My son wrote the receipt out, and my mother signed it.

20,103. You received the money, your son drew out the receipt, and your mother signed it, is that it?—Yes.

20,104. Allinson says that he gave at your mother's house 7*l.*?—Well, I do not remember the sum being named.

20,105. Not when he first came and took it?—No.

20,106. How long before the election was it that he came?—Perhaps a month.

20,107. What is your husband's christian name?—Matthew.

20,108. How did he vote, do you know?—He has no vote.

20,109. Is your father dead?—Yes.

20,110. Have you got any uncles?—No; I have got some brothers.

20,111. How did they vote?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

20,112. They all voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

20,113. Is William Ralph, of Aldcliffe Street, smith, one of your brothers?—Yes.

20,114. And John Ralph, of Leonard Gate, spinner?—Yes.

20,115. And Joseph Ralph, of China Lane, tailor?—Yes.

20,116. And Robert Ralph, who is he?—He is my brother.

20,117. They all voted Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

20,118. Is Charles Ralph, Aldcliffe Street, weaver, one of your brothers?—Yes.

20,119. Do you happen to know what Charles Ralph got for his vote?—No, I do not know what none of them got.

20,120. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did the railway porter get for his vote?—I cannot say.

20,121. Who paid Charles Ralph?—Well, I do not know, I am sure. Mr. King paid all that I am aware of.

20,122. (*Mr. Hill.*) The four brothers were paid by King?—There are five brothers.

20,123. But four of them were paid by King—William, Joseph, John, and Robert; those are the four brothers?—Yes.

20,124. Those were paid by King?—Yes.

20,125. And as to Charles you do not know who he was paid by?—No.

20,126. Is he in Lancaster now?—Yes.

20,127. What is his direction?—His address is Winder's Court, Monmouth Street.

20,128. (*To Mr. Allinson.*) You told us that you engaged her house for 7*l.*?—No; I said I thought 7*l.* was paid for the house. I did not pay for it myself; very likely the captain would make some arrangement.

20,129. Would King be the captain of the district?—He would pay for it.

20,130. Mrs. Helme says that no sum was mentioned at the time the arrangement was made?—I think I stated that we should not pay more than 10*l.* I said 7*l.* for beerhouses, and we should not pay more than 10*l.* for a public-house.

20,131. (*Mr. Hill.*) And this was a beerhouse?—This was a beerhouse.

JAMES TOWNLEY sworn and examined. *J. Townley.*

20,132. (*Mr. Hill.*) You keep the "Black Cat?"—Yes.

20,133. What street is the "Black Cat" in?—St. Leonard Gate.

20,134. Yours was a Liberal house at the last election?—Yes.

20,135. And were you engaged by Allinson?—The committee room was engaged.

20,136. Is yours a licensed house or a beerhouse?—A licensed house.

20,137. Your house was engaged for 10*l.*, was it?—Yes.

20,138. What sum of money did you receive for it?—10*l.*

20,139. How much money did you receive for bills during that election?—I think about 18*l.* 17*l.* 17*s.* or 18*l.*, about that I think.

20,140. And how much was spent in your house in ready money?—That I cannot tell, perhaps 10*l.* or 12*l.* I cannot tell.

20,141. Shall we say 12*l.* or 14*l.*?—Somewhere about there I should think it would be.

20,142. 14*l.*?—Yes.

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20,143. What room did you set apart for the purposes of the committee?—The club-room.

20,144. That was a room they went to drink in?—Yes.

20,145. Anybody connected with the election who wanted to drink went and drank in the club-room?—They went in all the places, but that was the room they got their breakfast in that morning.

20,146. You yourself voted for Fenwick and Schneider, did you not?—Yes.

20,147. Did you pay any persons any money for the purpose of the election?—No.

20,148. Nor did you receive any money besides this?—No.

20,149. Have you any relations or brothers upon the register?—Yes.

20,150. Which are they?—Richard Townley in Nicholas Street.

20,151. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is he your brother?—Yes.

20,152. (*Mr. Hill.*) He voted for Lawrence?—Yes, I believe he did.

20,153. Have you any other brother?—No.

20,154. Or any other relative?—No.

20,155. No son?—No.

R. Batty.

RICHARD BATTY sworn and examined.

20,156. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you the landlord of the "Crown?"—I am.

20,157. In what street?—St. Leonard Gate.

20,158. How far is your house from the "Black Cat?"—Perhaps about 400 yards, or from that to 500, as near as I can guess.

20,159. So that a man might get thirsty between the "Black Cat" and the "Crown?"—They did pretty often, no doubt.

20,160. Is it a licensed house or a beerhouse?—A beerhouse.

20,161. Your house was engaged by the Liberal party at the last election?—It was.

20,162. Who engaged it?—Mr. Johnson, Mr. King, and Mr. Allinson engaged the house.

20,163. Who paid you for it?—Mr. Welch; Mr. Hutchinson that is at Mr. Welch's.

20,164. And what did he pay you?—He paid me 10*l.*, and I sent him a trifle.

20,165. He paid you 10*l.* for the house?—10*l.* for the committee room. I gave 5*s.* for a bottle of wine. I returned him 5*s.* out of the 10*l.* out of my pocket for a bottle of wine for his dinner after he gave me the 10*l.*

20,166. What was your bill?—For refreshments.

20,167. Who paid you your bill for refreshments?—Mr. Welch himself.

20,168. How much did your bill come to?—I think it was either 11*l.* or 12*l.* I cannot say exactly whether that was for a fortnight.

20,169. Then there would be ready money spent in your house?—I think there was no ready money except that sum that Mr. Whiteside mentioned the other day; 9*d.*, I think, that was all the money that was spent.

20,170. I meant money paid night by night?—No. I kept an account, which Mr. Welch paid me altogether afterwards, for a fortnight.

20,171. And that came to 11*l.* 10*s.*?—It came to between 10*l.* and 12*l.*; I cannot say exactly what the amount was.

20,172. You voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—I voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

20,173. Have you any brothers or relatives on the register?—I have, I have a nephew and a brother.

20,174. Are you a householder?—I am.

20,175. You voted as a freeman though you are not?—I am a freeman.

20,176. What are your relatives who are on the register?—One is my nephew.

20,177. What is he?—He is a clerk to the railway company; that is William Batty.

20,178. And are you related at all to John Batty of Cable Street?—He is my brother.

20,179. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you know what your nephew got for his vote?—Nothing, not a halfpenny piece; we were after him in the afternoon and went to his house, me and Mr. Fothergill, and we wanted him to vote for Fenwick and Schneider; I pressed him, but he popped out of the house and went and voted for Lawrence and Fenwick.

20,180. And he would not have anything for his vote?—Nothing; he would have told me of it if he had.

20,181. But your brother, John Batty, I see, was paid by Stewardson?—That was to his wife.

20,182. It is quite as well to be accurate?—It is tantamount to the same thing.

20,183. Is there anything else that you want to tell us?—Nothing.

J. Townley.

JAMES TOWNLEY recalled.

20,184. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You wish to add something to the evidence you have given?—Yes, I wish to state that I received about 16*s.* from Colonel Yeadall.

20,185. What for?—It was for refreshments.

20,186. He paid your bill for refreshments?—Yes.

J. Wright.

JANE WRIGHT sworn and examined.

20,187. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a widow?—Yes.

20,188. Do you keep the "Plasterers' Arms?"—Yes.

20,189. Where is that?—In Wood Street.

20,190. Is it a beerhouse or a licensed house?—A licensed house.

20,191. Was a room in your house engaged for the election?—Yes.

20,192. By whom?—By Mr. Knowles Allinson.

20,193. What did he agree to give you for it?—5*l.*

20,194. Who paid you the 5*l.*?—Mr. Welch.

20,195. Henry Welch?—Yes.

20,196. What was the bill besides?—10*s.*

20,197. What was spent in your house?—I cannot exactly say; it might be about 6*l.*

20,198. Besides the 5*l.*?—Yes; it was all paid as it went on in ready money.

20,199. Did Henry Welch pay you himself?—He paid me 5*l.* and the 10*s.*

20,200. Who paid you the remainder?—Mr. Watson; John Watson.

20,201. Who is John Watson?—A pawnbroker.

20,202. How much did he pay you?—I cannot exactly say; it might be between 5*l.* and 6*l.* I never kept any account, they paid as they went on.

20,203. Have you got any brothers?—No, not voters.

20,204. Have you a son?—I have a brother-in-law.

20,205. What is his name?—George Waters.

20,206. Have you no son?—No.

20,207. And no brother?—No.

S. Dobson.

SAMUEL DOBSON sworn and examined.

20,208. (*Mr. Hill.*) You keep a house with a sign under the name of that good beast the "Craven Heifer?"—No, the "Craven Inn."

20,209. Is the "Craven Inn" a beerhouse or a licensed house?—A beerhouse.

20,210. Your house was engaged by the Liberal party for the purposes of the last election?—Yes.

20,211. By whom was it engaged?—By Mr. Allinson.

20,212. And he engaged it for 10*l.*, did he?—No, he did not.

20,213. How much did he engage it for?—Nothing. There was no sum mentioned, and he never paid for it either.

20,214. How much was paid for it?—I consider 1*l.*

20,215. How much did you get altogether?—I got 6*l.* altogether, but 5*l.* was to treat voters with.

20,216. That is out of your own drinks?—Mr. Hadfield gave me 5*l.* on the election day.

20,217. Do you mean to say that Mr. Allinson did not give you 10*l.*?—No, he did not give me anything; it was in the papers that he gave me 10*l.*, but he gave me nothing.

20,218. You say all you got was 5*l.* from Mr. Hadfield, and how much else did you get?—5*l.* for my bill and 1*l.* some months afterwards; there was no bill, he merely gave it to me on the election day to spend among the voters.

20,219. You did not spend among the voters as much as 5*l.*, did you?—Not that day, but I did afterwards.

20,220. After the election?—Yes.

20,221. What for?—They said all the election money they thought was done, and I said that I had some left yet.

20,222. That was to bring them to your house?—They were in there at the time.

20,223. Did you not receive any other money besides the 6*l.*?—I think Mr. Hadfield called about twice and left me half-a-crown or 3*s.* at a time, and said I was to fill their glasses.

20,224. Who else called upon you with money?—No one.

20,225. Had you a committee room?—When Mr. Allinson came to me once he wanted to have it as a committee room the same as at a previous election, but I said I could not let him have it in that way at all; but, however, he said he would have the house, and at last I said, "If you want the house I shall expect the same as other people."

20,226. That was 10*l.*?—I did not get 10*l.*

20,227. It was 5*l.* for a beerhouse?—I did not get that, all I got was what I considered was 1*l.*

20,228. But Mr. Hadfield gave you 5*l.*?—He gave 5*l.* on the election day.

20,229. How much value in drink did you ever stand to electors?—Very little, indeed, I can tell you. I should think that they did not spend altogether more than 1*l.* in the house.

20,230. How much of this 5*l.* did you lay out in drink?—I spent it all and perhaps more.

20,231. What other monies did you receive for the purposes of the election?—Nothing else.

20,232. What did you get for your vote?—I got nothing for my vote; that was all the money I received during the election.

20,233. You are a cabinet-maker?—Yes.

20,234. (*To Mr. Allinson.*) What have you to say to this?—I did not say I paid him 10*l.*; if you refer to my evidence you will find I said the house was engaged for 10*l.*; some of them I paid, and some of them I did not pay.

20,235. Do you agree with what this gentleman has just said?—He said to me at the time what he says now; he said that he must have the same as other people were getting.

20,236. Have you anything to say with regard to his statement that all the money he got was 5*l.* from Mr. Hadfield?—He stated that he had spent it in champagne.

20,237. Who stated that?—Mr. Dobson.

(*The witness.*) I stood half-a-dozen bottles after the election, and Mr. Hadfield had his share of it as well as the rest.

20,238. (*Mr. Hill.*) You understood that the 5*l.* was for the house?—I understood it was to spend for the electors, and I did do it.

ALICE BRADLEY sworn and examined.

A. Bradley.

20,239. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you keep the "Dolphin's Arms?"—Yes.

20,240. Is that in Bulk?—Yes.

20,241. Who hired your house at the last election?—I think it was Mr. Charles Blades.

20,242. Do you remember what you got for it?—Yes, I remember what we got for it.

20,243. How much did you get?—It was 10*l.*

20,244. It is a licensed house, is it not?—Yes.

20,245. Did you have some bill besides?—Yes.

20,246. How much did that come to, do you remember?—The bill was 10*l.* 10*s.*; that made 20*l.* 10*s.* altogether.

20,247. Who paid you that bill?—Mr. Robert Blades.

20,248. You had some money paid from time to time by the captain of your district, had you not?—I remember Mr. Fothergill being in one night, but he did not give anything.

20,249. Thomas or Christopher?—I do not know his name, he is a tobacconist.

20,250. I suppose he paid you something?—No; he paid for what drink came in; he did not pay anything to me.

20,251. Do you know what it was that he paid?—No, I cannot tell.

20,252–3. Do you mean that you never had the money?—No, never only for the drink that went in.

20,254. Did Fothergill pay the money into your hands or not?—I am sure I am not certain who paid it; I think it was him when the waiter went in; I did not take the voter in myself.

20,255. Whoever it was, was the money paid into your hands?—Yes.

20,256. About how much was it?—Perhaps 16*s.* or 18*s.*

20,257. Under 1*l.*?—Yes.

20,258. Was that all the money you received in that way from any of the Liberal captains?—Yes, it is all that I remember.

20,259. Do you remember for whom your late husband voted?—Yes, Fenwick and Schneider.

20,260. Have you yourself any relations who are voters?—No.

20,261. Had your late husband any?—No.

20,262. (*Mr. Hill.*) Perhaps you are not a Lancaster woman?—I have lived in the neighbourhood a long time. We were out of the borough.

20,263. Your husband's name was John, was it not?—Yes.

MARGARET NIXON sworn and examined.

M. Nixon.

20,264. (*Mr. Newton.*) Your late husband kept the "Sawyers' Arms?"—Yes.

20,265. Where is that?—At the top of Dolphin Square.

20,266. Was it a licensed house or not?—Not for spirits.

20,267. A beerhouse?—Yes.

20,268. Was it engaged for the election?—Yes.

20,269. Who by?—Well, I think Mr. Allinson engaged the room.

20,270. How much was he to give for it?—There was no amount mentioned.

20,271. What did he pay afterwards?—He did not pay me.

20,272. Who paid you?—Mr. Cleminson.

20,273. How much did he pay you?—5*l.*

20,274. What did you get for the bill?—I have got the balance here to be looked at (*producing the paper.*)

20,275. How much was the bill?—It is 3*l.* 6*s.* 5½*d.*

20,276. Who paid that?—There is every particular there if you will look at that (*handing the paper to the Commissioners.*)

20,277. Had your late husband any brothers?—Yes.

20,278. How did they vote?—They are not voters.

20,279. Had you any brothers?—No.

20,280. Have you brothers-in-law?—Not voters.

20,281. Have you a father who is a voter?—No.

20,282. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was your husband's christian name?—Richard.

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20,283. That bill which you have shown us has not been paid yet, has it?—Yes.

20,284. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who paid that?—A person of the name of John Court paid it by Colonel Yeadell's orders.

20,285. I see it is made out, and there is no receipt for it?—This is merely a balance; I gave the receipt to the bill that was paid, and this is a balance that was kept.

20,286. By "balance" you mean a copy?—Yes; but Court received the receipt for Colonel Yeadell, but Colonel Yeadell did not pay me up to this amount; this is my bill, but he did not pay according to it.

20,287. How much did he pay you.?—As near as I can remember it was 3*l.* 4*s.*

James Paterson.

JAMES PATERSON sworn and examined.

20,288. (*Mr. Hill.*) You keep the "Wheatsheaf?"—Yes.

20,289. Is that a licensed house?—Yes.

20,290. Licensed for spirits?—Yes, and wines.

20,291. You were engaged at the last election?—Yes.

20,292. By whom were you retained?—I voted for the Liberal candidates.

20,293. But were you retained?—I was not engaged in any way.

20,294. Was there not a committee room taken at your house?—Yes.

20,295. That is what I call being retained; by whom was that committee room taken?—I think by Mr. Allinson.

20,296. And did he agree with you as to the price?—No.

20,297. Who paid you for it?—Mr. Henry Welch.

20,298. What did he pay you?—10*l.*

20,299. When?—Perhaps two months after the election.

20,300. You do not recollect who had engaged the committee room; was it Mr. Allinson?—Yes.

20,301. You voted for Fenwick and Schneider, you say?—Yes.

20,302. And you got your 10*l.* paid?—Yes.

20,303. What amount was paid you for a bill?—21*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* I fancy.

20,304. Have you got it here?—No, I have not.

20,305. And what was paid you by the captains besides?—Nothing.

20,306. Nothing from night to night?—No.

20,307. Had you no sums paid you at all nightly?—Not in sums; when they came they paid ready money.

20,308. What do you recollect they paid you?—I do not know.

20,309. 5*l.* or 10*l.*?—No, nothing of the sort.

20,310. 3*l.* or 4*l.*?—Perhaps they might spend about 2*l.*

20,311. That is all you know about it?—Yes.

20,312. Have you any relations on the register?—No.

20,313. None at all?—No.

20,314. You are only on as a householder?—That is all.

20,315. Not as a freeman?—Not as a freeman.

20,316. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did Bleasdale pay you?—No, Mr. Welch paid me the 10*l.*, and Mr. Cleminson paid me the bill for the refreshments.

John Long.

JOHN LONG sworn and examined.

20,317. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you keep the "Rose Tavern?"—Yes.

20,318. And you are a householder?—Yes.

20,319. Is that a licensed house?—It is now, it was not at the time of the election; it was a beer-house.

20,320. Your house was engaged by the Liberals?—It was; one room as a committee room.

20,321. Who took that room?—Knowles Allinson.

20,322. What was he to pay you for it?—3*l.*

20,323. Had you ever a committee meeting there?—Yes, there were several meetings of a sub-committee.

20,324. And what did they spend?—Very near nothing; a few shillings.

20,325. And that you received, I suppose, from time to time?—Yes.

20,326. Had you any bill?—Yes, I had a bill.

20,327. How much?—The bill for refreshments was 1*l.* 12*s.*

20,328. Then was 4*l.* 12*s.* all the money you received?—Yes, except perhaps an odd shilling that might be spent by persons coming in.

20,329. Was that all the money you received?—Yes, it was.

20,330. You received none on any other consideration?—No.

20,331. (*Mr. Hill.*) Had you ever been engaged at any previous election?—Yes, I have mixed a little among them.

20,332. But has your house been retained?—No, it was a new house.

20,333. You had not got much into work then, I suppose?—No.

20,334. (*Mr. Newton.*) How do you usually vote?—I have usually voted voted for the Liberals.

20,335. (*Mr. Hill.*) How came it about that your house was 3*l.* instead of 5*l.*?—I do not know; I suppose they knew I was all right, and so they gave me as little as they could.

Mary Rogerson

MARY ROGERSON sworn and examined.

20,336. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a widow?—I was at the time of the election.

20,337. What was your name at the time of the election?—Charnock; Mary Charnock.

20,338. Is your name still the same?—No, it is not.

20,339. What is your name now; will you disclose the name of your present husband?—I am not ashamed to do so.

20,340. What is the name?—Rogerson.

20,341. At the time of the election you kept the "Nag's Head," did you not?—Yes.

20,342. In Church Street?—Yes.

20,343. Did anybody engage your house for the election?—Mr. Knowles Allinson.

20,344. What was he to give you for the house?—There was no bargain made.

20,345. Somebody paid you afterwards?—Yes.

20,346. Who was that?—Mr. Stewardson.

20,347. What did he pay you?—4*l.* 10*s.*

20,348. And what was the bill besides?—They had no bill.

20,349. What were the refreshments that they had in the house?—They paid for it as they got it.

20,350. Did each individual pay, or did the captains pay?—Each paid for their own.

20,351. All you got was 4*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

20,352. Have you got any brothers who are voters?—No.

20,353. Had your late husband any brothers who were voters?—No.

20,354. Then you were quite independent?—Yes.

20,355. And you exerted no influence on anybody?—Not in the least.

20,356. May I ask how Mr. Rogerson voted?—I do not know for that.

20,357. Is Mr. Rogerson a voter?—I really do not know; his brother was, I believe, but not him.

20,358. Then I must ask a further question; did you use your influence with the brother?—Not in the least.

20,359. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was your maiden name?—Mary King.

BENJAMIN HARTLEY sworn and examined. *B. Hartley.*

20,360. (*Mr. Hill.*) You keep the "Rose and Crown?"—Yes.

20,361. Is that a licensed house?—No.

20,362. A beerhouse?—A beerhouse.

20,363. Were you engaged in the Liberal cause at the last election?—Yes.

20,364. By Mr. Allinson?—Yes.

20,365. For what price did Mr. Allinson engage your house?—I do not think there was any price agreed about.

20,366. Only that it was to be engaged?—It was to be engaged.

20,367. In what district is the "Rose and Crown?"—I think the Dalton Square district.

20,368. Were you paid for the house at the last election?—Yes.

20,369. How much were you paid?—I think it was 3*l.*

20,370. By whom was that paid?—By Mr. George Cleminson, I believe.

20,371. How much was your bill?—I think that has been given in evidence by Mr. Bleasdale and Mr. Thomas Cleminson.

20,372. But I want to know from you what the amount was that was paid as your bill?—I do not think there was a bill.

20,373. Did you not send in any bill?—No, I did not.

20,374. How much was spent at your house during the election?—Mr. Cleminson paid 2*l.* 10*s.*

20,375. And how much did Bleasdale pay?—2*l.* he says in his evidence.

20,376. That is 4*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes; but I was not much at home, and I do not know.

20,377. Have you sent in any bill since?—No.

20,378. Have you been paid anything since?—For the house?

29,379. Yes?—No, I have not.

20,380. How much did you get altogether for your house?—I had 3*l.* 10*s.* for myself.

20,381. And how much for your house?—And 3*l.* for the house; about 6*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. George Cleminson, and 2*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Thomas, and 2*l.* from Mr. Bleasdale.

20,382. That makes altogether 11*l.*; is that all the money that you were paid at the last election?—I believe it is.

20,383. What was the payment to yourself for; for your vote?—No, I had no vote.

20,384. There are a good lot of men of your name that have votes; are any of them relatives of yours?—No.

20,385. Have you relatives of any other name on the register?—No, none.

20,386. What did they give it to you for yourself if you had no vote?—I was off work, and working about in the election a good deal.

20,387. What sort of work was it?—Taking a few circulars out

20,388. Had you any claim upon them in the way of voting, or in the way of supporting their party?—No; only assisting them as well as I could in the election, that was all.

JOHN FORREST sworn and examined. *J. Forrest.*

20,389. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You keep the "Fat Scot?"—Yes.

20,390. Is that in Mary Street?—Yes.

20,391. Who engaged your house at the last election?—Mr. Allinson.

20,392. For the Liberal party?—Yes.

20,393. What was he to pay you for it?—It was not never mentioned.

20,394. What were you paid for it?—Nothing.

20,395. You had better have made an engagement beforehand. Did you get nothing at all for your house?—Nothing at all.

20,396. Then if you got nothing, I suppose no one paid you anything?—No.

20,397. Had you any bill?—No.

20,398. Perhaps you had no vote?—No.

EDWARD ROBINSON sworn and examined. *E. Robinson.*

20,399. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you keep the "Bull's Head?"—Yes.

20,400. In Common Garden?—Yes.

20,401. Did Allinson hire your house?—Yes.

20,402. Did he mention any terms to you?—No terms at all; I was to have the house the same terms as himself.

20,403. The same as he got himself?—Yes.

20,404. We cannot ask you what he got, but what did you get for your house?—I got 10*l.*

20,405. Is yours a licensed house?—No.

20,406. A beerhouse?—Yes.

20,407. Who paid you?—Mr. Henry Welch.

20,408. When did Mr. Allinson come to you?—He came several times at the commencement of the election to engage the house, but I would not settle upon it; I went to him at last to engage the house.

20,409. Did the other side come to you at all?—Yes, they came several times.

20,410. Who was it who came?—Mr. Clark came at first; that was the beginning of June some time, early on in June.

20,411. Did he offer you any money?—No, he merely wanted to engage the house, and we could come to no terms at all; they were passing just at the time; they were going about to engage all the houses they could, I suppose.

20,412. Why did you not close with the bargain?—Because I was not at one with myself what to do.

20,413. I suppose you had always been a Yellow, had you not?—I would have been.

20,414. You had been, had you not?—No; at the last election I voted for Saunders, but I shall tell you the reason why after a bit.

20,415. Do you know Hatch?—Yes.

20,416. Did he ever come to your house?—Yes.

30,417. Did he find an alderman of the town closeted with you?—No, not that I am aware of; I do not remember anything of the sort.

20,418. Is not there an Alderman Jackson in the town?—Not that I am aware of.

20,419. When Hatch came, did he not find you closeted with some gentleman?—No, he did not; when Hatch came, me and my wife were by our two selves in the house.

20,420. And no alderman between you?—No alderman. There was Mr. Hatch, and Mr. John Cross, and our two selves.

20,421. And no one else?—There was no one else in at the time they came.

20,422. You got 10*l.* from Mr. Welch?—Yes.

20,423. What was spent in your house?—I received it altogether in one sum 28*l.*, that would be 18*l.* for refreshments. That would be from the 6th or 7th of July till the close of the poll on the election day.

20,424. The alderman had nothing to say to that?—I do not know.

20,425. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you receive from the other side?—We received 2*l.*

20,426. Who paid it?—James Hatch.

20,427. (*Mr. Hill.*) You were going to tell us why you voted for Mr. Saunders at the last election?—The reason why I voted for Mr. Saunders at the last election was, I had only just become entitled to a vote

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as a householder, and their party was the first to come into the house to inquire, and I accidentally tumbled into it in that way.

20,428. You went to the first person that asked you?—I did at that time, I was no electioncerer.

20,429. You got no money for it?—I got no money at all, only for refreshments.

20,430. How much did you get for refreshments?—About 6*l.* 10*s.* I think it was, about three or four months after the election; that is as near as I can remember.

W. Lofthouse.

WILLIAM LOFTHOUSE sworn and examined.

20,431. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are the landlord of the "Old Sir Simon's?"—I was at that time.

20,432. Who engaged your house?—Henry Welch and Stephen Wright Wearing.

20,433. The "Old Sir Simon's" is a licensed house, is it not?—Yes.

20,434. What were you to be paid for your house?—10*l.*

20,435. That is what Mr. Welch told you you were to have?—Yes.

20,436. Did you receive 10*l.* for your house?—I did.

20,437. From whom did you receive it?—From Henry Welch.

20,438. When did he pay you?—A few days after the election.

20,439. And what did they pay you by way of a bill?—He paid 10*l.* for me, and for services besides.

20,440. And how much for your bill?—About 3*l.* 18*s.*

20,441. That was not the whole of your bill at the "Old Sir Simon's;" there was more than 3*l.* 18*s.* surely?—No; what they got they paid for themselves.

20,442. How much did the people pay for themselves?—I cannot say.

20,443. 50*l.* or 60*l.*?—No, nothing like that.

20,444. Tell me about how much?—I scarcely can.

20,445. You can give me a guess. If you were about to sell your business to me me you would say, "At election times I have had as much as—" what sum would you fix?—I cannot tell. We take it in three-halfpences and twopences, and that kind of thing.

20,446. If you were trying to puff it off and to make the most of it, what should you say?—About 10*l.*

20,447. More than that, with all those Barrow people. You know you had some of the top sawyers staying with you?—They stayed with us all night.

20,448. Who paid you for everything that was supplied to them?—The captain paid for the extras you know.

20,449. How much did the captain pay?—He paid it as it went on.

20,450. How much?—I cannot say, I am sure.

20,451. About how much?—Well, I cannot tell.

20,452. How much do you guess the last election was worth to you?—I can scarcely tell you. There was a good deal that set against us; there was the breaking of glasses and the stealing of jugs, and so on.

20,453. What should you think would be the gross amount of money taken?—I hardly can tell; we never expected this sort of thing or we should have taken more notice.

20,454. Shall we say 40*l.* or 50*l.* altogether?—It might be happen that; perhaps you might say that.

20,455. And besides that there would be 10*l.* for the committee room and 10*l.* for your services?—Yes.

20,456. So you see I was not very far wrong when I put it at 60*l.*?—No.

20,457. They tried to get hold of you on the other side. That is what made me think you were a valuable man. What did they give you?—What did they give me?

20,458. The other side?—Nothing at all.

20,459. What did they give you?—Not a halfpenny piece. I told them if they were minded to take the house for 20*l.* they might do it, but they would not give it to me.

20,460. You voted Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes, I did.

20,461. On which side did you vote at Saunders's election?—I voted for Saunders.

20,462. How much did you get for your house then?—About 3*l.*, I think.

20,463. It was scarcely worth while voting Blue for that, was it?—No, it was not; it was only a "flat shine." I know other parties were getting a great deal more than I was getting.

20,464. You say that you knew that a great many other parties got more than you did?—It was so reported.

20,465. Who were they?—I never thought about these things. It came up promiscuously in company.

20,466. You did not do so badly altogether?—I do not know.

20,467. You did not make such a bad thing of it, including your breakages?—I do not know. There is a deal of things to be considered besides that as well.

20,468. Have you got nothing more to tell us?—I think not. I think that you have got the sum total from me that I can give you.

20,469. You would not mind if there came another election to-morrow?—I would never interfere with it. I would sooner have never voted at all.

M. Murphy.

MICHAEL MURPHY sworn and examined.

20,470. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your house?—The "Queen's Head."

20,471. In Church Street?—Yes.

20,472. Did you let your house to anyone at the last election?—To Mr. Bell, authorized by Mr. Harrison.

20,473. What did Mr. Bell say he would give you for it?—Half of what the other licensed houses were getting.

20,474. What was that?—That was the word he mentioned, half of what the others was getting, as I had no vote myself.

20,475. You had no vote and no interest?—No.

20,476. Did you get half?—No, I got 3*l.* 10*s.*

E. Gardener.

EDWARD GARDENER sworn and examined.

20,477. (*Mr. Newton.*) You keep the "Station Inn?"—Yes.

20,478. In Nile Street?—Yes.

20,479. What were you paid for the use of your house at the election?—10*l.*

20,480. Hutchinson paid you?—Yes, and I received 3*l.* for fetching a voter from Liverpool.

20,481. What else did you receive besides?—2*l.* for an old account from 1859.

20,482. Did they not pay you in 1859?—No. It was 2*l.* for refreshments.

20,483. Whose election was that?—Mr. Garnett's, Fenwick's, and Gregson's. Mr. Hutchinson paid me that.

20,484. How did you manage to get over the election of 1864?—I voted for Mr. Saunders then because they would not pay me my balance up.

20,485. When they paid you your balance, you voted the other side?—Yes; I would not have voted no way this time unless they had paid me that balance.

20,486. How much was your bill in that case?—1*l.* 8*s.* Mr. Turner paid me that.

20,487. What was the drink besides?—Very little. It was paid as they went on, what they drunk.

20,488. Did the captains pay, or did the men pay?—James Turner paid it, but it was very little.

20,489. He was the captain?—Yes.

20,490. He used to pay about 1*l.* a night?—Oh dear no.

20,491. What was it?—I do not think half-a-crown a night.

20,492. There is 16*l.* 8*s.* you got?—He gave me 1*l.* for my expenses for going to Liverpool, and Mr. Moser gave me 2*l.*

20,493. I want to know about these expenses of a night?—I do not suppose it was 2*s.* 6*d.* a night.

20,494. For how long?—Four or five nights.

20,495. Three weeks, was it not?—Oh, dear no. We had little doing in our house, and in fact I did not want it.

20,496. Is the "Station Inn" out of the way?—Yes, it is.

20,497. I am sorry for it, for your sake?—I got as much as I wanted.

20,498. You are satisfied?—Yes.

20,499. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you any relations voters?—Yes.

20,500. Brothers, perhaps?—Yes, a brother in Church Street, John Gardener.

20,501. Is he a freeman?—Yes.

George Cleminson Riley sworn and examined. *G. C. Riley.*

20,502. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—At the "Mitre," Church Street.

20,503. Is it a licensed house?—Yes.

20,504. Engaged by the Liberals at the last election?—Yes, I believe it was.

20,505. Engaged by whom?—Mr. Allinson.

20,506. Have you a brother Edward?—No, I have no brother in Lancaster.

20,507. At what price was your house retained?—I think I had 10*l.*

20,508. Was there a committee held at your house?—Well, there was, part, but not much.

20,509. What they called a committee?—Yes.

20,510. People coming in to drink?—Yes, part.

20,511. What was the other part?—Part for one side, and part for the other.

20,512. What do you mean?—Part for the Liberals, and part for the Tories.

20,513. You were engaged for the Liberals?—Yes.

20,514. But you opened it for both?—Yes.

20,515. What did the Liberals pay you?—I cannot remember being paid.

20,516. Were you not paid any money for your house?—I cannot remember.

20,517. This is a thing you must have some recollection of?—But I cannot.

20,518. We shall be obliged to keep you here till your memory is better, unless you tell me?—I cannot remember it.

20,519. We must have it remembered. This will not do?—I cannot remember anything about the election.

20,520. Why was that?—Because I was drunk all the time.

20,521. On your own drink?—Some of my own, and some I paid for.

20,522. When did you begin to get drunk?—Before the election.

20,523. How many days before the election?—I cannot say exactly.

20,524. A week before?—Oh, perhaps a month.

20,525. Until how long after the election?—I cannot say exactly.

20,526. Tell me?—Perhaps as near a month as could be.

20,527. Are you a married man?—Yes.

20,528. Was your wife living with you at the time?—Yes.

20,529. I hope she was not in the same state?—Well, I believe not, or if she had been, the house would have taken a great deal of harm.

20,530. It does not take much harm by your making a beast of yourself?—No.

20,531. How is it you recollect Mr. Allinson engaging you if you were drunk a week before the election?—Because it was before that time.

20,532. It was not a month before the election?—Yes, it would be.

20,533. (*To Mr. Allinson.*) When was it you engaged this man's house?—It was during the week—at the same time I engaged the other houses. I think when I saw Mr. Riley, he was scarcely in a fit state. I called several times, and he was always in the state he says he was in.

20,534. (*Mr. Hill.*) (*To the Witness*). You shelter yourself under the pretence that you were filthily drunk for two months?—I dare say I was.

20,535. And you have been drunk ever since?—I dare say. I am scarcely sober now.

23,536. I am not quite sure that it would not be a very good thing to send you to a very strong place near here where they have a happy knack of sobering people. Do you mean to tell me that you do not recollect any money being paid to you?—No, I do not.

20,537. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Stand down now, and take care that you are sober the next time you come, because, if not, we shall have to put you somewhere where we shall know where to find you.

20,538. (*Mr. Hill.*) Come and report yourself at 10 to-morrow and be sober, because if not, you must come every morning till you are sober?—Then I had better go home to bed now.

20,539. Yes, and do not take a night-cap?—Very good, sir.

John Atkinson Bibby sworn and examined. *J. A. Bibby.*

20,540. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I think you keep the "Bear and Staff"?—Yes.

20,541. Was your house engaged by either party at the last election?—Yes.

20,542. Who engaged it?—Knowles Atkinson.

20,543. What was he to pay for it?—I was to be paid the same as other people got. I got 10*l.*

20,544. It is a licensed house?—Yes.

20,545. Had you a committee there?—Yes.

20,546. What were you paid for their drinking?—Eating and drinking too, it was all put together in one sum.

20,547. You were paid a bill?—Yes.

20,548. Who paid you that?—Henry Welch.

20,549. How much was it?—Between 20*l.* and 30*l.* I do not recollect exactly what the sum was.

20,550. I do not ask you exactly, but you must know *about* what it was?—It was between 20*l.* and 30*l.*

20,551. Did you keep no books?—My daughter kept a book, I think, but it was only a piece of loose paper.

20,552. What sum do you say would be nearest to the mark?—It would be under 30*l.*; I should think 28*l.*; but I am not certain of that.

20,553. Were there any bills paid from time to time by the captains of the district?—Not on my side.

20,554. I mean by you?—No, I never saw none, and paid none.

20,555. Did this bill comprise all the sums spent in your house during the election?—Yes.

20,556. There was no bill paid nightly after the meetings of the committee?—Not to me or none of my family.

22,557. Are we to understand that all you received was 10*l.* for your house and 10*l.* for your bill?—I think it is pretty near that, but I would not say to a few pounds.

20,558. That is as near as you can give it?—Yes.

20,559. You voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes, Fenwick and Schneider.

20,560. Have you any relations in the town?—Yes, I have a brother.

20,561. Did he vote Fenwick and Schneider?—No, I think he voted Fenwick and Lawrence.

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20,562. Is he a freeman?—No.

20,563. Do you know anything of your brother?—No, not at all.

20,564. You do not know what he got for his vote?—No, I do not know anything about it.

20,565. You have got no sons, have you?—No.

W. Jackson.

WILLIAM JACKSON sworn and examined.

20,566. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is your house?—The "Malt Shovel."

20,567. What did you get for your house?—10*l.*

20,568. Who hired it?—Mr. Allinson.

20,569. Is it a licensed house?—Yes.

20,570. What was the bill you had?—42*l.*

20,571. Who paid that?—It was a young man came to pay me; I did not ask his name. I do not know whether he came from Henry Welch or not, but I fancy he did.

20,572. Was it Hutchinson?—I do not know, I did not ask his name.

20,573. Did you give him a receipt?—Yes.

20,574. How did he pay you,—by cheque?—He paid me in gold.

20,575. How long after the election?—About three weeks after the election.

20,576. What was the bill during the election?—That was it for about three weeks, and during the election altogether.

20,577. There was another bill, was there not?—Yes; for staffmen, 6*l.*

20,578. Who paid that?—Colonel Yeadell.

20,579. Which was the other bill?—That was all.

20,580. Was there anything for refreshments?—That includes the refreshments. That 42*l.* includes it altogether.

20,581. You got 58*l.*?—Yes for my stuff as I let them have.

20,582. When were you paid for your house?—It was after the election.

20,583. The same time as you got the 42*l.*?—No, I can tell you who paid the 42*l.* It was Bleasdale, and it was this young man that paid me the 10*l.* for my house.

20,584. Have you got any brothers who are voters?—Yes, I have a brother.

20,585. What is his name?—Thomas Jackson.

20,586. Where does he live?—He was keeping the "Yorkshire House" at that time.

20,587. Where is that?—On the Green Area.

20,588. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did he get for his vote?—I do not know. I do not interfere with any other people's business besides my own.

20,589. (*Mr. Newton.*) You know very well what he got?—I do not know.

20,590. Yes, you do?—No, I do not.

20,591. (*Mr. Hill.*) He had the Yorkshire house at the time?—Yes.

20,592. Was that taken?—Yes.

20,593. By the Liberal party?—Yes.

20,594. (*Mr. Newton.*) How many staff men came to your house?—About 60 or 70 of them.

20,595. Are you William Jackson, Leonard Gate. Yes, that is where I have got my vote from.

20,596. (*Mr. Hill.*) When this young man paid you the 10*l.*, did he ask for any of it back?—No.

20,597. Not a bottle of wine out of it?—No.

G. Lund.

GEORGE LUND sworn and examined.

20,598. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is the name of your public house?—The "Cabinet-makers' Arms."

20,599. Is that a house of call for cabinet-makers?—No, not particular.

20,600. Was your house engaged at the last election?—Yes, it was engaged.

20,601. By the Liberal party?—Yes.

20,602. Who engaged it?—Knowles Allinson spoke about it.

20,603. Did he tell you what you were to have for it?—No.

20,604. Is your house a licensed house or a beer house?—A beer house.

20,605. Was it open for the Liberal party?—Yes.

20,606. How much did you receive for it?—I received from Johnson 6*l.* and a few shillings—five or six—six likely.

20,607. Who is Johnson?—He was captain of the district.

20,608. What did you receive from anybody else?—Robert Whiteside fourteen or fifteen shillings.

20,609. That was for refreshment of voters?—Yes.

20,610. What else did you receive?—A few shillings from Edward Hutchinson.

20,611. What else?—I received nothing else up to the time of the election.

20,612. After the election?—After the election there was 3*l.* 15*s.*, I believe, from Hutchinson.

20,613. What was that for?—That was for the house.

20,614. What else?—Nothing.

20,615. What did you get for yourself?—I got nothing for myself.

20,616. Are you a voter?—Yes.

20,617. You and your house together went for 3*l.*?—3*l.* 15*s.*

20,618. How much did you get for the house?—That would be for the house.

20,619. Does that 3*l.* 15*s.* include any drink supplied?—No, I do not suppose it would.

20,620. How much for the house and yourself?—Myself you may include if you like.

20,621. That is all the money you received?—Yes.

20,622. How came you to get only 3*l.* instead of 5*l.*?—I do not know.

20,623. What was the 6*l.* for?—Drink and refreshments during the election, and the bill previous.

20,624. 10*l.* 15*s.* is all you got?—I dare say it will be.

20,625. You got something more during the election?—No, I do not know that I did.

20,626. Come, brush up your memory?—I cannot say.

20,627. Did you not get anything more than that?—No, I do not know that I did.

20,628. I am sure, if you do not know I do not?—I am sure I do not.

20,629. Do you think you did?—I cannot say as I did.

20,630. You got nothing more than that?—No, I do not recollect.

20,631. How much did you get for your house in Saunders' election?—Perhaps 30*s.* for all together.

20,632. How did you vote then?—I voted for Fenwick.

20,633. And you got 30 shillings?—I dare say. It was all that was spent and all that was done.

20,634. You improved in 1865—you got a little more in 1865?—Aye.

20,635. Have you got any relations?—No.

20,636. None at all?—No.

J. Parkinson.

JOHN PARKINSON sworn and examined.

20,637. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your house?—The "New Inn," Market Street.

20,638. What did you get for your house?—10*l.*, I believe.

20,639. Who engaged your house?—Knowles Allinson.

20,640. Who paid you?—Henry Welch paid my missis.

20,641. There would be some bill for refreshments, I suppose?—22*l.* 15*s.*, altogether.

20,642. Who paid you that?—It was paid at the same time—20*l.* however of it.

20,643. Would that be all?—Yes.

20,644. No money was paid from day to day?—No, there was work going on as business.

20,645. I do not mean exactly money passed over

the counter, but did not the captains call and pay at night for anything that had been drunk during the day?—No; anything they had to drink they paid for the same as anyone else, and what they paid I cannot say.

20,646. You can give a guess?—I cannot.

20,647. Shall I say 5*l.*?—No, nonsense, neither half nor a quarter of it. It might be 30*s.* altogether.

20,648. That is rather more than a quarter. Welch paid you 32*l.* 15*s.*?—No, 30*l.*

20,649. You voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

20,650. Have you any relations?—No.

20,651. No brothers?—No.

20,652. Are you a householder?—Yes.

W. Lawson.

WILLIAM LAWSON sworn and examined.

20,653. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is your house?—The "Three Tuns," in China Lane.

20,654. What did you get paid for your house?—10*l.*

20,655. Who paid it to you?—I do not know who he was; he was a young man.

20,656. I dare say it is young Hutchinson. Is yours a licensed house?—Yes.

20,657. Was there a bill at the house besides?—No.

20,658. No bill at all?—No.

20,659. Used not men to come in and drink?—Yes, there was a little drink previous to the election.

20,660. Who paid for that?—The captains.

20,661. What did they pay at the house?—They paid for it as they came in.

20,662. What did they spend?—Perhaps 3*l.* or 4*l.*

20,663. Shall I put down 4*l.* 10*s.*?—I should think that would be near the mark.

20,664. You had no little bill after the election?—No.

20,665. Did you get nothing more? Just try and recollect?—For the house do you mean?

20,666. Something besides the house; a little bill in addition?—No; not for refreshments nor drink.

20,667. What else did you get?—Mr. Ball mentioned something.

20,668. What did he give you?—On the election forenoon, about 10 or 11 o'clock, as I was coming past the "Queen's Hotel, William Sharples and Mr. Ball called to me. Mr. Bull asked me if I would go and see him vote.

20,669. Who?—Sharples. I did go, and I came and told him he had voted, and that it was all right, and he asked me if I had voted, and I said "No," and so I went and voted.

20,670. What did you get for going to vote?—When I came back he gave me 10*l.*; I was to go and look after voters and get any if I could, assistance I call it.

20,671. We know what it is; it was for a little assistance in the day?—Yes.

20,672. You got 24*l.* 10*s.*?—About that.

20,673. It is a pity you could not have made it another 10*s.*?—You can put on another 10*s.* if you choose; it might be so, I cannot say exactly.

20,674. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you got any brothers?—No.

H. Richmond.

HENRY RICHMOND sworn and examined.

20,675. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is your house?—The "Commercial Inn."

20,676. That, I think we may say, is a licensed house?—Yes.

20,677. By whom were you engaged for the last election?—By Knowles Allinson.

20,678. At what price did Mr. Allinson retain you?—He gave me 10*l.* for the house.

20,679. When were you paid?—A short time after the election.

20,680. By whom?—By a young man.

20,681. Hutchinson?—I do not know his name.

20,682. What bill did you send in after the election was over?—There was a bill for refreshments for about 7*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* and another for about 3*l.* 18*s.*

20,683. How were you paid, first of all by the captains, if you like to take it in that way?—They paid for everything they got.

20,684. To what amount?—In the way of drinks they paid for everything they got at the time they got it.

20,685. To what amount?—I cannot say.

20,686. 10*l.*?—No; nothing like it.

20,687. 2*l.* or 3*l.*?—2*l.* would be the extent of it.

20,688. What was the bill you sent in after the election?—There was for horses and men stopping, 13*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

20,689. Is that for post horses or what?—It was for the keep of the post horses and men that drove them.

20,690. You do not say how much for the horses and how much for the men?—I cannot tell you exactly; it was all done together.

20,691. Besides that, how much were you paid?—There was a bill of a little over 7*l.* for some other men out of the country.

20,692. Refreshments for country voters?—Yes.

20,693. 7*l.* how much?—I cannot tell you exactly the odds.

20,694. 7*l.* 10*s.*?—That would be the outside of it.

20,695. What besides?—About 3*l.* 18*s.*; that was for refreshments.

20,696. To whom?—For voters.

20,697. What sort of voters?—Part out of the country, I daresay.

20,698. The last bill was for country voters?—They came from two different quarters.

20,699. There was a good deal going on at your house?—But there was very little going in.

20,700. Was there not some of the paying going on at your house?—No.

20,701. There was not as much going on as you would have wished?—No.

20,702. Were you paid anything for yourse besides?—No.

20,703. Are you quite sure about that?—Yes.

20,704. Are the sums which you have given me, namely, 10*l.*, 2*l.*, 13*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, 7*l.* 10*s.*, and 3*l.* 18*s.* the whole of the monies that were paid to you?—Yes.

20,705. That you swear?—Yes.

20,706. 36*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*?—That will be about the amount.

20,707. Something between 35*l.* and 40*l.*, was it?—Yes, altogether.

20,708. There are a good many Richmonds on the register; are any of them your brothers?—No.

20,709. You are a freeman?—Yes.

20,710. Is Francis Richmond your relative?—No.

20,711. How are you described on the register?—As an ironmonger.

20,712. You duly voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

20,713. Had you voted for Fenwick in the election previous?—Yes.

20,714. How much were you paid for your house then?—5*l.*

L. Crook.

LAWRENCE CROOK sworn and examined.

20,715. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I am a farmer and grocer.

20,716. Where do you live?—At Heysham.

20,717. What part did you take in the last election?—I was engaged by Mr. Welch.

20,718. What were you engaged to do?—I was engaged to canvass and work for him, for Mr. Fenwick and Schneider.

20,719. You are not a voter, are you?—No.

20,720. Did you receive any money for the purpose of the election?—Yes.

20,721. How much?—I received 10*l.*

20,722. Is that all?—Yes, and 1*l.* for my horse and conveyance; that was all that I received.

20,723. 11*l.* altogether?—Yes.

20,724. What did you do with this money?—I worked with it; I treated the freemen and worked the best I could.

20,725. You did not give any of it away?—No.

20,726. You were not such a fool as that?—No.

20,727. Had you any people at your house?—Yes.

20,728. I believe the inn at Heysham was en-

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gaged by the other side, and they made a sort of inn of your house?—Yes; what drink we had at our house we got from the inn and paid for it.

20,729. Did you see any money paid to any of the voters?—No.

20,730. You know nothing except that you touched the 11*l.*?—No.

20,731. It all went into your own pocket?—No.

20,732. I thought you said you did not pay it away?—I paid it away in drink and refreshments to the voters.

20,733. How much did you pay away in drink and refreshments to voters?—I paid the 10*l.*

20,734. All of it?—Yes.

20,735. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you any political principles?—No.

T. Dearden.

THOMAS DEARDON sworn and examined.

20,736. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At the "Corporation Arms," at the top of Penny Street.

20,737. I presume by that you keep a public-house?—Yes.

20,738. Was it taken by Allinson?—It has been taken by him, but not this last election.

20,739. Who did engage it at the last election?—I cannot tell, to tell you the truth; it was several folk that was about; they never made any particular agreement.

20,740. What did you get paid for your house; that is more to the purpose?—6*l.*

20,741. Which side was your house, blue or yellow?—Blue.

20,742. Who paid you the 6*l.*?—I cannot tell you. To tell you the truth, he was only a boy. I should think he was not more than 6 or 7 years old; there was a man with him that I know by sight.

20,743. Did you give him a receipt?—Yes; and I told him I did not want anything more to do with elections, they might do as they liked. I never got much profit by them.

20,744. We shall see what profit you got; what was the bill?—I think it was 14*l.* 18*s.*; there might be some copper besides, but I cannot say, not to tell the truth.

20,745. What was the other amount?—What other amount?

20,746. The refreshments that they had in your house?—They had plenty, both eating and drinking. I always keep a good house.

20,747. How much was that?—That is the 14*l.* 18*s.* No; there is 1*l.* and 2*l.* besides. That is all I received.

20,748. What was the 1*l.* and 2*l.* besides?—There was a bill going on.

20,749. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How far is your house from the "White Cross?"—It is like next door, they join one another.

20,750. They used to come in and out from the "White Cross" into your house?—Yes.

20,751. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you always been "Blue?"—I had a little bit of "Blue" in me at first.

20,752. Were you "Blue" at Saunders's election?—No; I would have been, but don't you see I married a "Yellow" wife.

20,753. She was a "Yellow," was she?—Yes.

20,754. You have got the best of it now, and gone back to your old colours?—I have had two wives; I have been married to two.

20,755. Do you mean that your present wife is "blue" or "yellow?"—She left me to do as I liked.

20,756. Would not the first one let you do as you liked?—No; she said I was to give Mr. Gregson a vote.

20,757. Is it customary for the wives in Lancaster to dictate to their husbands what they are to do?—She said I was to give Mr. Gregson a vote.

20,758. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have a baddish time of it if you do not do what they tell you?—You do indeed. She said I was to give Gregson a vote, and do what I liked with the other; but I said I could not be both "yellow" and "blue" at the same time.

20,759. Was your wife a Lancaster woman?—Yes; Hannah Rowe was her name.

20,760. She has got a brother, has she not?—Yes.

W. Butterworth.

WILLIAM BUTTERWORTH sworn and examined.

20,761. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is your house?—The "White Lion," St. Leonard Gate.

20,762. Is it a licensed house or a beerhouse?—A licensed house.

20,763. Were you engaged at the last election?—Yes.

20,764. By whom?—Knowles Allinson.

20,765. At what price did he take you?—10*l.*

20,766. When were you paid?—I cannot recollect exactly.

20,767. By whom were you paid?—I was paid by Knowles Allinson.

20,768. Before the election?—No; after the elec-

20,769. How long after the election did he pay you?—I should say two months.

20,770. What bill did you get paid besides?—I received altogether in money 21*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

20,771. Was that besides the 10*l.*?—No; including the 10*l.*

20,772. Then your bill came to 11*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

20,773. Besides that you had some little money spent at your house by the captains?—Robert Whiteside paid 17*s.* 6*d.*

20,774. Does that 11*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* include all the money that was spent at your house during the election?—Yes.

20,775. Was there no more?—No.

20,776. Was there any committee held there?—Yes.

20,777. How many served on the committee?—I do not know; there was not many in the room altogether.

20,778. You had no separate room for it?—No.

20,779. The taking of the committee-room was a retainer for yourself?—Yes.

20,780. And they came in, a few of them, to drink occasionally, I suppose?—Yes; I think they pigged in one among another.

20,781. They did not talk much about politics?—No.

20,782. Perhaps that was a forbidden subject?—I do not know.

20,783. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a butcher?—No.

20,784. What is your trade?—An innkeeper.

20,785. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you anything else to add?—No.

H. Hartley.

HENRY HARTLEY sworn and examined.

20,786. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A plasterer.

20,787. Where do you live?—Damside Street.

20,788. What part did you take in the last election?—I was on the Conservative side.

20,789. You assisted Mr. Cross?—No.

20,790. Whom did you assist?—I assisted no one.

20,791. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I received 12*l.* for my vote.

20,792. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

20,793. And you stuck to it?—Yes.

20,794. From whom did you receive it?—I suppose the man they called "Dummy," but I am not quite sure.

20,795. Where did you receive it?—At the "Sun Inn."

20,796. Who was the captain of your district; do you recollect?—No, I do not.

20,797. All you know about it is that you got 12*l.*?—Yes.

20,798. Did you give anybody anything for their vote?—No.

20,799. Did you receive any money to spend in treating?—No.

20,800. Were you on the committee?—No.

20,801. (*Mr. Hill.*) You did no work at all in the election?—No.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TWENTIETH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Wednesday, 19th September 1866.

PRESENT :

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON.

Mr. HILL.

GEORGE CLEMINSON RILEY recalled and further examined.

20,802. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I hope you will give us a better account than you did yesterday ?—I think I can.

20,803. (*Mr. Hill.*) What sums of money did you receive during the last election ?—I got 14*l.* from William Storey on account.

20,804. When ?—On the election morning.

20,805. July 12th ?—Yes.

20,806. What was the next ?—I got 10*l.* I believe from Mr. Wise.

20,807. Thomas Wise ?—Yes, I think so.

20,808. When did you receive that ?—That was on the election day.

20,809. What other sum ?—5*l.* ; my wife received 5*l.* from Mr. Ellershaw.

20,810. James Ellershaw ?—Yes.

20,811. What else ?—That is all.

20,812. What bill had you paid besides ?—None.

20,813. Was that all the money that you received, 29*l.*?—That is all.

20,814. What was the 14*l.* for ?—That was for spirits on account of 18*l.* 17*s.*

20,815. Did you send in the bill ?—I took in the bill myself, at least I went in for it.

20,816. You went in with the bill to whom ?—To Mr. Storey at the "Sun."

20,817. A bill for 18*l.* 10*s.* ?—18*s.* 17*s.*

20,818. And you received the 14*l.* on that?—On that account.

20,819. When was the balance paid ?—Mr. Ellershaw made it up ; of course I would not vote for the Tories, and Mr. Ellershaw made it up for voting for the Radicals.

20,820. James Ellershaw paid up the balance ?—Yes.

20,821. About 5*l.* ?—Yes.

20,822. For voting for the Radicals ?—Yes.

20,823. Who did you vote for ?—I voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

20,824. What money did you get from Mr. Lawrence's side ?—I got the 14*l.* on account for drink.

20,825. You got 14*l.* from Storey, and then James Ellershaw paid you the balance of the bill ?—After.

20,826. And so you voted for Fenwick and Schneider ?—Yes, because James Ellershaw was one of the Radical party.

20,827. When did James Ellershaw pay you the balance ?—The day after the election he paid my wife.

20,828. If he paid it to your wife the day after the election that could not have been your inducement ?—I said from the first that I would give Mr. Schneider one, and I was not exactly settled for both.

20,829. What did Thomas Wise give you the 10*l.* for ?—For the house. I suppose it would be for that.

20,830. Was that 10*l.* that you got from Thomas Wise the 10*l.* you picked off the form?—I suppose so ; he says so, but I cannot remember which it was.

20,831. That was for your vote ?—That was for the house.

20,832. What you *call* for the house ; have you got no other account to give ?—That is all as I know of.

20,833. I suppose the truth is that your wife has told you to say this, and so you have come and said it ; you have no recollection of it yourself ?—Part of it I recollect and part my mistress told me.

20,834. What do you go and get drunk for, making yourself a beast and not doing any good to yourself or anybody else ; if you live long enough you will live to be ashamed of the evidence you gave yesterday ?—I is now.

H. Pilkington.

HENRY PILKINGTON sworn and examined.

20,835. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You keep the "Warper's Arms ?"—Yes.

20,836. Who hired your house at the last election ?—Knowles Allinson.

20,837. What did he offer you for it ?—He did not pay me for it.

20,838. But what did he agree with you for ?—5*l.*

20,839. Your house is a beerhouse ?—Yes, but I got 10*l.* for it.

20,840. Who paid you the 10*l.* ?—Mr. Hutchinson.

20,841. I suppose you had some bill besides ?—I had 2*l.* 10*s.* for refreshments, that was 12*l.* 10*s.* altogether.

20,842. Did you receive nothing more than 12*l.* 10*s.*?—Of course there was Mr. Gardner and Mr. Wright, they spent a few shillings.

20,843. Just say what you think that was ?—To speak the truth I could not say exact, but I should say about 1*l.* or somewhere that way on.

20,844. Mr. Gardner, and who was the other ?—Mr. Roger Wright.

20,845. Do you know where Gardner is ?—No, I do not.

20,846. Is he in the town do you know ?—He lives in the town, but I do not know whether he is in it at present.

20,847. Whereabouts does he live ?—In Church Street.

20,848. 13*l.* 10*s.* is all you had ?—Yes ; there was Roger Wright, he gave me 5*l.* for James Jackson ; he was very poorly, he was at our house all night ; he could not look after it himself, (he is dead since,) and he asked me to look after it for him, and I think Mr. Wright gave it in his evidence that he had given me 5*l.* for Jackson.

20,849. He gave it to you and you gave it to Jackson ?—Yes.

20,850. Which Jackson was it ?—I think he was a groom ; it would have been a good job if he had gotten 5*l.*, for he was in very bad circumstances—very.

20,851. You voted for Fenwick and Schneider I suppose ?—Yes.

P. Moore.

PETER MOORE recalled and further examined.

28,852. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you anything to add to your evidence ?—Nothing, only Colonel Yeadall paid me about 2*l.* 10*s.* for refreshments. I think I did not state that last time.

R. Townley.

RICHARD TOWNLEY sworn and examined.

20,853. (*Mr. Newton.*) You keep the "Golden Ball ?"—Yes.

20,854. Is that a public house ?—Yes.

20,855. Licensed ?—Yes.

20,856. What did you get for your house ?—10*l.*

20,857. Who paid you ?—John McCann.

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20,858. That is John McCann, of King Street?—Yes.

20,859. When did he pay you for that?—On the day of the election.

20,860. Who hired your house?—John McCann.

20,861. But who hired it before that?—I do not know as any one particular.

20,862. We know perfectly well and you must tell us; Allinson hired it?—Not properly.

20,863. But he came and made an arrangement with you?—Yes.

20,864. You were retained for the Liberals, and then you went over to the Conservatives?—Yes, they did not suit me, not properly.

20,865. What did not suit you?—The Liberals.

20,866. Did they not spend money enough?—No.

20,867. How much did they spend?—Perhaps about twenty shillings.

20,868. Who were the people that spent that?—Well I do not know.

20,869. But your neighbours got more?—Well I cannot say for that.

20,870. Then I want to know what made you go over to Lawrence; John McCann would not have made you go over for 10*l.* for you would have got it from Allinson?—Allinson never gave me any satisfaction what he would give me.

20,871. What did he offer you?—Nothing; he said I might have the same as the others.

20,872. The others had 10*l.* nearly all round?—Well I did not know.

20,873. What did McCann give you?—10*l.*

20,874. He gave you more?—No, he did not.

20,875. He paid the bill?—No, he did not.

20,876. Somebody else did?—Yes, a man named High paid 8*l.* 1*s.*

20,877. And then you had spent in your house twenty shillings by the Liberals?—Yes.

20,878. Did the captains spend any money at your house?—Yes.

20,879. Who were they?—Harrison I believe his name was.

20,880. Who paid you for that?—They paid in ready money.

20,881. Was that included in the twenty shillings?—No.

20,882. Besides that?—Yes.

20,883. How much did you get for the election?—Perhaps I received 8*l.* or 10*l.* in ready money during the election.

20,884. And you got 10*l.* for the house?—Yes.

20,885. Henry High paid you 8*l.* 1*s.*?—Yes.

20,886. You got very nearly 30*l.*?—I cannot say not exact.

20,887. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You voted for Lawrence, did you not?—Yes.

T. Jackson.

THOMAS JACKSON sworn and examined.

20,888. (*Mr. Hill.*) You keep the "Yorkshire House," Green Area?—I was living there then, I am not living there now.

20,889. By whom was your house taken for the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

20,890. By Mr. Allinson?—By Mr. Allinson.

20,891. How much did Allinson agree to give you for it?—He made no bargain; he gave me 10*l.*

20,892. When were you paid?—About a fortnight after the election, I think.

23,893. Who by?—By Knowles Allinson.

20,894. Yours is a licensed house?—Yes.

20,895. What bill did you send in?—I never sent in no bill at all.

20,896. Did you not prepare any bill?—No.

20,897. Were you not paid any bill?—Yes, they paid me 10*l.* for the house.

20,898. But a bill for refreshment?—Yes, about 10*l.* for refreshment; I cannot say to a few shillings.

20,899. Who paid you that?—James Turner, a cabinet maker.

20,900. You say it was not a bill?—No, it was for refreshment; I had no bill.

20,901. Was that paid in small sums or in a lump sum?—All together.

20,902. About 10*l.*?—Yes.

20,903. Not more than 10*l.*?—No, I think it was rather the under side.

20,904. How much did you get paid by the Captains in ready money on different nights do you suppose?—I should think about 3*l.*

20,905. Altogether?—Yes.

20,906. Was it not more than that?—I think not.

20,907. And you voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

J. Littlewood.

JOHN LITTLEWOOD sworn and examined.

20,908. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are cashier to the firm of Edward Lawrence and Company?—I am.

20,909. Were you cashier in July 1865?—I was.

20,910. Do you remember the late Mr. Chambers coming to your office?—I do not.

20,911. Did you not see the late Mr. Chambers with reference to a credit opened by him with your firm?—I did not.

20,912. Do you remember Mr. Chambers coming to your office on the subject?—I do not.

20,913. Did you never see him at all?—I could not say that.

20,914. Did you never see him at all in your office on money matters in July 1865?—On commercial matters certainly I have seen him several times.

20,915. Do you produce the ledgers of your firm for last year?—Not the ledgers; I have got the memorandum book, (*producing a book.*)

20,916. Have you read the evidence of Mr. John Lawrence?—I have.

20,917. Are you able to give us an explanation of the items which he mentioned?—Every one.

20,918. Have you any objection to do so in open Court, or is there anything of a private nature in them?—I think they are perhaps a little complicated, and I could explain them better to you in private I think, but if you would rather have it done here I can go through them in open Court.

20,919. The custom is to go into a private room if there is anything mixed up with them relating to private matters?—They are rather mixed up, and will require a little explanation.

20,920. (*Mr. Hill.*) Will you let me see the book if you please? (*The book is handed to Mr. Hill.*)

20,921. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is this what you call the balance book?—Yes.

20,922. Is it what Mr. Lawrence called the balance book?—That is the book to which he alluded in his evidence.

20,923. What he called the "balance book?"—What he called the "balance book."

20,924. Are you now aware that money was advanced by your firm for the purposes of the late election here?—I have never been told a word about it with reference to the Lancaster election.

20,925. Have your firm business transactions with that of Messrs. H. T. Wilson and Company?—They have.

20,926. I believe that Mr. Tronson is in the employment of Messrs. Edward Lawrence and Company?—He is.

20,927. In what capacity?—He is the managing clerk.

20,928. Do you remember giving him any money about the 10th of July 1865?—I gave him money on the 11th of July.

20,929. What sum was that?—2,000*l.*

20,930. In notes or in gold?—Partly notes and partly gold.

20,931. Do you remember how much was in notes and how much in gold?—I could not swear to it.

20,932. You can give us an idea I dare say?—I should not like to do so. It is 14 months ago, and considering the quantity of cash that has gone through my hands since that time, I would not dare to do it.

20,233. Does an entry of that 2,000*l.* appear in this memorandum book?—It does.

20,934. (*M. Hill.*) Under what date?—The 11th of July.

20,935. (*Mr. Barstow.*) By whose directions did you give that money to Tronson?—By his own directions. He asked me for it.

20,936. Had you no orders from anybody to give that money to Tronson?—No; he is the managing man, and Mr. John Lawrence being out of town at the time his authority was quite sufficient.

20,937. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say that Tronson is the managing man?—Yes; he is the managing man.

20,938. And you take orders from him?—In Mr. Lawrence's absence.

20,939. In which Mr. Lawrence's absence?—In Mr. John Lawrence's absence, because Mr. John Lawrence manages the financial department in our office.

20,940. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is this sum of 2,000*l.* the only sum you gave to any one at Tronson's request about that time?—I believe it is. In fact it is.

20,941. Have you a clerk in your office of the name of Hagart?—We have.

20,942. Do you remember his coming to Lancaster at the time of the late election?—I do.

20,943. Do you happen to know whether he came here more than once?—No, I could not say that. It was a matter of no consequence whatever to me.

20,944. Do you know whether he brought money with him?—I fancy so, but that I would not say, because I am merely cash keeper, and after the money has gone from my hands I have done with it.

20,945. Did you know at the time that he came to Lancaster, that he took money with him—that is what I mean?—I thought so, but I would not swear to such a thing because I had nothing whatever to do with it, but I fancy he did.

20,946. We infer from your answer that you had nothing to do with giving him any money?—I had nothing to do with giving Hagart any money.

20,947. Would not any money paid from your office be paid though your hands?—It would. That is, anything connected with the firm.

20,948. But any money paid out of the funds of the firm would pass through your hands?—It would; and through my books.

20,949. For whatever purpose?—As long as it appears in the books it would pass through my hands.

20,950. That is not quite what I want to know. If any money is paid for any purpose whatever from the funds of your firm, would that money pass through your hands?—It would, and would be entered in the books.

20,951. But you answer first that it would pass through your hands?—It would.

20,952. Having passed through your hands you would make an entry of it in the books of the firm?—I should. May I be allowed to say that in this instance it would not. That is, suppose one of the firm drew a cheque away from Liverpool and sent it to anyone, he would give me a memorandum of it and it would pass through the books; but in that case it would not pass through my hands. That is the only case I might not touch the cheque, and therefore the money would not pass through my hands, but it would appear in the books in the same way.

20,953. Look in the margin (*handing the book to the witness.*) Under the date of July the 7th, you will see a memorandum which I cannot decipher. What is the meaning of that, "E. L. per T. E. T. 400*l.*" What is represented by the letters "E. L.?"—I mean Edward Lawrence.

20,954. And who is represented by the initials T. E. T.?—Thomas Edward Taylor.

20,955. Mr. Thomas Edward Taylor is a partner in your firm?—He is.

20,956. Do you know any particulars of that sum of 400*l.*?—I know nothing more than this, Mr. Taylor asked me for 400*l.* and I gave it to him.

20,957. On what day did Mr. Taylor ask you for that 400*l.*?—The date that is mentioned here, and that is charged in this memorandum of the 7th of July.

20,958. What is the meaning of "E. L. per T. E. T.?"—It is a private memorandum of my own. I at the the time was not aware to what that cash was to be charged. Mr. John Lawrence was out of town, and therefore I made a private memorandum of my own till he came into town, intending to ask him what it meant when he came back for another amount, on the 11th, of 2,000*l.* which is charged to the same, "E. L." I said, "What account are those amounts to go to," and he said, "suspense account," and the "E. L." you will find on the 15th of July ceases, and it commences then "suspense." That is the history of the "E. L."

20,959. Did Mr. Thomas Edward Taylor ask you for the money for Mr. Edward Lawrence?—No, that was my own conjecture.

20,960. That was your own conjecture at the time?—It was my own conjecture that it might be for Mr. Edward Lawrence. You must recollect that this is a private memorandum book of my own, and I put down anything I choose there. All I have got to do is to account for my cash. This book accounts for that cash, but it is not a book of the office you will understand. It is not the cash book, it is a memorandum book.

20,961. I thought I understood it before, but after your explanation I do not understand it. At all events, the fact remains that you did put that sum down to "E. L. per T. E. T.?"—Yes, what I thought then would go to "E. L."

20,962. In point of fact, when Mr. Taylor asked for that 400*l.*, you thought he was asking for it for Mr. Edward Lawrence?—Yes, I conjectured so in my own mind, but I had no authority whatever for it.

20,963. You thought it was for Mr. Edward Lawrence, and, at the time, you made a memorandum accordingly?—I made the memorandum accordingly.

20,964. Did not Mr. Taylor give you any explanation as to why he wanted this 400*l.*?—No, he did not, because I should have put it definitely if he had done so.

20,965. But you have put it definitely?—That is from conjecture, but if you ask me what Mr. Taylor said to me 14 months ago, considering the number of things I have to think of in the day, with hours from 10 to 3, I could not tell you, and I honestly tell you so.

20,966. But I am asking you for an explanation of a transaction of which you made a memorandum at the time?—Yes.

20,967. You made a memorandum at the time, "E. L. per T. E. T." That you explain to be "Edward Lawrence per Thomas Edward Taylor." I now ask you, did not Mr. Taylor at the time you gave him that money, mention to you that it was for Mr. Edward Lawrence?—To the best of my memory he did not.

20,968. Now I must put this question to you. Will you swear to us that he did not?—I cannot.

20,969. I suppose Mr. Taylor, being a partner in the firm, could have drawn this sum of 400*l.* for himself?—I should have charged it direct to him if he had.

20,970. We may infer then from the fact that you did not charge him directly for it, that he said at the time that he required it for some one else?—Certainly not. He may have asked me for the money, and told me to keep a memorandum of it; I had no authority for putting the "E. L. per T. E. T." It was a conjecture of my own. That is what I said, and I still stick to it. I waited for Mr. John Lawrence till he came back, and then I asked him what account the money was to go to, and he said it was to go to

"suspense," and you will find that from that day the "E. L." ceases.

20,971. From your having entered this in a different way from what you would have done if Mr. Taylor had drawn the money for himself, surely Mr. Taylor must have given you some explanation why he wanted the money?—That does not follow. If this were a book of the firm, it would follow, but it is not a book of the firm. It is, as I have already stated, a private book of my own, as it were. I have to account for my cash. The Lancaster election was on then, and I may have put that down just as a memorandum to call to my mind where the 400*l.* went to, but I was not told to charge it to anything until Mr. John Lawrence came back.

20,972. I see on the 11th of July "Sus. E. L. 270*l.*;" and then in the line underneath "E. L. 2,404*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.*" Now, first with regard to the 270*l.*, what is your explanation with regard to that?—The 270*l.* is a private matter of Mr. Lawrence's.

20,973. (*Mr, Hill.*) It runs from the very beginning of the book?—Yes; it is a private amount of Mr. Lawrence's. I do not know any more than the man in the moon, what it is.

20,974. Then with regard to ths 2,404*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.*; what is your explanation of that?—That 4*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.*, is also a private thing of Mr. Lawrence's; and the 2,400*l.* is accounted for, 400*l.* on the 7th of July, and 2,000*l.* on the 11th.

20,975. That is to say, that the sum which stood at 400*l.* on the 7th of July and following days, is raised to 2,400*l.* on the 11th?—Yes, that is so.

20,976. Did you pay that 2,000*l.* to anyone?—To Mr. Tronson.

20,977. At whose request?—At his own, as managing man.

20,978. Do you pay money to Mr. Tronson at his own request, when Mr. Taylor is present?—No.

20,979. Do you know at all how Mr. Tronson disposed of that money? Did you at the time know what he was going to do with the money?—Only from conjecture.

20,980. May I say that you did not know at the time what Tronson intended to do with that money?—I was not told.

20,981. Although you were not told, perhaps you knew?—In my own private mind of course I may think anything, but I cannot, on authority, say I was told. I cannot go further than that. When the money has gone from my cash-box into another man's hands it is done with as far as I am concerned.

20,982. Did you think at the time that it was for any matter of business?—I did not think at the time that it was for a matter of business.

20,983. You did not know of any business matter for which the sum of 2,000*l.* was at that time required?—I did not.

20,984. In what manner did you pay that sum to Tronson?—You have asked me that question before; in notes and gold.

20,985. Your answer then applied to the sum of 2,000*l.*?—Yes.

20,986. With regard to the 400*l.*, was that paid partly in notes and partly in gold?—I really cannot tax my memory how it was paid. I pay such thousands and thousands of pounds, that I cannot recollect whether it was in gold or notes.

20,987. You do not pay away large sums in gold, do you?—Yes, sometimes. If a man particularly wishes gold, I would go and get it changed for him, to accommodate him.

20,988. Do people often ask for gold from you?—They might. If they ask for it, I should get it.

20,989. It would be a very unusual thing for a man requiring money from your firm to ask you to pay him in gold, would it not?—Yes, decidedly; unless he wanted it for a special reason, such as paying off the crew of a vessel. For that purpose he would want gold, every penny of it. And I might accommodate him in that way.

20,990. Do you, as a matter of fact, give gold instead of notes?—No; as a rule, I give the money just as I have it, if I am not asked to give it in a different way.

20,991. That does not answer my question. I ask you, is it the rule, and do you usually pay any one coming to your office for money in gold?—It just depends. If a man pays me 1,000*l.* in gold, I pay it away to the next man that comes with a bill; and if a man pays me in notes, I should pay the next man that comes in notes.

20,992. That does not in the least answer my question. I ask you whether it is usual or unusual to pay a man coming to your office for money, in gold?—It is usual, if I have got the gold.

20,993. That is not what I ask you?—I really cannot exactly understand you.

20,994. Is it usual or unusual? You know the meaning of that?—Yes. I do pay in gold if I have got the money.

20,995. Never mind if you have got the money. Is it usual or unusual for you to do so?—Really I cannot understand the question. I have explained it as far as I am able. If I have got the money in the office, he gets it in the same way. It is not usual more than that.

20,996. May I say that it is not usual to pay in gold?—It is usual if I have got it in gold.

20,997. Is it usual to have such an amount of gold?—If a man pays me 2,000*l.* in gold, I have got it, and if he pays me in notes I have the notes.

20,998. You can scarcely say that is affording me any information, to say that if a man pays you in gold, you have the gold?—But you ask me how I would pay it away. I say, that if I am paid in gold, the next man who comes for a bill I should pay in gold.

20,999. Would it be an unusual thing for you to have such a large amount of gold as 2,000*l.*?—It would not be a usual thing.

21,000. A very unusual thing, I suppose?—I cannot say very unusual; but an unusual thing.

21,001. Have you ever upon any occasion before, made a payment to Tronson, of 2,000*l.* in gold?—I have not.

21,002. Would not his asking for that sum of money in gold excite inquiry from you?—I do not think he did ask for it in gold. He asked for 2,000*l.*, and he arranged himself how he would have it changed.

21,003. You only paid Tronson 2,000*l.*?—Yes.

21,004. And after he received it he changed it?—He just did what he liked with it.

21,005. You cannot tell us in what way you gave the money to Tronson?—No, I cannot. I paid him 2,000*l.*

21,006. If you had paid him 2,000*l.* in gold, you would remember that you had paid it to him in gold, I should think?—I did not then. I am quite sure I did not pay it to him all in gold.

21,007. How much of it did you pay in gold, if you are sure you did not pay it all in gold?—I cannot say,—but I am certain I did not pay it all in gold.

21,008. I see on the 15th of July the suspense account becomes 3,150*l.* How was that increase made?—750*l.*

21,009. How does that come into the account?—That was given either to Mr. John Lawrence or to Mr. Taylor, I could not say which.

21,010. How was it given to them?—In notes or gold do you mean?

21,011. Yes?—I could not say.

21,012. When was it given to them?—On that date, the 15th of July.

21,013. At your office?—Yes.

21,014. Did you make any memorandum at the time you made that payment?—Probably I made a memorandum on a bit of paper, until I balanced in the evening.

21,015. I see no memorandum in this book?—No; not in that book.

21,016. Why was that?—I did not want it. I

wanted no other memorandum but just the amount that I paid.

21,017. On a former occasion when the 400*l.* was paid you made a memorandum, and on this occasion you did not. I only want to know why on the second occasion you did not make a memorandum?—That I cannot tell you. It did not form a matter of consideration for me. You must recollect all through that book, it is a private memorandum of mine. It is a matter between me and Mr. John Lawrence, and if he is satisfied with that book that is all. He can see it every day, and he is throughly satisfied with it.

21,018. That is scarcely what I should call a private memorandum book, if your employer can investigate it every day?—If you will allow me I will explain how that item comes into that book. I have a cash-book which belongs to the firm, and on the debit side there is so much money received; and on the credit side, so much money paid. Deducting the one from the other gives the balance that I ought to have in hand, and Mr. John Lawrence can say at any moment, "John Littlewood, show me the balance you have in hand"? I open the drawer, and can only show half the amount. He says, "Where is the balance?" and I say, "Sir, there's the book."

21,019. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you brought over the firm cash-book?—No, I have not. There is nothing whatever in the cash-book, not an item of any description.

21,020. (*Mr. Barstow.*) On the 17th of July the suspense account increased to 4,150*l.*?—Yes; that is an increase of 1,000*l.*

21,021. What is that 1,000*l.*?—That is a cheque drawn by Mr. John Lawrence.

21,022. Cashed at the Preston Bank?—I cannot tell you at all further than that it is a cheque drawn on the Royal Bank. This cheque will explain what I was telling you before, that it is not always necessary that a cheque should pass through my hands. That cheque did not pass through my hands.

21,023. The Royal Bank is the bank of your firm?—Yes, it is.

21,024. Can you tell us at what date this suspense account was altered, either diminished or increased?—It was diminished by 1,000*l.* on the 15th of November.

21,025. That is diminished by the payment of 1,000*l.*?—Yes, to me.

21,026. By whom?—Mr. John Lawrence gave me 1,000*l.*, and told me to deduct it from that amount.

21,027. To deduct it from the suspense account?—Yes.

21,028. I see also "suspense account J. T. L. 100*l.*?"—That is a private matter entirely.

21,029. That was paid by Mr. John Lawrence?—Yes.

21,030. In your office?—Yes, in our office.

21,031. Was Mr. Edward Lawrence present at the time when when Mr. John Lawrence paid you that 1,000*l.*?—That I cannot recollect, but I should think not. Mr. John Lawrence gave it to me.

21,032. Was Mr. Edward Lawrence in the office at the time?—I could not tell I can assure you.

21,033. I do not mean, was he in the room, but was he attending to business?—I could not tell you; he would come in and out fifty times a day, and as to whether he was in at that minute I cannot tell you more than fly.

21,034. Do you remember how that money was paid to you?—No, I would not say. With the thousands of pounds that I have passing through my hands I could not pretend to say such a thing.

21,035. Can you tell me whether it was paid by cash or by cheque?—By cash.

21,036. Do you remember when that account which remains at 3,150*l.* was next altered?—On the 30th of December, but you will see it is not altered to the suspense account. You will see "suspense H. T. Wilson and Company, 500*l.*" It is the 22d of January that it becomes suspense account. I was away at the time, and the young man that had the cash did not know about it, and when I came back it was altered to the suspense account. You will see it is different writing there. When I came back I inquired as cash keeper, and put it to the proper account.

21,037. On the 22d of January the account becomes 3,652*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*?—Yes.

21,038. That would not be exactly so if the 3,150*l.* was increased by 500*l.*?—You will see two guineas on the 14th of July for "Hagart expenses."

21,039. (*Mr Hill.*) It is "E. L. per Hagart 2*l.* 2*s*?"—Yes, it is like the other matter, my conjecture.

21,040. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was that account altered at all between the 22d of January and the 5th or 6th of March?—On the 6th of March 150*l.* was added "paid to Mr. Taylor," making the account 3,802*l.* 2*s.*

21,041. Did the account remain at that amount till August?—On the 9th of August. I believe I was away at the time; there was 50*l.* added which ought not to have been added to the account. It is not a part of it at all, and it still remains so. You will see "Yesterday's balance is 3,852*l.* 2*s.* It ought to be 3,802*l.* 2*s.*

21,042. (*Mr. Hill.*) It is entered on the 10th of August?—I thought it was the 9th.

21,043. You can easily have made the mistake because no date is put?—I did not do it myself; I was away at the time. You will see the entry is in a different writing.

21,044. I see the date is put, but in very small and infinitesimal figures?—I cannot speak to that myself because I did not do it.

21,045. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What account have you to give us of that 50*l.* which you say was placed to the account by error?—I do not think it is exactly an error. It is to be given back to us; we hold an I. O. U. for it.

21,046. Whose I O U do you hold?—That I cannot say for certain.

21,047. You ought to know that. There can be no great difficulty about such a sum as 50*l.*?—I believe it is "H. T. Wilson," or "H. T. Wilson and Company," but I will not say for certain.

21,048. In whose hands is that I. O. U.?—It is in my cash-box.

21,049. How came you to pay the amount of 150*l.* to Taylor on March the 6th?—Because he asked me for it.

21,050. What did he say to you when he asked you for it?—I could not say. Very likely he said, ——— it is no good my saying what it is likely he said, is it?

21,051. Finish your sentence.—It is very likely he said, "I want 150*l.*, Littlewood; will you put that down to the suspense account?"

21,052. When you were desired to put it to the suspense account you added it to these sums with which we have been treating just now?—I did.

21,053. Those sums being, I believe, sums entirely spent on account of the Lancaster election?—That I have got nothing whatever to do with further than cash-keeper. I know nothing about the Lancaster election, and I should be very sorry to either.

21,054. Are you aware of anything else connected with this suspense account with regard to which we have not asked you?—I can swear that there is nothing in our books connected with that suspense account but what you see in that memorandum book. There is nothing in the suspense account but 3,852*l.* 2*s.* at this minute.

21,055. Have you accounted to us for all the variations of that account as far as you know?—Yes, I have. To make certain I can give you all the dates and amounts now if you like over again; I have nothing to hide.

21,056. I have not examined this book, but does this book show all the drawings on account of your firm, whether for business or private purposes?—I do not exactly understand what you mean; I have explained what that balance book is. With regard to the large amount on the debtor side which you see at the top, that is all to be seen in the cash-book belonging to the firm. Then on the creditor side the large

amount at the top is also to be seen. Every amount is specified in the cash-book. If I had the cash-book here I could show you the whole thing; you see all the rest besides what is in the cash-book there in that book.

21,057. It shows all the money transactions of your firm?—It shows it in a lump sum at the top of course for the month. Of course every month begins again, but up to that date it shows every day the balance brought down.

21,058. There is no book in the possession of your firm the product of which does not appear in this book. Do you understand me?—Not exactly. There is no other book in my possession, and I am cash-keeper which shows everything connected with the firm except that book and the cash-book.

21,059. Every payment of the firm is mentioned in the cash-book and in this book?—It is not mentioned in that book.

21,060. There is a summary of it?—Yes.

21,061. The gross total is found here?—Yes, only for a month mind. Every month it is different. You will see each day the balance varies, and becomes greater on the debit side and less on the other side. Amount paid and amount recovered.

21,062. I have not examined the book, and I ask you the question merely to know whether from looking at this book we know the gross amount of all the accounts of your firm?—Yes.

21,063. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do your partners look over your books?—Yes, frequently. When they want to know anything they do.

21,064. Do answer the question. Do they or do they not (and do not run on because you will not get anything by that) look over the books frequently?—Do you mean——

21,065. Do not ask me any questions. Do your partners look at the books frequently?—They do look at the books, but they may look at them only for a minute. If you mean whether they examine them——

21,066. Answer the question and do not run on. Do they or do they not examine the books frequently?—I cannot answer that question.

21,067. Do not say you cannot answer it because you will have to answer it. Do they or do they not examine the books frequently?—With all respect I certainly do say I cannot answer the question. Suppose I were out at the time, and they were to examine the books.

21,068. That is not the question, and you know I do not mean that. Do they come to you and ask you to look at the books?—Yes, certainly, of course; decidedly they do.

21,069. Then why did you not say so? Do not answer in that impertinent sort of a manner?—I beg your pardon. I did not intend that in the least.

21,070. We have been told that those accounts were not examined by Mr. John Lawrence till some time after the election?—That might be.

21,071. I want to know whether that was so?—I could not tell you at what dates he examined them.

21,072. I do not ask you for dates; was it so or not?—Do you mean whether he examined the books shortly after the election?

21,073. Do not ask me questions. Did he examine those books shortly after the election or not?—Yes, he has seen them frequently since the election. He has examined them frequently since the election.

21,074. Has Mr. Edward Lawrence seen them frequently since the election?—No, he has not.

21,075–6. Has Mr. Taylor?—No, he has not.

21,077. With respect to this item of 400*l.*, just try and tax your memory how it was Tronson asked you for it?—I did not give that to Mr. Tronson at all, I gave it to Mr. Taylor.

21,078. Have you any idea what Mr. Taylor did with that money?—I only have my own conjecture.

21,079. That is what I want to have?—I fancied that he was going to take it to Lancaster.

21,080. Going to take it himself?—Yes.

21,081. Was it the day that Hagart went to Lancaster?—I think not, but I would not say.

21,082. Did you ever hear it mentioned at your office that Tronson gave a bag of gold to Hagart to bring to Lancaster?—I may have.

21,083. When was the first time you heard it mentioned?—I could not say in the least. These are things that would pass from my memory.

21,084. Give me some idea; was it a year ago, or six months ago?—It would be at the time, if at all, but I have no recollection whatever of it.

21,085. Did you or did you not hear of it at the time?—Certainly not.

21,086. When did you first hear of it?—I had nothing to do with it.

21,087. I do not ask you that, I asked you this question, when did you first hear of Hagart coming over here with a bag of gold?—It would be on that date if at all.

21,088. Did you ever hear of it?—Yes, I did.

21,089. You heard of it on that day?—Yes.

21,090. Why could you not say so at once; you would save me a great deal of trouble, and a great deal of time if you would answer the questions properly like a good witness ought to do?—I am sure all through I have tried to be as clear as possible.

21,091. Pray do not run on; you tell us you heard of it on the day when Tronson gave the gold to Hagart. From where did Tronson get that gold?—I have no doubt he sent Hagart for it.

21,092. Where to?—To banks probably.

21,093. How would he get it, by cheque?—He would get the cash from me.

21,094. Where is the entry of it in your book?—It is the 2,000*l.*

21,095. I am speaking about another 400*l.*, the 400*l.* which Tronson gave to Hagart?—I never gave such an amount to Tronson as 400*l.*

21,096. From where did he get the money?—Are you speaking of the 2000*l.*? I never gave such an amount as 400*l.* to Tronson, I gave it to Mr. Taylor.

21,097. Do not let us misunderstand one another. You say you heard Taylor brought the money that you gave to him with him to Lancaster?—Yes.

21,098. If Taylor brought that money with him to Lancaster, and Hagart brought money with him too to Lancaster, there is still a sum of money not accounted for?—That is the 2,000*l.* that Hagart brought.

21,099. No, he did not indeed?—Then I know nothing about it.

21,100. We know that Tronson gave money to Hagart; where would Tronson get that money from?—From me.

21,101. Where is the entry in that book of that money?—2,000*l.*?

21,102. No?—That is the only amount I know of. On the 11th of July I gave Mr. Tronson 2,000*l.*, and that is entered in that book.

21,103. You tell me that you heard on the day that Hagart came to Lancaster that he brought some money with him, I will not say they amount?—Yes.

21,104. Where is the entry of that money in the book which he brought to Lancaster?—Hagart came on the 11th.

21,105. Never mind when he came, where is the entry in the book of the money he brought here?—That 2,000*l.*?

21,106. No?—Then I know nothing whatever about it.

21,107. It is only on your assumption that Mr. Taylor did bring with him to Lancaster that 400*l.*?—Yes.

21,108. (*Mr. Hill.*) Any sums that may be drawn by Mr. Lawrence for private purposes are found in this book with "E. L." against them?—It is so.

21,109. And the 400*l.* with the odd shillings is entered in this book against "E. L."?—Yes, it is, for a time.

21,110. At the time it was first entered on the 7th of July?—Yes.

21,111. I see there is added to that sum 1*s.* upon one occasion, and 11*s.* 6*d.* upon another occasion,

which are debited to Mr. Lawrence for cab hire and omnibuses?—Exactly so.

21,112. That is undoubtedly for his private purposes and not for the purposes of the firm?—Yes, merely a memorandum of my own till the end of the month comes.

21,113. To come to the entry of the 14th of July, you have debited Mr. Lawrence per Hagart with 2*l.* 2*s.*, do you recollect what that was for?—It was for his expenses.

21,114. Expenses to Lancaster?—Yes, I think so.

21,115. Can you recollect at all by whose direction you paid Hagart the 2*l.* 2*s.*?—I do not think anybody's; he would come to me for it, and I should pay it, a small amount like that, and I should tell Mr. John Lawrence of it afterwards.

21,116. I observe you carefully add the name of Mr. John Lawrence; do you mean that Mr. John Lawrence is the only person to whom you would tell that?—Yes, he is the partner who attends to the financial part of the business, and therefore I always go to him when he is in town and consult him about everything connected with money.

21,117. Supposing some person had come to you and informed you that he had expended 1*l.* or 10*l.* for Mr. Edward Lawrence, should you not ask Mr. Edward Lawrence whether that had been so expended by his direction?—Yes, certainly; that is a private matter.

21,118. Supposing one of the clerks came and told you that, would you not ask Mr. Edward Lawrence whether it had been by his directions that the clerk had laid out the money which he alleged he had so expended?—Decidedly, but not when I knew differently, or rather if I conjectured differently.

21,119. Do you not believe that you asked Mr. Lawrence whether he authorized Hagart's expenses of 2*l.* 2*s.*?—I am sure I did not.

21,120. What makes you sure; did you receive instructions not to mention anything to Mr. Edward Lawrence about the election?—No.

21,121. Then what makes you so sure?—Because I spoke to Mr. John Lawrence about the whole of that affair.

21,122. What makes you sure about it; it is 14 or 15 months ago?—I cannot do more than swear to it, I cannot give you a better answer.

21,123. How comes your memory to be so very clear upon that point when the entry in the book would rather lead to a contrary inference?—I really cannot tell you, but I do recollect that I never spoke to Mr. Edward Lawrence about it.

21,124. Had you received special instructions not to speak to Mr. Edward Lawrence upon any matters connected with the election?—I had not.

21,125. Do you swear that distinctly?—I do swear it most distinctly.

21,126. You will not go so far as to say there was no understanding between you that you should not mention it to Mr. Lawrence?—Not a single word passed about not mentioning anything to Mr. Lawrence.

21,127. I find an entry afterwards for a pound's worth of postage stamps entered to "E. L." That would be private as distinguished from the firm?—Yes.

21,128. And that is the reason why you put "E. L." against it?—Yes.

21,129. I see on the 17th, or rather on the date previously, there is a separation of the suspense account and a small sum is debited also to "E. L." of 7*l.* odd?—Yes, that is a private matter entirely.

21,130. I observe on the 15th you commence a separate "suspense" account, if I may so call it; up to that date there have been the two sums of 270*l.* which you say was a private account, and the large amount of 2,407*l.* On the 15th that is divided into three, and from that date, and I believe ever afterwards, you keep up the large sum against the "suspense" account without adding any names to it?—Yes.

21,131. By whose direction did you make that alteration?—By the direction of Mr. John Lawrence.

21,132. You received instructions on the 15th from Mr. John Lawrence. Will you give me the character of those instructions?—That I was to put all that money to the "suspense" account.

21,133. All what money?—4,150*l.*

21,134. That you were to put all that sum to the "suspense" account?—Yes, excepting the 7*l.*

21,135. You say that on the 15th you were directed by Mr. John Lawrence to put that sum to the "suspense" account?—Yes.

21,136. And in fact to divide the sum into a private account to Mr. Lawrence and a "suspense" account?—He knew about that smaller amount.

21,137. Were Mr. John Lawrence's directions to that effect?—They were.

21,138. To separate the sum into a private sum for Mr. Edward Lawrence and a "suspense" account in your books?—No, he saw the book and directed that that amount should go to the "suspense" account; he did not mention Mr. Edward Lawrence's private account at all.

21,139. Just look at your book, you will see that the sum is divided on the 15th, and you tell me that you divided that by the direction of Mr. John Lawrence. I asked you to tell me what words Mr. John Lawrence used when he gave you directions as to dividing that sum?—He did not mention the 7*l.*

21,140. You do not follow me; on the 14th it is all in one sum; on the 15th it is divided into the large sum and the sum of 7*l.* You told me that you did that by Mr. John Lawrence's directions, and I now ask you to tell me what Mr. John Lawrence's directions to you were as to that. I want you to tell me what his words were?—I cannot tell you what he said, it was to the effect that I was to charge that sum to the "suspense" account, and there it ended.

21,141. Why did you on the 15th for the first time divide off Mr. Lawrence's private account from the other sum?—Because they were all distinct. I knew what those others were.

21,142. Why did you do that on the 15th?—Because Mr. John Lawrence told me to do so.

21,143. What were his directions?—Merely that I was to put it to the "suspense" account.

21,144. Did he tell you to divide off Mr. Lawrences private account to the "suspense" account?—No, he said "put so much to 'suspense' account."

21,145. Did he mention the sum?—I believe so.

21,146. Did Mr. John Lawrence tell you to place that specific sum to the "suspense" account, which is there placed to the "suspense" account?—He did.

21,147. What is the sum?—3,150*l.*

21,148. And the balance to Mr. Edward Lawrence's private account?—He never mentioned that.

21,149. What were you to do with the balance?—That was a private matter.

21,150. Did he tell you to place no more than the 3,150*l.* to that account?—That was all I had to do with it.

21,151. Mr. John Lawrence's instructions were in effect to divide the account?—He did not mention a division, and therefore I cannot say that they were.

21,152. You had a gross sum before you, and he told you to take off 3,150*l.*?—Of that he said "Charge 3,150*l.*"

21,153. That is what I call dividing the account, if the sum was more than that?—Yes.

21,154. And from that date you did in effect keep the two accounts separate?—I did.

21,155. But before that the whole balance stood against the initials "E. L."?—It did.

21,156. At what time in the year are the books balanced, as between the partners. I mean the books of the firm for the purposes of the profit and loss?—The 30th June. I think that for profit and loss, the transfers are only once a year, but the books are balanced twice a year.

21,157. At Midsummer and Christmas?—Yes.

21,158. What did you do with this "suspense" account of 3,150*l.* in balancing the books, as between

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the firm and the partners, at Christmas, 1865?—Nothing.

21,159. How did it remain?—In the balance. It went on from December to January as that book will show.

21,160. It was not debited to any particular partner?—No; it now stands as it did on the 7th of July 1865. You will find it mentioned at every date since.

21,161. Then is that a debit at present from Mr. Lawrence to the firm?—Certainly not; I know nothing about it, it is a matter between themselves. All I know is that if they were to ask me where that is, I should say it is in the "suspense" account in my balance book. I know nothing further than that.

21,162. Is this the only book that you keep as cashier?—No; I have got my cash book. The cash-book is the only book I keep.

21,163. Are there not any entries in the cash-book as to the the payment in and payment out of all the sums that come into the hands and leave the hands of the firm?—There are every one.

21,164. Then you would have an entry in the cash-book of the payment of 2,000*l.*?—Decidedly. It is in the expenditure and the receipt of the day.

21,165. Would it be put in as a separate transaction?—It might. No, it would not.

21,166. Which do you mean?—We might on one day have 8,000*l.* or 9,000*l.*, and on another day only 100*l.* in the office. It just depends.

21,167. Do you enter the transactions of the firm from hour to hour?—If a man pays so much on cotton, it goes to the cotton account.

21,168. In what book should you enter the payment out of the 2,000*l.*?—In that book (*referring to the book before produced.*) It is not entered in that book.

21,169. Do you not enter into some scribbling book, or into some journal, the payment out of every sum which leaves the hands of the firm?—No, the book is the one I have entered it in. It is not charged in the cash-book.

21,170. Suppose Mr. Taylor were to come into your office to morrow, and were to say to you "Give me 1,000*l.*?" you say you would give to him?—Yes.

21,171. Where should you first enter that 1,000*l.*?—Till he told me where to charge it to in our books belonging to the office, I should put it into that book "T. E. T., 1,000*l.*"

21,172. At once?—At once; when I balanced at night I should be short that much at night.

21,173. You would make that memorandum perhaps on a slip of paper?—Yes.

21,174. And you would enter it in your books at night?—Yes.

21,175. And that would be the only place where it would appear?—Until I was told where to charge it to.

21,176. And if you were not told where to charge it to, it would run on from day to day in this book?—It would.

21,177. Let me understand this clearly from you; is this the only book in which that sum would occur?—That is the only book in which that sum occurs.

21,178. I see an entry which begins on the 17th of July, "J. T. L. 900*l.*," what was that for?—That was a private matter entirely; I think that is on the credit side. Is it not deducted from the balance? It is a private matter entirely. I think you will find that that runs on for some days.

21,179. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you ever any conversation with Mr. John Lawrence on the subject of a credit of your firm, to Mr. W. E. Chambers?—I had not.

21,180. With reference to that, Mr. John Lawrence in his examination here said "I gave these orders to Mr. Littlewood, my cashier, who is still in my employment;" You are aware that he said so?—I know he did, but he has made a mistake, it was Mr. Tronson probably to whom he gave the orders.

21,181. Then you can tell us nothing about the relations existing between the late Mr. W. E. Chambers, and your firm?—Nothing whatever.

21,182. Mr. Tronson is at Liverpool, now, I suppose?—He is.

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21,183. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At West Derby, near Liverpool.

21,184. What are you?—Well, I am out-door manager to some steam ships.

21,185. A steam shipping company?—No, belonging to one owner.

21,186. You know Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson, do you not?—I met him at Lancaster.

21,187. Did you know him before you came to Lancaster?—No, I did not.

21,188. Who sent you to Lancaster?—Mr. Lafone, a person I do business for, asked me if I would come and assist.

21,189. Are they merchants at Liverpool?—Yes.

21,190. Mr. Lafone, one of the partners in a firm at Liverpool, asked you to come over here?—He asked me if I would come and assist at the election.

21,191. When was that?—In July, the evening before the nomination.

21,192. Did you see Mr. Chambers before you came?—I did not. I did not know him.

21,193. Did you come with any one from Liverpool? I came by myself.

21,194. Did you bring anything with you?—Nothing.

21,195. No money?—No money.

21,196. When you got to Lancaster, where did you go to?—To "Sly's Hotel."

21,197. What time was it when you got there?—I think it was nearly 10 in the evening, at least 10 at night.

21,198. Who did you see?—Mr. Wilson.

21,199. Did you know him by sight before?—I might have known him by sight before.

21,200. How did you become acquainted with him there, did you ask for him?—I asked for him.

21,201. And where did you find him?—There.

21,202. In a room?—No. I sent for him; he was sent for, and came to me.

21,203. When he came he gave you some instructions did he not?—Not then.

21,204. Did you go out into the town that night?—I did not. I went through the town that night.

21,205. The following morning was the nomination day?—Yes.

21,206. When did you see Mr. Wilson again?—That morning.

21,207. At what time?—I dare say about 7 or 8 o'clock.

21,208. What did he tell you?—He told me nothing then.

21,209. Did he give you anything?—Nothing.

21,210. Did you see him again later in the day?—After the nomination.

21,211. Where?—At the committee-room, not at the hotel. I cannot tell you where the committee-room was.

21,212. Did he give you anything then?—No, but he sent me to Mr. Barker, or to Mr. Barker's place; that is he sent Mr. Barker with me to Mr. Barker's own place, and Mr. Barker gave me 400*l.*

21,213. What time would this be?—I think it would be after 4 o'clock.

21,214. What did you do with the 400*l.* that Mr. Barker gave you?—I brought it back to the Committee-room, and got instructions to go with six or eight men in a bus, with four horses, and distribute it as they told me.

21,215. Who did you see at the committee-room?

The men, they were all strangers to me; every one was a stranger to me.

21,216. You put yourself into a bus with some other gentlemen, and put four horses into the bus?—Yes, I did not put the four horses into the bus.

21,217. The ostler did, and you went to Morecambe?—Yes.

21,218. When you got to Morecambe what did you do?—I was instructed to see Mrs. Willacy.

21,219. They told you to go there?—I had my instructions with me. I had six or eight. I did nothing of myself.

21,220. And what did you do then?—I was told to give Mrs. Willacy 150*l.*, which I did.

21,221. What became of all your instructors who went with you, did they leave the bus?—No, they stuck to me till the money was gone.

21,222. They remained in the bus did they?—No, they came into the house with me, and some of them stood by while I gave the money to Mrs. Willacy.

21,223. When you gave her the money what did you do?—I came down with these men, and went through Morecambe to do as they told me.

21,224. What did you do with the remaining 250*l.*?—I went down to one family with four votes, three or four, that evening, it was getting a hot shop down there.

21,225. What do you mean by getting a hot shop?—It was getting too warm for me to be there with gold, there was a row going to take place; they were going to take the voters that Mrs. Willacy had out of the house.

21,226. That was the time when they thought you were a Welshman?—I do not know what they thought me, but I was not.

21,227. And then you paid four voters?—No, I went to Lancaster then, because it was thought they were going to have a row there to take these men out and make them vote in the morning, and I came back in the morning, early, and gave Mrs. Willacy 150*l.* more.

21,228. Did your instructors lose sight of you during the night?—They did, but I saw them in the morning; this is an account of what they received, here is Mrs. Willacy's receipts for the money. (*handing some papers.*)

21,229. Did you go there the next morning?—Yes, I went to see the voters, there were three busses to take the voters in.

21,230. To bring the voters back?—I did not bring them back, I saw them into the bus with these two men that came down with me.

21,231. That is 300*l.*; what did you do with the other 100*l.*?—It was for voters, and to pay expenses, that these men told me I was to pay to parties.

21,232. That makes 300*l.*?—Yes, and then I went to these parties' houses that are named in the paper with these instructors of mine, or pilots.

21,233. Did you see a man named Richard Armistead?—I think I did.

21,234. Somebody brought him to you?—No, I was brought to him.

21,235. And he got 12*l.* did he?—He did.

21,236. Who signed this paper, the 12th; was it Curwen?—I think so, she was present; there was three or four in the room; she was present.

21,237. Mrs. Willacy you mean?—Yes.

21,238. She cannot write?—No, I do not think she can.

21,239. They signed it for her?—They did.

21,240. Who do you say it was?—I do not know who it was.

21,241. You say Richard Armistead got 12*l.* from you; you went to his house?—Yes.

21,242. And William Armistead?—I think there was three in the house, 12*l.* each.

21,243. The next man got 12*l.*, Edward Bond?—I think that is the name, that is the name I got at all events.

21,244. When was this written?—When I returned to Lancaster to give an account.

21,245. By whom was it written?—By my son, it was taken from a slip of paper that I had.

21,246. What has become of that slip of paper?—It was torn, or burnt, long since.

21,247. Was Mrs. Willacy present?—No, I was brought to these people's houses and was told to give them that money in the presence of one or two.

21,248. What sort of man was this Richard Armistead that you paid?—One was an old man, and I think there were two young men.

21,249. Which was the old man? Bond?—I think Bond was a young man. I think so, but I am not certain.

21,250. Did you ever hear that Richard Armistead got money twice?—No, there was one of them that received 12*l.*, or 10*l.*, I am not certain which; he had not voted when we came into Lancaster in the middle of the day, so this gentleman nailed him, and he would not vote unless he got 10*l.* or 12*l.* more. I am not certain which, but it is on that paper.

21,251. Do you mean the individual in Lancaster?—Yes.

21,252. You do not know his name?—No.

21,253. It is not one of the three first?—No, it is not one of the three first.

21,254. Who was present when you paid these three men?—Mr. Procter, he is in court.

21,255. Who else?—I am not certain whether Mr. Vince was not there, I will not be certain whether he was present or not, but Mr. Procter was.

21,256. (*To Mr. Procter.*) Who was the Richard Armistead that Mr. Connor paid?—I did not see any money paid in Lancaster.

21,257. But who was the Richard Armistead that Mr. Connor paid at his house in Morecambe?—I do not know. Mr. Connor has got the wrong names.

21,258. He says he thinks you were present when he paid 12*l.* to Richard Armistead, 12*l.* to William Armistead, and 12*l.* to Edward Bond?—The three names are James Threlfall, Henry Threlfall, and Edward Bond.

21,259. (*Mr. Newton.*) (*To the witness.*) You have made a mistake in the names, which is very natural, the next item in your account is this: Edward Bond, 12*l.*, ditto in Lancaster 10*l.*?—Yes, I have only the name that was told to me.

21,260. You have got 10*l.* more against Edward Bond in Lancaster.

21,261. (*To Mr. Procter.*) Was it Edward Bond of Poulton-le-sands, engineer?—Yes, Mr. Saunders was present when he was paid the second time, and Mr. Wilson.

21,262. Which Mr. Wilson?—Mr. H. T. Wilson.

21,263. (*Mr. Newton.*) (*To the witness.*) You say you met him again in Lancaster?—Yes.

21,264. You found that he had not voted?—Yes.

21,265. And what did he say?—He would not vote till he was paid 12*l.* more.

21,266. And did you pay him that in Lancaster?—Yes.

21,267. The next item in the account is a man named Bell, 12*l.*, where did you pay him?—I paid him in Lancaster.

21,268. Do you know his christian name?—No.

21,269. Who told you to pay him?—I had a big lot with me and I am not able to tell you.

21,270. A man named Bell in Lancaster?—Yes.

21,271. (*To Mr. Procter.*) Do you know what Bell is?—No.

21,272. (*To Mr. Vince.*) Do you?—No.

(*The Witness.*) I was told that his name was Bel, and that I was to give it to him.

21,273. (*Mr. Newton.*) (*To the witness.*) Was he a fisherman or a yeoman, do you recollect?—He looked like a fisherman.

21,274. You gave it him in a public-house?—Yes.

21,275. Do you remember what the sign was?—No, I do not, I was taken in at the moment.

21,276. They knew you were a wealthy man?—They knew that I had got the money, and that I was to do as they told me.

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21,277. And then there was another one 10*l.*, who was he?—Will you let me look at the paper, if you please, (*the paper is handed to the witness*) the one in Lancaster; I am not able to recollect that one.

21,278. Where did you pay him?—It would be in some public-house.

21,279. 10*l.*?—10*l.*

21,280. We will call him as you do, "one in Lancaster," what is the next item?—One split ditto.

21,281. What is split?—I do not know whether he would have two votes or not; that is the way they named it when I was present.

21,282. You got a split vote for 5*l.*?—Yes, for 5*l.*, I put it down as well as I could get it.

21,283. Then Masheder, 1*l.*?—Yes; he stopped at Morecambe, and he was to stop up all night to prevent their taking some voters from Mrs. Willacy's.

21,284. When did you pay him?—The evening of the nomination.

21,285. You do not know his christian name?—No.

21,286. He was to sit up all night?—Yes, to mind the voters.

21,287. And to have them ready to bring in in the morning?—Yes.

21,288. Was he sober?—He was, and there was another man as well as him to stop.

21,289. (*To Mr. Procter.*) What Masheder was this?—Edward Masheder, who was mentioned the other day.

21,290. (*Mr. Newton.*) (*To the witness.*) The next is "three men, 1*l.* 10*s.*, what were they to do?—To assist him in case of a row.

21,291. Three men to take care of him?—No, not to take care of him; to take care of the voters, I suppose.

21,292. Then there is "Mr. Whitaker, Lancaster, 10*s.*?—Yes, he assisted in the morning.

21,293. He assisted the three men?—No, he assisted in getting the voters into the buss in the morning.

21,294. Then there is "Mr. Barker's balance, 21*l.*?"—Yes; that I delivered to Mr. Barker in the evening.

21,295. The rest I suppose was sundries?—Yes, the rest was sundries that I could not account for.

21,296. When did you pay this man, Bell; the night before or the day of the election?—The day of the election.

21,297. What time?—About 1 or 2 o'clock, as well as I can remember.

21,298. And where did you pay this other man; the "one in Lancaster"?—In a public-house. I am not able to tell you where it was now.

21,299. Had he voted?—He had not voted.

21,300. Where did you pay the "one split ditto?"—Further on in the same neighbourhood; there were many that had these people ready, and then I was sent to pay them the money.

21,301. Have you seen Mrs. Willacy since the election?—I have not, nor the neighbourhood either.

21,302. (*Mr. Hill.*) You cannot tell us who was present when you paid the "split ditto?"—I cannot, I think I had ten men altogether to take charge of.

21,303. (*Mr Newton.*) Cannot you give us the name of the person who was present when you paid Bell?—Mr. Procter was.

21,304. (*To Mr. Procter.*) Is that so?—I saw Bell, but I was not present when you paid him.

21,305. You know he got it?—No, I do not.

21,306. Which Bell was it?—Bell of Morecambe.

21,307. A fisherman?—He is a fisherman.

21,308. (*Mr. Hill.*) (*To the witness.*) Who was present when you paid the "one in Lancaster?"—I am not able to tell you; they were all strangers to me, and I did not know their names; there are two here that I see; Mr. Vince and Mr. Procter.

21,309. (*To Mr. Vince.*) Did you not see this man paid?—No, I never saw him after he came to Lancaster.

21,310. (*To the witness.*) Who took you to this man in Lancaster?—I cannot tell who it was; if I was to see him I should know him.

21,311. What sort of looking man was he?—I am not able to distinguish him now.

21,312. Was it Curwen, a short, youngish man without any whiskers, Mrs. Willacy's son-in-law?—No, it was not.

21,313. (*To Mr. Vince.*) Who else could it be?—I cannot tell.

21,314. (*To the witness.*) Did you go into the "Royal Oak," do you think?—I could not say it was the "Royal Oak." I know it was a public-house.

21,315. Should you know the public-house if you were to see it again?—I do not suppose I should; it was very sharp practice.

21,316. Do you know Mr. Danson by sight?—I do not recollect the name.

31,317. A florid man who looks like an auctioneer?—I know there was an auctioneer; he was one I know.

21,318. I think it must have been Mr. Danson. Did Mr. Danson go down to Morcambe with you?—I think he did.

21,319. (*To Mr. Vince.*) Is that so?—No.

21,320. Who did go down?—Proctor, myself, Bulfield, Cross, and William Burroughs. I think that was all that went down.

21,021. (*The witness.*) There was a lot, and there was more waiting for me that moment when I arrived.

21,322. (*Mr. Hill*) (*To the witness.*) Was it in the presence of one of those men that went to Morecambe with you, that you paid this man in Lancaster do you think?—I cannot say. I paid no attention to the matter.

21,323. We do not blame you. We want to find out who this man was in Lancaster. Did you pay the 10*l.* man and the 5*l.* man together?—No, I was brought from one place to another.

21,324. Do you know in what house it was that you paid him?—I do not know indeed.

21,325. You do do not know Lancaster at all?—I never was in it before till that morning.

G. T. R. Preston.

George Theophilus Robert Preston sworn and examined.

21,326. (*Mr Hill.*) What are you?—A rectifier and wine merchant in Liverpool. I reside at Belmont House.

21,327. You came over to Lancaster at the time of the election?—Yes, I spend a good deal of time at Ellel Grange near Lancaster.

21,328. What part did you take in the last election?—I did not take any very particular part in it all.

21,328*a*. What general part did you take in it?—None. I went round with Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider canvassing, but nothing more.

21,329. In what district?—I went round about the Ellel district, but no district in particular.

21,330. Did you look up the voters at Ellel?—No, I did not.

21,331. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of the last election?—Not a farthing.

21,332. Did you pay any?—I did not.

21,333. Out of your pocket?—Not a penny.

21,334. Are you a personal friend of Mr. Fenwick, or of Mr. Schneider?—I am a personal friend of Mr. Fenwick's. I have known him for years.

21,335. Did you have some conversation with Mr. Fenwick as to the expenses of the election?—Not a word.

21,336. Did you have no conversation with him as to the proportions of the expenses that were to be borne by him and Mr. Schneider?—Never a word; he never mentioned to me a word about the expenses.

21,337. Did you ever say to him that it would be a costly affair?—No, I never said a word to the effect that it would be a costly affair.

21,338. Not a word passed between you to that effect?—No, not to my knowledge.

21,339. That it would be an expensive matter?—No, I did not.

21,340. Had you any talk with him at all about what money he would have to pay ?—No.

21,341. Did he not say a word to you about it ?—He never said a word to me upon the subjecct.

21,342. When did you first become acquainted with Mr. Schneider ?—I think it would be about the election time.

21,343. Were you on the committee ?—No, I was not.

21,344. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Schneider as to money matters ?—Never a word.

21,345. Did you look after two voters of the name of Parker ?—If I remember right, they are joiners in Galgate. I did not look after them, anything particular.

21,346. Generally, how did you look after them ?—I asked them if they would vote for Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider; that is all I said to them.

21,347. Did you bring them to the poll ?—That I could not swear to. I really do not think I did. I do no not remember really.

21,348. Did you see anything of those Parkers coming to the poll ?—I do not remember.

21,349. Do you know what they got for their votes ? I do not indeed. I swear that I do not.

21,350. You had nothing to do with them with reference to money being paid to them ?—No, I had nothing to do with the money.

21,351. Did you go up at all to what has been called the secret committee-room ?—Never. I do not know where it was. I never was in it, and I do not know where it was.

21,352. Do we understand you to say that in no way had you any knowledge of money transactions at the last election ?—One heard you know of money being spent.

21,353. When did you first hear of money being spent ?—It was going about; it was a rumour in the town that a good deal of money would be spent.

21,354. When ?—I could not say. I should say that a week or a fortnight before the election there was a rumour that money was going to be spent for the election.

21,355. Who told you money was going to be spent for the election ?—I heard it flying about ; there were rumours. I did not hear it from anybody in particular; it was only what was reported in the town.

21,356. You were a personal friend of the candidates ?—Yes.

21,357. Did you contradict such a rumour or confirm it ? You say, you heard a rumour as to money being paid to voters. Did you contradict that rumour ?—I do not mean to say that I heard that money was being paid then. I did not know that any money was paid to voters before the day of election. I heard that there would be a good deal of money spent at the election.

21,358. You heard on the day of the election that a good deal of money was being paid to voters ?—Yes.

21,359. And you saw it yourself ?—No, I never saw it.

21,360. Did you never see any money paid to voters on the day of election ?—No.

21,361. Where were you then ?—I was knocking about, I think, at the "Queen's Hotel."

21,362. Did you not see any money coming from the "Queens ?"—Never. I never saw any.

21,363. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you going about at the time of the election ?—Yes, I was knocking about.

21,364. (*Mr. Hill.*) You were at Galgate, were you not ?—Yes ; that is the same as Ellel you know.

21,365. Do you know James Robinson at Galgate ?—James Robinson ?

21,366. Yes ?—No, I do not know James Robinson, a voter.

21,367. But do you know James Robinson who is not a voter. I mean the manager of the silk mills ?—I know that there is a man named James Robinson, at the silk mill at Galgate.

21,368. Were you not about with him ?—No, I do not think I was.

21,369. Just think. I remind you of his name now. Were you not going about with James Robinson ?—I do not think I was.

21,370. Did you see James Robinson pay any money ?—No, I did not.

21,371. Did you hear him bargaining for the price of any votes ?—No, I did not.

21,372. That you are quite sure about ?—Yes, I am quite sure that I never heard him bargaining.

21,373. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were going about at the election time. What were you doing on the polling day ?—I was more like running about. I do not think I was doing anything particular.

21,374. You do not mean that you were running up and down the town doing nothing. When you ran about the town you ran about for some purpose I am sure. Come, now tell us what you did ?—I was looking about to see if I could get any votes among the men, but I did not know them at all, and, when I was aware that money was going about so, I would have nothing to do with it. I would not put my hand to it. I kept myself clear of that.

21,375. I suppose you took voters to the poll ?—I think I took one man but I do not know the man, I was standing at the "Queen's Hotel" and some party came and said, "Will you take this man to the poll, and see that he does poll ?" and I did so, but I swear that I do not know who the man was, and I do not know who told me to do it.

21,376. Were there not more than one ?—Well I could not say. I do not think I went more than once, if I went twice I hardly think so.

21,377. Did you not go with two men ?—I really could not say.

21,378. We certainly have been told very explicitly that you went with two men named Parker to the poll? —Everything was in confusion, and there was so much excitement at the time that I should not like to say.

21,379. I hope you were not excited ?—Well, I was not excited. I might have done it, and I would not like to swear that I did not.

21,380. We do not want you to swear you did not if you did ?—I might have done it.

21,381. You might have taken two men ?—I might.

21,382. Just think; did you not ? It is no great matter, you know, taking two men to the poll ; we are told that you did. This is not a cock-and-bull story ; it is sworn to us in evidence, that you took two men named Parker to the poll, is it so or is it not ?—It might be. I should not like to say. I really forget. I could not call it to mind.

21,383. Did you take so many to the poll that you forget the number ?—No, I am sure I did not do that.

21,384. How many did you take to the poll ?—I do not think I took more than one or two.

21,385. You get on very slowly. You took one a short time ago and now you have got to two. Did you take more than two ?—No, I do not think I did.

21,386. Did you give any money to these two men whom you took to the poll ?—No.

21,387. Did you hold the money for them as stakeholder ?—No.

21,388. Did you see them paid any money ?—I did not.

21,389. You are quite sure ?—Yes.

21,390. I must say, when you looked up in that manner, I thought you would have said, "Yes." Are you quite sure you did not ?—Yes, quite sure.

21,391. You did not promise that they should have any money paid to them ?—No.

21,392. You did not engage with them that if they would go with you to the poll they should have something when they came back ?—No.

21,393. You are quite clear about that ?—Yes, quite clear.

21,394. It seems to me that the Lancaster voters cannot go by themselves. They want somebody to take them to the poll. Why is that ? Do not they know their way ?—When you take men to the poll you see that they vote right. You take them to the poll, but you do not go up to the clerk.

21,395. You were in the polling-booth a little way off?—There is a sort of barricade in front of the polling booth, and you do not go into the barricade.

21,396. The voters go into the barricade and you stay out?—Yes.

21,397. And you listen to what they say, whether they say, "Fenwick and Schneider," or "Lawrence?"—Yes.

21,398. And then you go back and say, "This man is all right, I heard him vote?"—Yes.

21,399. To whom did you say that?—I did not say it to anyone.

21,400. Then what was the use of your going if you did not say so to anyone?—When once a man has voted it is done with. He cannot vote again.

21,401. That could not be the reason. You would be glad if he could have voted again?—No, I should not. When once he had voted, it was quite right.

21,402. Surely you reported it to some one?—I do not think I did.

21,403. What was the use of going with these men to the poll if you did not report to some one that you had taken them to the poll?—To see that they voted correctly. One might vote one way and the other the other.

21,404. What then if they had?—You ask them to vote for your own men.

21,405. Supposing they had not, what then?—I do not know what I should have done.

21,406. You would have gone and run about again perhaps?—Yes.

21,407. Should you not have told anyone supposing Parker had voted for Lawrence? I think you would have run back to the "Queen's?"—Yes, I might have told some one in the "Queen's" if the Parkers had not voted correctly.

21,408. What would the result of that have been, do you suppose?—I do not know what the result of that would have been. I do not know indeed.

21,409. Do you not think that the result would have been they would not have got something that they bargained for?—I do not know. I had nothing to do with the bargaining.

21,410. I do not know whether you had or not. You say you had not. You did not make any report at all about these men that you polled?—No, I do not think I did.

21,411. You have been so long dwelling upon the subject, perhaps you can tell us the names of the voters you polled?—I really do not know the names. I am like a stranger.

21,412. You were here going about canvassing with the candidates?—Yes; but when I went with the candidates canvassing, sometimes I did not go into the houses. I just like followed in the rear.

21,413. Why did you not go into the houses? I should have thought you were just the sort of man. I should have thought they would have put you forward?—No, I did not do so.

21,414. Were you so very modest? I am surprised they did not put you forward?—I did not indeed.

21,415. On the morning of the election did you preside over any entertainment for the voters?—No, I never did.

21,416. Did you see that any of them had their breakfasts?—No, certainly not. I never saw them having breakfast at all. I drove in from Ellel Grange in a dog-cart.

21,417. That is no reason why you should not see them at breakfast?—I did not see them at breakfast really.

21,418. Where did you breakfast yourself?—At Ellel Grange.

21,419. It was later on in the morning when you came?—I should think about 9 o'clock. I did not leave the Grange so early that morning.

21,420. At what time did you come to Lancaster?—I should think it would be between 9 and 10 when I got into Lancaster.

21,421. Did you ever go into any public-houses in China Lane on that day?—I looked into a public-house in China Lane, nothing more.

21,422. What did you see there?—I saw a lot of men drunk, but I had nothing to do with them.

21,423. Did you merely look in at the door?—I forget who the parties were who were there; but I looked in. I was more like knocking about than anything else. I did not go for any particular purpose.

21,424. You run about to amuse yourself?—Yes.

21,425. Did you not go into the house where these voters were?—In China Lane?

21,426. Yes?—Yes, I think I did go into that house.

21,427. What did you do when you were in the house?—I did not do anything, I looked on.

21,428. You looked about and did not do a thing?—Yes.

21,429. Was there no breakfast going on?—I did not see any breakfast.

21,430. It was all eaten up was it?—I did not see any breakfast.

21,431. If there was no breakfast, I suppose there was some drinking?—Yes, I have no doubt there would be drinking.

21,432. You did not pay for that drink?—No.

21,433. You knew somebody else would?—I do not know about that.

21,434. (*Mr. Hill.*) You got rather hot running about so much on the 12th of July, I should think, did you not?—Yes.

21,435. Did you not go with any of the voters to refresh yourself with them?—No.

21,436. You seem to have exercised yourself so industriously that it is suggested you must have had some one to assist you?—I had no one to assist me.

21,437. Who assisted you in running about?—I ran about by myself.

21,438. You took these men to the poll?—Yes.

21,439. And you went back and reported to some one that they had polled all right?—Yes.

21,440. To whom did you report?—I do not remember having reported to anyone. I may have said to somebody that they had voted.

21,441. You tell me that you did report to somebody that they had polled all right. To whom did you report it?—I really could not tell.

21,442. Come, tell me to whom did you report it? To whom do you think you would have reported that the Parkers had voted all right?—To anyone in the room, not the committee-room but the room downstairs.

21,443. You would not have reported it to the "boots"?—Oh, no.

21,444. To whom did you report it? Come, out with it?—I really forget. I should not like to swear who it was.

21,445. Tell us to whom you reported it?—I do not know; there were so many in the room downstairs.

21,446. That is the greater reason why you should be able to pick out one?—There were so many; I do not know to whom I reported it.

21,447. Shall I give you the names of one or two to select from?—Yes; I think that would be better.

21,448. Was it Bradshaw?—He is a little man, I think.

21,449. Then was it a big man to whom you reported it, if you go by size?—I do not remember.

21,450. Was it Bradshaw, Rawes, or Johnson?—I should not like to swear to anyone.

21,451. To the best of your belief. We can easily correct it if you are mistaken, without imputing anything wrong to you?—There was a young man named Williamson there.

21,452. Is it one of the Williamsons at the oil works that make such a smell at the bottom of the town?—Yes.

21,453. Did you report it to him?—I had never seen him before, but I may have said something to him.

21,454. Was it the light-haired one or the dark-haired one?—He is rather tallish.

21,455. Was it the light-haired one?—I do not know whether he has light hair or dark.

21,456. Do you know his christian name?—No.

21,457. Do you think you reported it to him?—Yes, I may have said something.

21,458. That the Parkers had voted all right?—Yes, I my have said it.

21,459. What makes you think you reported it to Williamson?—Because I saw Williamson in the room. He was in the lower room.

21,460. Was the person to whom you reported it the person who told you to take them to the poll?—I could not swear to it.

21,461. Or did you run up to the first man you saw in the room and say, "All right, the Parkers have polled"?—I may have said something of that kind.

21,462. Or did you say, "I have polled the Parkers, give me another." Was that what you said?—No, I never said that.

21,463. What was the nature of your report?—I said they had voted all right.

21,464. You think you said that to Williamson?—I should not like to swear that I did.

21,465. (*Mr. Newton.*) Would Williamson give them the money?—I do not know. I do not know anything more about it.

21,466. Just try; you have recollected a good deal. Did Williamson give them the money?—I do not know. I did not.

21,467. Who did give them the money?—I do not know; I will swear it.

21,468. Take care?—Yes; I am taking care.

21,469. Mr. Williamson did not give them the money?—I would not like to swear that. I told Mr. Williamson.

21,470. You would not like to swear that you told Mr. Williamson what?—That Parkers had voted all right. I might be wrong in that matter.

21,471. I want to know who paid the Parkers?—I swear I do not know. I did not, and do not know who did.

21,472. Did you see them paid?—I did not see them paid.

21,473. It seems to me that your memory wants assisting. You have no vote?—No.

21,474. You came to assist?—Yes, as a friend.

21,475. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you ever say that you would spend between 2,000*l.* and 3,000*l.* sooner than Mr. Schneider should be rejected?—I will tell you to the best of my recollection what was said.

21,476. We do not want the whole of the conversation. What did you say?—I ought to tell you the nature of the conversation. I should not like to say what afternoon it was, whether it was Saturday or Monday afternoon.

21,477. We do not want to know?—I went into the "King's Arms" and I saw there Mr. George Clark, Mr. Coupland, and another Mr. Coupland from Liverpool. I sat down there reading the paper, and something was said about "Mr. Lawrence is sure to get in," and then something was said about, "We will see which "of the other two we shall allow to get in," or something to that effect. They evidently seemed to be twitting me, and I did not much like it.

21,478. Chaffing you?—Yes. Then something was said about shooting, that they should have some nice shooting from Mr. Lawrence; and I said, it was Mr. John Lawrence who had the shooting in Scotland. After that, Mr. Coupland from Liverpool said something about the Liverpool election, that they would turn out Mr. Ewart; and said to them, "What a pity "it was you could not get a local man." Mind, this is to the best of my recollection. Afterwards they began twitting and chaffing me again, and I said, "If "it costs me a thousand pounds I would rather spend "it than that Mr. Lawrence should get in." It was only said in that twitting manner.

21,479. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who was it who was looking forward to Mr. Lawrence's shooting in Scotland as the consideration for supporting Mr. Lawrence here?—I think Mr. Clark said something about it.

21,480. Somebody said so?—Yes, it was said; and I said, "Mr. John Lawrence had the shooting in Scot-"land, and not Mr. Edward Lawrence."

21,481. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You did not spend a thousand pounds?—No, not a farthing.

21,482. (*Mr. Hill.*) You only wore out a little shoe leather?—Yes.

21,483. (*Mr. Newton.*) You did not pay for the breakfasts in China Lane?—No; something has been said about Mr. Preston, of Ellel Grange, having offered 50*l.* to canvas voters. They do not say whether it was my father or myself specially, but I can take my solemn oath that neither my father nor myself ever offered that amount.

21,484. What amount was offered?—There was no amount.

21,485. You said that neither you nor your father offered "that amount"?—There was no amount at all offered.

Adjourned for a short time.

FREDERICK AUSTIN sworn and examined.

F. Austin.

21,486. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a railway ticket collector at Galgate?—Yes.

21,487. And you got 10*l.* for your vote?—I did.

WILLIAM CAWSON sworn and examined.

W. Cawson.

21,488. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a shoemaker?—Yes.

21,489. Where do you live?—In Aldcliffe Street.

21,490. Did Mr. Clark pay you 10*l.* for your vote?—He did.

THOMAS SANDERSON sworn and examined.

T. Sanderson.

21,491. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A publican.

21,492. What is the name of your public-house?—the "King's Head."

21,493. Was your house retained at the last election?—Yes.

21,494. By whom was it retained?—By Knowles Allinson.

21,495. At what price?—10*l.*

21,496. Were you paid the 10*l.*?—Yes.

21,497. By whom?—By Knowles Allinson.

21,498. Did you send in a bill besides?—No, I sent in no bill.

21,499. How much did you get paid besides for refreshments?—10*l.* for refreshments in all.

21,500. What do you mean by "in all"?—All the refreshments that were supplied at the election.

21,501. Do you mean to say that you did not sell either drink or refreshments during the election to an amount more than 10*l.*?—10*l.*

21,502. It amounted to exactly 10*l.*?—Yes.

21,503. By whom were you paid that?—I was paid 3*l.* of it by one of Mr. Welch's shopmen, and I was paid 7*l.* by Chistopher Hartley, grocer.

21,504. When was the 7*l.* paid?—On the Saturday

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previous to the election, and the 3*l.* was paid perhaps 10 weeks after.

21,505. Did you receive any other money beside that for the purposes of the election?—I received 2*l.* from Mr. Carruthers to spend in refreshments among the voters.

21,506. James Carruthers?—Yes.

21,507. Any others?—No, that is all.

21,508. Then 22*l.* was all the money you got out of the election?—Yes.

21,509. That was all you got in any shape or way?—Yes, I received no other money at all.

21,510. And you voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—I did.

E. Clark.

EDWARD CLARK sworn and examined.

21,511. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A chemist.

21,512. You are a Conservative?—I am.

21,513. What part did you take in the last election?—I was on the carriage committee.

21,514. Then you can give us information about all the carriages that were hired by the Conservative party at the last election?—I could not give you the number, I should think there were between 30 and 40.

21,515. You can tell us what money you received for the purpose, and what money you paid?—No, I had nothing to do with the money; I left that entirely to Mr. Fenton.

21,516. In what way did you arrange the carriage department?—The carriages were appointed to different places, and I sent them there.

21,517. Did you receive any money?—No, none at all.

21,518. And you paid no money?—No, none at all.

21,519. Then you know nothing more about the election than distributing the carriages according to the districts?—Not a word.

21,520. How came you to be summoned then?—I do not know; my name has never been mentioned.

21,521. Yes, your name was mentioned with reference to the carriage department. Did you vote?—Yes.

21,522. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, I should be very sorry to take anything.

T. Cottam.

THOMAS COTTAM sworn and examined.

21,523. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a farmer, are you not?—Yes, I have a small farm.

21,524. Where do you live?—At Five Ashes, Scotforth.

21,525. How many acres do you farm?—Only eight long acres.

21,526. Those are Cheshire acres?—Yes.

21,527. How many English acres?—About 12 or 12 statute acres I suppose.

21,528. Did you get 10*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

21,529. Did you get anything besides that from anybody else?—No.

21,530. Not from the other side?—No, and I never asked for it; I received 20*l.* for my son and myself.

21,531. What is your son's name?—John Cottam.

21,532. Is he here?—No, he is not in this country.

21,533. Where is he?—He is up at Capenray.

21,534. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you give it to him?—I gave it to him that day.

21,535. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you receive it from Mr. Halstead?—Yes.

21,536. Are you and your son on good terms? You have no hostility against your son? You and he are very good friends?—Yes, very; he is at home when he is not at work; he is a horse-breaker by trade.

J. Edmondson.

JOHN EDMONDSON sworn and examined.

21,537. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A woodturner.

21,538. Did you receive 10*l.* for your vote?—No, I received 13*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* not for my vote.

21,539. What did you receive it for?—For my services for a month and a day.

21,540. Doing nothing else in the world?—Canvassing.

21,541. Doing nothing else?—Nothing else; doing no work at all.

21,542. What is your general work?—Wood turning.

21,543. And what do you get as wages?—It depends on whether I get a good job or a bad one.

21,544. In one day I should think you might visit every voter in Lancaster?—I was not here; I was away at a great many different places.

W. Parker.

WILLIAM PARKER sworn and examined.

21,545. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You come from Ellel do you not?—No, from Galgate.

21,546. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,547. Who paid you?—Edward Bradshaw.

21,548. Then you voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

21,549. Did Mr. Preston take you to poll?—No.

21,550. Who paid you?—Edward Bradshaw.

21,551. Before or after you had voted?—After.

21,552. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who did you receive it from?—Edward Bradshaw.

21,553. Where did you receive it?—At the "Commercial."

21,554. Was Mr. Preston present, and did he tell you that you had voted all right?—No, Mr. Preston did not; I never heard him mention money.

21,555. But it was Mr. Bradshaw who paid you?—Yes.

21,556. You got 10*l.*?—Yes.

21,557. What else had you?—Nothing else.

21,558. Except drink?—Not much of that.

21,559. Did you get anything else?—No.

21,560. (*Mr. Newton.*) You arranged to vote for the Conservatives did you not?—I think there was a ticket made out for me, but I left the room.

21,561. You did not get any money from them?—No money at all.

21,562. And your brother John the same?—Yes.

21,563. And then Mr. Preston got you and polled you the other way?—Yes.

21,564. Where did Mr. Preston get you?—At the "Queen's."

21,565. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who first induced you to go over to the other side after you had had your ticket?—No one; I went into the room to see what was going on, and I left the room.

21,566. Having had your ticket from the one side you went to the head-quarters of the other side?—I left the room and went down and voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

21,567. How much did you get from the Conservatives?—Nothing.

21,568. Your feelings are Liberal are they?—Yes.

21,569. Your tendencies are Liberal?—Yes.

21,570. (*Mr. Newton.*) And your brother got the same?—Yes.

21,571. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you see your brother paid?—Yes.

21,572. Is he here?—He is here.

JOHN PARKER sworn and examined. *J. Parker.*

21,573. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,574. From Edward Bradshaw?—Yes.

21,575. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

21,576. Had you your ticket?—Yes.

21,577. You thought the money was not forthcoming?—I do not know; there was none there at the time.

21,578. At what o'clock was that?—Between 9 and 10 o'clock.

ANTHONY HARGREAVES sworn and examined. *A. Hargreaves.*

21,579. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A gardener.

21,580. Where do you live?—In Penny Street.

21,581. How much did Mr. Clark give you for your vote?—10*l.*

21,582. Are you a day labourer?—No.

21,583. What are you?—A masterman gardener.

21,584. Did you get any money from anybody else?—No.

21,585. Did you receive anything from old Mr. Hargreaves?—No.

21,586. Did he give you any of the drink out of the 5*l.* that he had?—I never take any drink.

21,587. You are a temperance man?—Yes.

21,587*a*. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is not the garden your own land?—No, it is not.

21,588. What is the extent of it?—About six or seven acres.

21,589. What rent do you pay?—I cannot tell you.

21,590. I should think you are more likely to know than anybody else; come; tell us what rent you pay?—Perhaps about 170*l.*

21,591. 170*l.* a-year rent for your garden?—Yes.

21,592. And you took 10*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

JOSEPH HARGREAVES sworn and examined. *J. Hargreaves.*

21,593. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you brother to the last witness?—Yes.

21,594. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,595. From whom did you get it?—Through Mr. Clark.

21,596. What are you?—A gardener.

21,597. Are you in business by yourself?—No.

21,598. Under your brother?—Both of us together; we are both partners.

21,599. Are you a temperance man?—Yes, but not a teetotaler.

21,600. You did not get any of the drink out of Hargreaves's 5*l.*?—No.

21,601. Is he your father?—Yes.

JOHN HINDE sworn and examined. *J. Hinde.*

21,602. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,603. Was that from Henry High?—No.

21,604. Mr. Clark?—Mr. Clark.

21,605. Did you get anything besides?—I got committee money.

21,606. You were a committee-man?—Well, I was.

21,607. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much committee money did you get?—2*l.* 5*s.*

21,608. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What other money did you get?—No other.

21,609. Are you a temperance man?—Yes, I am a sober man.

21,610. How much money did you get during the election?—I got no other money.

21,611. How much did you get for drink?—I got one glass.

21,612. Only one glass?—That was all.

21,613. You were better off then than most of those who got a dozen?—I did not get anything to eat either.

21,614. I hope you got a good dinner out of the 12*l.* 5*s.* Is William Hinde your father?—Yes.

21,615. Did he get the same money?—He got 10*l.*

21,616. I have a note to your name that Henry High paid you?—I never heard tell of the name.

21,617. You never received the money from Henry High?—I do not know the name of High.

21,618. Were you paid by Mr. Clark?—Yes.

21,619. By himself with his own hands?—No; by his captain. I do not know his name.

21,620. That would be Mr. High. How much money did your father get besides the 10*l.*?—Nothing.

21,621. In what position are you?—I am a shoemaker.

21,622. Can you speak as to William Hinde?—That is my father; he got the same, 10*l.*

21,623. There is a William Hinde, of Penny Street?—I do not know him.

WILLIAM HOWSON sworn and examined. *W. Howson.*

21,624. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A plumber and glazier.

21,625. Where do you live?—In Springfield Terrace.

21,626. What did you get for your vote?—5*l.*

21,627. Who paid you?—Mr. Clark.

21,628. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not get anything besides the 5*l.*?—No.

21,629. No committee money?—No.

21,630. Nor anything at all?—No.

JOHN ILLINGWORTH sworn and examined. *J. Illingworth.*

21,631. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A silk spinner.

21,632. Where do you live?—In Galgate.

21,633. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,634. From whom did you get it?—I cannot exactly say the man that gave it me.

21,635. What did you get as a committee-man?—Nothing.

21,636. You got nothing besides the 10*l.* at all?—No, not a halfpenny.

21,637. You got a little drink?—I did get a few glasses.

WILLIAM ILLINGWORTH sworn and examined. *W. Illingworth.*

21,638. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,639. Who paid it to you?—I cannot tell I am sure, I do not know the man.

21,640. Who gave you your ticket?—I do not know I am sure.

21,641. Where did you get it?—At the "White Cross."

21,642. Did you get any money from anywhere else?—No.

21,643. Did you get any other money at all?—No.

21,644. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you not on the committee?—No.

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JOHN LAWSON sworn and examined.

21,645. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A farmer.

21,646. Where do you live?—At Beach House, Ellel.

21,647. How many acres do you farm?—About 100 acres.

21,648. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,649. What rent do you pay for your farm?—I cannot say.

21,650. Can you not tell us what rent you pay?—No.

21,651. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you mean to say that you do not know what rent you pay for your farm?—Yes, I know very well, but is it required that I should tell at present?

21,652. Yes, it is required; I wish to know?—276*l.* a year I believe it is.

21,653. How much more did you get for the purposes of the election than the 10*l.*?—Nothing.

21,654. Were you on the committee?—No.

21,655. Who paid you?—I got paid at the "White Cross."

21,656. By whom?—It was through Mr. Thomas Lawson of Mr. Clark.

J. Masheder.

JOHN MASHEDER sworn and examined.

21,657. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a tobacconist?—Yes.

21,658. What is your rent?—2*s.* a week.

21,659. What did you get for your vote?—I got 2*l.* 15*s.* from George Danson for delivering voting cards out and circulars, and I got 10*l.* from Mr. Clark for my vote.

21,660. You got alltogether 12*l.* 15*s.*, including assistance?—Yes.

21,661. And you voted accordingly?—Yes.

M. Mawson.

MOSES MAWSON, junior, sworn and examined.

21,662. (*Mr. Barston.*) What did you get for your vote?—5*l.*

21,663. Who paid that to you?—Mr. Clark.

21,664. Did you receive any other money?—No.

21,665. Did you receive any money from anyone else?—No.

21,666. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—An attorney's clerk.

21,667. Clerk to whom?—Mr. Clark.

G. Norman.

GEORGE NORMAN sworn and examined.

21,668. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a boatman?—Yes.

21,669. Where do you live?—In Lancaster.

21,670. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,671. Who paid it to you?—I do not know the man.

21,672. Was it Speight?—It might be.

21,673. Did you get anything more than the 10*l.*?—No.

21,674. Did you get anything for assistance?—No.

21,675. Were you on the committee?—No.

21,676. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

21,677. Is Robert Norman your brother?—Yes.

21,678. Where is he?—In Preston.

21,679. Do you know what he got for his vote?—The same as I got.

21,680. Were you present?—Yes.

21,681. And saw the money paid?—Yes, we were both together.

J. Parker.

JOHN PARKER sworn and examined.

21,682. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did you receive for your vote?—5*l.*

21,683. Who did you get it from?—Mr. Clark.

21,684. Did you not get anything else?—No.

21,685. Not as a committee-man?—No.

21,686. Nor for assistance?—No.

21,687. What is your rental?—70*l.* a year.

R. Parker.

RICHARD PARKER sworn and examined.

21,688. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you get for your vote?—5*l.*

21,689. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Clark.

21,690. At the "White Cross" I suppose?—Yes.

21,691. Is that all the money that you got?—Yes.

21,692. Did you get any money from anyone else?—No.

21,693. What are you?—A farmer.

21,694. What is your rent?—70*l.*

21,695. Do you farm with the last witness John Parker?—Yes.

21,696. You are in partnership together, are you?—Yes.

A. Pedder.

ABRAHAM PEDDER sworn and examined.

21,697. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Fenton.

21,698. What are you?—A labourer.

21,699. What money did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,700. Did you get anything besides?—No.

21,701. Were you on the committee?—No.

21,702. Did you get anything to drink?—I did get a glass or two.

21,703. You are a day labourer?—Yes.

G. Pimm.

GEORGE PIMM sworn and examined.

21,704. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A cordwainer.

21,705. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,706. From whom?—From Mr. Clark.

21,707. What did you get besides for committee, &c.?—2*l.* 5*s.*

21,708. As a committee-man?—Yes.

21,709. What else did you get for assistance?—I got nothing else.

R. Pimm.

ROBERT PIMM sworn and examined.

21,710. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,711. Who paid you?—Mr. Clark.

21,712. What are you?—A tailor.

21,713. Did you get any money for anyone else?—No.

21,714. Did you get any other money yourself?—Only got 30*s.* from Mr. Danson.

21,715. That was for being on the committee?—Yes.

21,716. Do you know anything about Christopher Pimm?—He is at Liverpool.

21,717. Do you know what he got for his vote?—No, I do not.

21,718. You were not with him when he was paid?—No.

21,719. (*To George Pimm.*) Can you tell us?—He got the same as we did.

21,720. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was he on the committee?—Yes.

21,721. Then he got 11*l.* 10*s.*?—He got the same as we did.

W. Preston.

WILLIAM PRESTON sworn and examined.

21,722. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you come from?—From Galgate.

21,723. What are you?—I am a shoemaker by trade.

21,724. What are you besides that?—I am a shoemaker at present.

21,725. Are you not an attendant at the lunatic asylum?—I was when I took my freedom up.

21,726. Were you an attendant when you took the money?—No.

21,727. What did you get paid?—10*l.*

21,728. By whom, by Mr. Clark?—Mr. Clark made a paper out, and Alexander Harrison gave me the 10*l.*

21,729. Did you get anything more?—Mr. George Clark gave me a sovereign.

21,730. Besides?—Nothing but a sovereign.

21,731. You were not on the committee?—No.

21,732. At the time of the election you were a shoemaker?—Yes.

21,733. A journeyman?—Yes.

J. Taylor.

JOHN TAYLOR sworn and examined.

21,734. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A labourer.

21,735. What did you get for your vote?—5*l.*

21,736. From whom?—Joseph Storey.

21,737. What did you get paid besides?—Nothing else.

21,738. Were you not on the committee?—No.

21,739. Did you get no other money given you at all?—No.

21,740. Only 5*l.*?—Only 5*l.*

21,741. That is all you got out of the election?—Yes.

H. Thornton.

HENRY THORNTON sworn and examined.

21,742. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A labourer.

21,743. What did you get for your vote?—I got 10*l.*

21,744. Were you on the committee?—Yes.

21,745. What did you get for that?—I got 4*l.*

21,746. Well?—And I got 5*l.*

21,747. What was the 5*l.* for?—I had to give it in.

21,748. For what?—George Clark said that he gave me 10*l.*, he never gave me a farthing.

21,749. Who gave you anything?—William Mashiter and John Dodgson, he put 10*l.* into his hand for me and William Mashiter gave me that, and he gave me 4*l.* after, and six weeks after he gave me 5*l.*

21,750. What are you then that you got so much money?—A labourer.

21,751. Why did you get that 5*l.* afterwards?—I cannot tell you.

21,752. Did you tell Mashiter that you had not had your money?—Yes.

21,753. But you had had it?—No.

21,754. When did you get this 10*l.* from Mashiter?—About 10 o'clock on the election day.

21,755. When did you get the 5*l.*?—Six weeks after the election.

21,756. Why did you get that 5*l.*?—It was due to me.

21,757. What for?—We joined.

21,758. Where did it come from?—I do not know. He gave me 5*l.*

21,759. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You may stand down, sir, but do not leave the court. We shall want you again when you are in a fit state to give evidence.

T. Tomlinson.

THOMAS TOMLINSON sworn and examined.

21,760. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Spring Garden Street.

21,761. What are you?—A clogger.

21,761*a*. How much money did you get for your vote at the last election?—10*l.* of the Liberals and 5*l.* of the others.

21,762. Which way did you vote after all?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

21,763. Because they paid you the most?—Yes.

21,764. Why did you get 5*l.* from the other side?—Because they would not give me 10*l.* I would not vote.

21,765. I suppose you consider yourself an ill-used individual that you did not get 20*l.*?—I do not know I am sure.

21,766. (*Mr. Hill.*) On which committee did you serve, the Conservative or the Liberal, or both?—Conservative.

21,767. Which party did you drink for?—Both.

21,768. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are your politics?—I was brought up a Liberal.

21,769. Do you care about it?—I care very little about it.

21,770. There is another Tomlinson?—He is dead, my brother.

J. Towers.

JOHN TOWERS sworn and examined.

21,771. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,772. From whom?—From John Dodgson.

21,773. What else did you get besides?—I got from Mr. Coupland 10*l.*

21,774. That is besides the other 10*l.*?—Yes, for assistance.

21,775. What else did you get?—2*l.* from Mr. Coupland besides.

21,776. For assistance?—Yes.

21,777. What else did you get?—Nothing.

21,778. Did you get nothing as a committee-man?—No.

21,779. Which side did you drink for?—I voted for Mr. Lawrence.

21,780. And you had Conservative drink?—Yes.

21,781. For a fortnight?—Yes, a glass now and then.

21,782. 22*l.* 10*s.* was all you got?—That was all I got.

21,783. What are you?—A whitesmith.

21,784. Are you a master whitesmith?—No.

21,785. A journeyman?—Yes.

21,786. Did you tell one of these gentlemen that you had not had the money when you got the second 10*l.*?—Mr. Clark has in his bill that he paid me 10*l.* which he did not, I got it through John Dodgson, it came through Mr. Clark's hand.

21,787. Did you tell Mr. Coupland that you had not

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had the money?—Mr. Coupland and me three weeks previously had made arrangements for 10*l.*

21,788. Did you tell Mr. Coupland when he paid you that you had had the money already?—No.

21,789. Did you tell him that you had not?—No, I did not mention anything to him about it.

21,790. You did not enlighten him upon the subject that you had been already paid?—No.

21,791. Do you keep a public-house?—No.

21,792. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You did not at the election time?—No, I did not; I lodged at a public house.

21,793. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was it a Conservative public-house?—Yes, it was.

21,794. What was the name of it?—Woodhouse's. He married a daughter of mine.

J. Whiteside, jr.

JOHN WHITESIDE, junior, sworn and examined.

21,795. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A tailor.

21,796. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,797. Who paid it to you?—I did not exactly recognize the gentleman, but I think by all description it would be Mr. Clark.

21,798. Did you get anything else?—Nothing.

21,799. Were you on the committee?—No, not at all.

21,800. You got nothing whatever besides the 10*l.*?—No, nothing at all.

21,801. Did you receive any money to pay anybody else?—No.

T. Wilson.

THOMAS WILSON sworn and examined.

21,802. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A cotton spinner.

21,803. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,804. Who paid it?—Mr. Clark.

21,805. What else did you get?—2*l.* 5*s.*

21,806. For being on the committee?—Yes.

21,807. Did you get any drink besides?—Yes, as much as I could get hold of.

21,808. What did you get from the other side?—Nothing, only a sup of drink.

21,809. What wages did you earn at that time?—Somewhere about fifteen or sixteen shillings a week.

J. Ellershaw.

JAMES ELLERSHAW sworn and examined.

21,810. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

21,811. On which side did you vote?—For the Liberals.

21,812. Who canvassed you?—No one.

21,813. Did any one canvass you for the Tories?—No, I took care they should not get me at all. I was that careful that I would not be seen with them.

21,814. Were you ashamed of your party?—No, not a bit of it.

21,815. Why would you not have anything to do with them?—They make a great fuss about you at election times, and then they do not know you, and so I thought I would exercise my own ideas independent of being canvassed.

21,816. You are a Liberal in politics?—Yes.

21,817. On principle?—Yes.

21,818. Have you always voted Liberal?—No, I voted once contrary.

21,819. Who was that for, for Mr. Saunders?—No.

21,820. For Mr. Gregson?—No.

21,821. For Mr. Garnett?—No, Mr. Ellis.

21,822. You voted Blue on that occasion?—I was Blue at that time.

21,823. Where do you live?—At the "Carpenters Arms," Bridge Lane.

21,824. Was not your house taken?—Yes.

21,825. By whom?—Knowles Allinson.

21,826. Have we examined you before?—No.

21,827. How much money did Knowles Allinson engage your house for?—There was nothing mentioned.

21,828. How much did you get?—6*l.*

21,829. From whom?—From Hadfield.

21,830. And how much drink was there paid for?—Well, there was a few shillings one night; Ben Long came in with some parties, but what they spent I do not know, there was no account.

21,831. Was that all the money that was spent at your house?—It was partly up to the election day; some was spent then, but there was no bill.

21,832. How much was spent on the election day?—I do not know, the mistress minded the house and I went upstairs.

21,833. What did you do upstairs?—I was trying to get and influence what voters I could to vote for Fenwick and Schneider.

21,834. Whrt influence did you bring to bear upon them?—I spent 1*l.* or 2*l.* of my own money.

21,835. You had that paid back to you I suppose?—No, I did not, and I don't want it.

21,836. How did you spend it upon them?—I "tret" them, both voters and non-voters.

21,837. At your own house?—No.

21,838. Where at then?—Anywhere where I met them; I went to any house; I was not particular.

21,839. Which committee were you of?—I was on no committee.

21,840. Were you on the committee at your own house?—I did not take any particular active part, there were parties came there frequently.

21,841. They came when they wanted something to drink?—Yes.

21,842. And they did not come for any committee purposes?—They might sometimes. They occupied the sitting room.

21,843. And when they came they would occupy it for getting drunk in it?—Yes.

21,844. And you got 6*l.*?—Yes.

21,845. But you did not get more than 3*l.* or 4*l.* besides that spent altogether at your house?—No, and I do not think there was that.

21,846. Who was the money spent by? Long?—Long. He was the only one that came previously up to the election morning, and then they came in by wholesale.

21,847. Who paid for those who came in by wholesale?—I do not know; I was not there, but my wife told me of it. When I went home I asked her how things had been going on, and she said, "very well." and I asked her whether there had been any rows, and she said no, all had been very quiet.

21,848. She took a pretty good sum I suppose, did she take 9*l.* or 10*l.*?—No, no such things; perhaps 4*l.* but I cannot say.

21,849. You were a sub-captain, were you not?—No.

R. Woodhouse.

ROBERT WOODHOUSE sworn and examined.

21,850. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I am a poor beerhouse keeper, as Mr. Clark represented.

21,851. Is that a public-house or a licensed house?—A beerhouse.

21,852. What did you get for your vote?—I believe I got 10*l.*

21,853. Who paid it to you?—I think it came through Mr. Clark's hands.

21,854. Did yon get any money from anyone else?—Yes.

21,855. What did you get from anyone else?—I got 10*s.* from Mr. Booth about the 7th of the month.

21,856. Did you get any money for anyone else, that is to pay anyone else?—Yes, I got 30*s.*

21,857. Who was that for?—For staff men as they would term them; I can tell you their names if you require it.

21,858. They were not electors were they?—No.

21,859. Did you get anything else for yourself?—No.

21,860. Nothing?—No, not for my vote.

21,861. But did you get anything else for yourself?—Yes.

21,862. What was that?—I got 1*l.* after, I think I said 10*s.* at first, did I?

21,863. Yes.—I got 1*l.* after, after I got 2*l.* 10*s.*

21,864. That made 4*l.*?—Yes, and I sent a bill in after that and got 2*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

21,865. That is altogether 6*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes, and I got 6*l.* for my house.

21,866. And 10*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

21,867. What is the rent of your house?—15*l.*

21,868. And what is the sign of the house?—The "Painter's Arms."

21,869. In Penny Street?—Yes.

JOHN BALL sworn and examined. *J. Ball.*

21,870. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A labourer.

21,871. You are a boatman?—Yes.

21,872. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,873. Who paid it to you?—John Speight.

21,874. What else did you get for your vote?—I got 30*s.* for committee money, that is all.

21,875. And you got a good deal to drink besides?—Yes.

21,876. Up and down?—Only on one side, the side that I voted on; I got nothing from the other side, not a farthing, nor a glass of ale either.

21,877. They did not pay you any money at all?—No, not one halfpenny.

EDWARD BOND sworn and examined. *E. Bond.*

21,878. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A tailor.

21,879. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,880. From whom?—John Dobson.

21,881. How much did you get for working on the committee?—I got 30*s.* before the election.

21,882. And how much after?—I got nothing after the election.

21,883. How much did you get altogether?—13*l.*

21,884. What was the other 1*l.* 10*s.* then?—I got 10*s.* from Mr. Tilly's office.

21,885. What was that for?—At least 1*l.* from Mr. Tilly's.

21,886. What did you get that 1*l.* from Mr. Tilly's for?—I do not know what it was for.

21,887. Did you not tell him what it was for?—I would have taken as much again if they would have given it to me.

21,488. What did they give it to you for?—I do not know.

21,889. Was it for your good looks?—Very likely.

21,890. Did not Mr. Tilly give you any reason why he gave it to you?—It was not Mr. Tilly.

21,891. Who was it then?—It was a clerk in the office.

21,892. And you do not know what that 1*l.* was given to you for?—No.

21,893. Did you go to Mr. Tilley's office for legal advice?—No, I went to the "Queen's Hotel," and they gave me a paper to go to Mr. Tilley's office for it.

21,894. What was it for?—I do not know; I delivered the paper in and got the money.

21,895. What did you tell the people who gave you the paper that you wanted the money for?—Sir?

21,896. Do you not know what you got it for?—No, unless it was for wages for being off work.

21,897. That is almost too ridiculous to mention. Then you got 13*l.* for your vote, in fact, altogether, and you drew 1*l.* from the enemy, Mr. Tilly?—Yes.

21,898. But they knew that you had voted for the other side?—No, I had not voted at all; I did not draw but 10*l.* till after I had voted.

21,899. But when you got the 1*l.* from Tilly had you voted then?—That was on the Saturday before the election.

21,900. That was under a promise to vote?—I did not promise at all.

21,901. But you led them to believe that you would vote for them?—I do not know.

WILLIAM FOX sworn and examined. *W. Fox.*

21,902. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you get for your vote?—5*l.*

21,903. Who gave it to you?—I cannot say, I do not know who the man was who gave it to me.

21,904. Who gave you the ticket?—I had not a ticket; Mr. Lawson told me to go into the room.

21,905. What are you?—A farmer.

21,906. How many acres do you farm?—About 150.

21,907. What rent do you pay?—220*l.*

21,908. Were you on any committee?—No.

21,909. Did you get any money to pay to anyone else?—No, none whatever.

JOSEPH FOX sworn and examined. *J. Fox.*

21,910. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A farmer.

21,911. Did you live with your father, William Fox?—No.

21,912. Your's is a separate farm?—Yes.

21,913. Of how many acres?—111 statute acres.

21,914. What rent do you pay?—140*l.* a year.

21,915. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,916. Who paid it to you?—Dodgson paid it me, but it came through Mr. Clark.

21,917. Should you have voted if you had not had the 10*l.*?—Yes.

21,918. Which way should you have voted?—For Lawrence.

21,919. Did you get anything more?—No.

21,920. Did you serve on any committee?—No.

21,921. Did you get any beer?—No, I did not get a drop beyond what I paid for, and I did not get much of that either.

JOHN FOX sworn and examined. *J. Fox.*

21,922. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,923. From whom did you get it?—Through Mr. Clark.

21,924. What else did you get?—Nothing.

21,925. Were you not on any committee?—No.

21,926. Do you hold a farm?—No.

21,927. Do you live with your father?—Yes.

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Thomas Fox sworn and examined.

21,928. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

21,929. Who paid it to you?—I got it through Mr. Clark.

21,930. What are you?—I live with my father.

21,931. Which Fox is your father?—William Fox.

21,932. You live on the farm?—Yes.

21,933. Was that 10*l.* all that you got?—Yes.

J. Whormby.

John Whormby sworn and examined.

21,934. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—An auctioneer and farmer.

21,935. What do you know about the election of 1865; were you a sub-captain?—Well, I was captain of the conveyances, that is all.

21,936. Where at?—At Warton.

21,937. You arranged all that?—Yes.

21,938. Did you receive any money from anybody?—Yes.

21,939. How much?—20*l.*

21,940. From whom did you receive it?—From George Danson, auctioneer.

21,941. Did you receive any more money?—No.

21,942. When was this money received?—Previous to the election, I do not know exactly the date.

21,943. How did you pay it away?—Well, I paid some for the horses' hay and corn.

21,944. Did you keep any account?—No.

21,945. Just tell us how you paid it away?—I kept the horses in hay and corn, and the men with plenty to eat and drink. There were three or four horses.

21,946. Had you more than one horse to keep for this 20*l.*?—I kept them four, but there were other matters besides that.

21,947. What else was there?—There were their beds as well.

21,948. Do you mean for the men to sleep on or the horses?—For both.

21,949. For how many nights?—Only one night.

21,950. 20*l.*?—Yes; I had five days canvassing, and there were a few drink shops.

21,951. How many days were you engaged?—Four or five, I think.

21,952. You say there were four horses; how much do you put them at?—I would say a couple of pounds.

21,953. You had three days canvassing; how much do you make that?—2*l.* a day. I paid at one inn 4*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*

21,954. What was the inn at which you paid that?—The "Red Lion" at Warton.

21,955. Did you pay anything more for drink?—Yes, 2*l.* 2*s.* at Mrs. Carter's, at Bolton-le-Sands, and 5*s.* at the "Black Bull."

21,956. Anything more?—There are many more that I do not remember.

21,957. Give me one more that you do remember?—There is 3*l.* at Nether Kellet; that is not paid yet.

21,958. Give me one that you remember?—I shall have that to pay.

21,959. Give me one that you can remember that is paid?—Them that I have given you are paid.

21,960. Have you given me all that you paid?—Yes, with the exception of going round canvassing; there were many scores.

21,961. 7*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* you have accounted for; I suppose the balance would be for your assistance?—What I have given you must come to more than that, I think; I know that I was out of pocket when I had got the 20*l.*

21,962. (*Mr. Hill.*) There is 12*l.* 13*s.* that you have not accounted for yet?—I could easily account for it. I paid at all the public-houses we went to. We went through Warton, both the Kellets, Carnforth, and other places.

21,963. Tell us how much you paid?—I cannot, but I know I was money out of pocket.

21,964. You have forgotten to tell us what you paid for toll bars?—I have; I had the toll bars to pay and I gave Lawrence Lawrence, of Nether Kellet, 1*l.* 3*s.* and I gave the men at Kellet 5*s.* each; I do not know how many of them there were.

21,965. Can you tell us the name of any one man to whom you gave 5*s.*?—Moses Mawson, and Lawrence Lawrence 1*l.* 3*s.*

21,966. Is Moses Mawson here, if he is, let him stand up (*the person referred to stands up in Court.*) (*The witness.*) That is not him; it is the same name too, he is a labourer, at Nether Kellet.

21,967. He is not a voter, perhaps, is he?—I do not know whether he is or not.

J. Foxcroft.

John Foxcroft sworn and examined.

21,968. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your house?—The "Fox and Goose."

21,969. Where is that?—In Queen Street.

21,970. What monies did you receive at the last election?—5*l.*

21,971. From whom did you receive it?—3*l.* from Mr. Tilly and 2*l.* from John Bleasdale.

21,972. What else did you receive?—Nothing.

21,973. What was the 5*l.* for?—3*l.* for the house, and 2*l.* for refreshments.

21,974. Are you a voter?—No.

R. Curwen.

Robert Curwen sworn and examined.

21,975. (*Mr. Newton.*) You keep the "St. George's Tavern" on the Quay?—Yes.

21,976. What did you get at the last election?—22*l.*

21,977. Altogether?—Yes.

21,978. How much did you get for your house?—Nothing.

21,979. Had you not a committee there?—No.

21,980. No one came there?—They came for eating and drinking.

21,981. You had nothing except your bill?—That was all. There was perhaps between 2*l.* and 3*l.* spent before.

21,982. Are you a voter?—No.

21,983. Bill and expenses about 25*l.*?—Yes.

21,984. Who came there drinking?—Several people. I should think there might be 100 in the house one night.

21,985. Who was with them?—Mr. Hadfield was one, and there was Mr. Cole with them.

21,986. Did you ever observe them do anything except eat and drink?—No, nothing.

21,987. (*Mr. Hill.*) They did not discuss politics? I do not know, I am sure; I was too busy myself.

21,988. Who paid your bill?—Mr. Hadfield.

J. Sumner.

James Sumner sworn and examined.

21,989. (*Mr. Newton.*) What public-house do you keep?—None.

21,990. What are you?—A grocer.

21,991. Where do you live?—In St. Nicholas' Street.

21,992. What are your politics, Blue or Yellow?—Blue.

21,993. What money did you receive for the election?—8*l.*

21,994. From whom?—Mr. Coupland.

21,995. Any more?—15*s.*

21,996. From whom?—William Harrison the tinman.

21,997. Anything more?—No.

21,998. No committee money?—That was committee money.

21,999. 15*s.*?—Yes.

22,000. What was the 8*l.* for?—I suppose for services.

22,001. (*Mr. Hill.*) Services at the poll?—Yes.

22,002. Are you in a pretty good way of business as a grocer?—Not very, I think.

22,003. You live in a pretty good house?—Yes.

22,004. What rental do you pay?—16*l.*

RICHARD BAINES sworn and examined.

R. Baines.

22,005. (*Mr. Hill.*) You keep a beer-house in Bridge Lane?—Yes.

22,006. What is the name of your house?—The "Hatters' Arms."

22,007. Was your house taken at the last election?—Yes.

22,008. By which side?—Mr. Welch's side.

22,009. What did Mr. Welch's side give you for your house?—They gave me 5*l.*

22,010. Yours is a beer-house?—Yes.

22,011. Did Welch pay you?—He sent it down by his man.

22,012. By Hutchinson?—Yes.

22,013. Had you any bill as well?—About 23*s.*

22,014. What did they spend at your house during the election?—Nothing.

22,015. Did not the captains bring anybody to drink?—No, never.

22016. Did you not have a single shilling spent there?—Only what I tell you.

22,017. Only 6*l.* 3*s.*?—Yes.

22,018. Are you a voter?—Yes.

22,019. Which way did you vote?—Fenwick and Schneider.

22,020. According to the way you were retained?—Yes.

22,021. Is that all you have to tell us?—Yes.

22,022. Have you got any sons on the register?—No.

22,023. Did you not have any money from Mr. Moser?—Yes, Mr. Moser paid me that 1*l.* 3*s.*; and the 5*l.* came from Mr. Welch.

22,024. You got nothing else?—No. That is all I got, every halfpenny.

ELIZABETH HODGSON sworn and examined.

E. Hodgson.

22,025. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your house?—The "Blue Anchor," on the Quay.

22,026. Was your house taken at the last election?—Yes.

22,027. By whom?—Mr. Moser.

22,028. What did he pay you for it?—He promised 5*l.* for it, and paid me 3*l.*

22,029. How did that come about?—I do not know.

22,030. Had you a husband at that time living?—No, it was a brother of mine keeping it, and he is dead about five months ago.

22,031. Was your brother a voter?—No.

22,032. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get much of a bill paid?—15*l.*

22,033. Besides the 3*l.*?—No, with the 3*l.* included.

JAMES FARRADAY sworn and examined.

J. Farraday.

22,034. (*Mr. Newton.*) You keep the "Spink Bull," in Morecambe?—Yes.

22,035. What is the meaning of the "Spink Bull"?—I do not know. It is the name of the house.

22,036. You keep a public-house, at all events?—Yes.

22,037. Who came and hired the "Spink Bull?—Knowles Allinson."

22,038. What did he give you for the "Spink Bull?"—I was not at home at the time he took the house. He took it of my missus for 5*l.* I happened to be from home at the time. It was hay time, and she told me she had let the house for a committee-room, and they were to give her 5*l.* for it.

22,039. Are you a voter?—No, and never was.

22,040. That is the reason they gave you only 5*l.* for your house?—They gave me 5*l.*

22,041. Was there a good bill?—No, there was nothing.

22,042-3. Nothing besides?—No. There was about half-a-crown spent, that is all.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Lancaster Castle, Thursday, 20th September 1866.

PRESENT:

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON.

Mr. HILL.

GEORGE LUND recalled and further examined.

22,044. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We understand that you wish to make some correction of your evidence?—Yes, I wish to correct a statement that I made on Tuesday. I got 5*l.* of Hutchinson more than I gave account of.

22,045. Did you receive that at the same time as you received the 3*l.* 15*s.* that you spoke of?—Yes.

22,046. For your vote?—For the house.

22,047. How came you to tell us that you received 3*l.* 15*s.*, when you had in fact received 8*l.* 15*s.*?—That 3*l.* 15*s.* was spent on the election day in refreshments and drink, and there was 5*l.* besides.

22,048. How came you not to tell us before that you had had the 5*l.*?—Because it quite slipped my memory.

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T. Bindloss.

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THOMAS BINDLOSS sworn and examined.

22,049. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

20,050. What did they pay you for your vote?—They gave me two sovereigns, you know. I never asked any more, and I did not want any more.

22,051. Who gave those two sovereigns to you?—Mr. Whiteside—William Whiteside.

G. Blezard.

GEORGE BLEZARD is called but does not answer.

(*Mr. Cross.*) He is in Manchester.

22,052. (*Mr. Barstow, to Mr. Cross.*) Did you pay him?—Yes.

22,053. How much did you pay him?—2*l.*

22,054. Was that in the presence of anyone?—Mr. Hagart, I believe, was with me.

22,055. Was he one of these old men in the hospital?—No, a young man.

22,056. How came he to get so little?—He promised to come on the day of the poll; whether he came or not I do not know. I never saw him.

22,057. At all events he got 2*l.*?—He got 2*l.*

22,058. (*Mr. Hill.*) And he voted for Lawrence?—He did.

W. Cumpsty.

WILLIAM CUMPSTY sworn and examined.

22,059. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A tailor.

22,060. On Castle Hill?—Yes.

22,061. You got some money at the last election?—Yes.

22,062. How much?—12*l.*

20,063. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Cross, through Mr. Mills.

22,064. He was a sort of stakeholder?—Yes.

22,065. I suppose they could not trust you?—I do not know as to that.

22,066. You could not trust them, perhaps. I see there are five or six of your family on the register, There are five besides yourself?—They are nothing to me.

22,067. They are no relations of yours?—No, none whatever.

22,068. Do you mean that none of them are related to you at all?—Not that I know of, not at all.

22,069. You voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

22,070. Do you know a man of your name, a tailor, of Leonard Gate?—Yes, of the same name as myself.

22,071. He is in no way related to you; you only know that there is such a man?—That is all.

22,072. Have you heard who paid him?—No, I have not.

22,073. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you not on a committee?—No, I was not.

22,074. Did you get nothing besides the 12*l.*?—That is all.

W. Fawcett.

WILLIAM FAWCETT sworn and examined.

22,075. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A tailor.

22,076. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

22,077. What did they give you for your services?—1*l.* 15*s.*

22,078. And how much did they give you for your vote?—10*l.*

22,079. Who paid you?—Mr. Hodgson, of China Lane.

22,080. That was for services and committee work, I suppose?—Yes.

22,081. Were you paid anything more?—No.

C. Fawcett.

CHRISTOPHER FAWCETT sworn and examined.

22,082. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—An attorney's clerk; I am marked as a book-keeper here, but I am not; I am an attorney's clerk.

22,083. To whom are you clerk?—At present I am out of a situation.

22,084. Whose clerk were you at the time of the election?—I was out of work then.

22,085. What did you get for your vote?—I got 30*s.* for my week's wages. I got nothing for my vote. I believe that my mother got 5*l.*, but I did not see it paid.

22,086. Are you a brother of the poor man who died?—No, I am brother to the last witness.

22,087. Your mother, you say, got 5*l.*?—Yes, I believe she did.

20,088. But she gave you part of it, did she not?—No, I do not recollect it; I was out of work and she was keeping me, and I got it in that way; the 30*s.* I got myself.

22,089. What work did you do?—I do not know that I did any work.

22,090. That is a very honest way of putting it. Who paid you?—Hodgson paid me the 30*s.*

22,091. You voted for Lawrence?—I voted for Lawrence and Fenwick.

22,092. That accounts for your getting 5*l.* only instead of 10*l.*?—I did not get anything from the Yellow side.

22,093. But you only got the price of a split vote?—No.

J. Gardner.

JAMES GARDNER is called but does not answer.

22,094. (*Mr. Barstow, to Mr. Cross.*) Who paid him?—I paid him.

22,095. Who was present when you paid him?—Mr. Hagart.

22,096. 10*l.*?—Yes.

T. Foster.

THOMAS FOSTER is called but does not answer.

(*Mr. Cross.*) He is away.

22,097. (*Mr. Barstow, to Mr. Cross.*) What did you pay him?—12*l.*

22,098. Who was present?—Mr. Hagart.

22,099. When did you last see him?—I saw him about a week ago.

22,100. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did he get anything for being on the committee?—I believe he did.

22,101. Do you know how much he got?—3*l.* or 4*l.* I gave you a statement before.

22,102. (*Mr. Newton.*) He was a sub-captain, was he?—Yes.

22,103. He got 6*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*?—That would be the amount.

22,104. Then in fact he got altogether 18*l.*?—Yes.

EDMUND GARNETT sworn and examined. *E. Garnett.*

22,105. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you get for your vote at the last election?—4*l.*

22,106. Who paid you?—John Cross.

22,107. Did you get anything besides?—No.

22,108. You were not on the committee?—No.

22,109. You voted for Mr. Lawrence?—For Mr. Lawrence.

22,110. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a coal dealer?—Yes, I have been a coal dealer, but I am not in business at present; I am getting too old for it.

22,111. You are living on your means?—I am close on 80.

22,112. You are living on your own means?—Yes.

WILLIAM HARRISON sworn and examined. *W. Harrison.*

22,113. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Penny's Hospital.

22,114. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

22,115. What did you get for your vote?—I got 2*l.* two days after the election, but I was not aware of it.

22,116. How do mean you were not aware of it?—I never asked a farthing in my life.

22,117. Was that the first time that you ever touched money for a vote?—Yes.

22,118. Was that all that you got?—That was all I got.

22,119. Who gave it to you?—James Wilson, the grocer.

22,120. How had you always voted before?—The first time I voted for Cawthorne in 1818, and every time as Greene came I voted for him.

22,121. Who came to you this time about your vote?—Nobody; I went myself to the gentleman.

22,122. Who did you go to?—I went to Mr. Lawrence.

22,123. You went and voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

22,124. Without being asked to do so?—Yes.

22,125. And they sent you a present of 2*l.* afterwards?—Yes.

22,126. How long after the election was that?—The second day I think.

22,127. Did they give it to you yourself, or did they give it to somebody else for you?—They gave it to me.

22,128. What did they tell you it was for?—They said there was 2*l.* for me for voting, and I did not want to take it.

22,129. Did you ever promise to vote before? Did anyone come to you about your vote?—I believe there was some gentlemen came to me on the opposite party, but I told them that I could not vote for them.

22,130. They never told you that if you voted for Lawrence you should have some money?—No, they never came near me to ask me, only once. They knew pretty well that I should not vote for them.

22,131. Was this the first time that you ever got any money?—Yes.

WILLIAM HARRISON sworn and examined. *W. Harrison.*

22,132. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did you get for your vote?—13*l.* 10*s.*

22,133. Who paid you?—Thomas Foster.

22,134. What other money did you get, or did you get any other money at all?—No.

22,135. From neither side?—No.

22,136. And you voted for Lawrence?—Yes, that that is the whole I got.

ROBERT HOLT HARRISON is called but does not answer. *R. H. Harrison.*

22,137. (*The witness.*) He is working in Richmond in Yorkshire.

22,138. (*Mr. Hill.*) He is your son?—Yes.

22,139. How much did he get?—I do not know.

22,140. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you not know anything about it?—No.

22,141. Has he never told you?—No.

22,142. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you know by whom he was paid?—No.

22,143. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you no conversation with him about it?—No; he was in Yorkshire and came over, and I did not see him to speak to him.

22,144. (*To Mr. Cross.*) Who paid this man?—Foster.

22,145. What did Foster give him?—12*l.*

22,146. Were you present?—No.

WILLIAM HARRISON, of China Lane, nail maker, is called but does not answer. *W. Harrison.*

22,147. (*Mr. Barstow, to the witness.*) Do you know anything about your other son William?—He is working in Yorkshire.

22,148. What did he get for his vote?—I do not know.

22,149. You did not see him to speak to him either?—No, I did not.

22,150. (*To Mr. Cross.*) Who paid him?—Mr. Foster.

22,151. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did he get, do you know?—13*l.* 10*s.*

22,152. The same as Robert Holt Harrison?—No, Robert Holt Harrison got 12*l.*

JOHN HARTLEY, stonemason, is called but does not answer. *J. Hartley.*

22,153. (*Mr. Barstow, to Mr. Cross.*) Who paid John Hartley?—He was paid by Henry Hartley.

GEORGE ROMNEY IRELAND sworn and examined. *G. R. Ireland.*

22,154. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

22,155. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.* for my vote.

22,156. You got something besides?—I got 1*l.* from Mr. George Danson, not thirty shillings, as he said I did.

WILLIAM HODGSON sworn and examined. *W. Hodgson.*

22,157. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Golden Ball Yard.

22,158. You are a smith?—

22,159. How did you vote at the last election?—I gave Lawrence a plumper at the last election.

22,160. What did you get for doing it?—Twelve pounds.

22,161. Did you get nothing else?—I got 30*s.* of George Danson.

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W. Kew.

WILLIAM KEW, cooper, sworn and examined.

22,162. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A cooper.

22,163. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Saunders.

22,164. I ask for whom you voted at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

22,165. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

22,166. From whom did you get it?—From Thomas Garnett, through Mr. Cross I think.

22,167. What did you get at the time you voted for Saunders?—Nothing.

22,168. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you get besides the 12*l.*?—Nothing.

22,169. (*Mr. Newton.*) You were not upon the committee?—No.

22,170. And you got nothing for assistance?—No.

22,171. (*Mr. Hill.*) 12*l.* was all the money you got?—Yes.

J. Kitchen.

JOHN KITCHEN sworn and examined.

22,172. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

22,173. What did you get for your vote?—13*l.*

22,174. Who paid you?—Mr. Cross.

22,175. Is that all you got?—No.

22,176. What did you get besides?—I got 2*l.* for services, and I got 1*l.* 5*s.* for money to spend at Fisher's in Common Garden Street, and I got 2*s.* after the election from James Hatch to pay the remainder of the bill.

22,177. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get anything for yourself besides the 16*l.* 5*s.*?—I did not get 16*l.* 5*s.* for myself.

22,178. You got 15*l.* for yourself?—Yes.

22,179. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And I suppose the 1*l.* 5*s.* you drank yourself?—No.

22,180. (*Mr. Hill.*) You eat and drank your share of it?—Yes, I did my share of it.

J. Kitchen.

JOHN KITCHEN, 521 Spring Garden Street, Lancaster, stonemason, is called but does not answer.

22,181. (*Mr. Hill, to the witness.*) Do you know anything about your grandfather?—Yes.

22,182. Did you see him paid?—I paid him.

22,183. What did he get?—13*l.*

22,184. How much did he get for committee work?—Nothing.

22,185. Was 13*l.* all he got?—Yes.

22,186. You only got 29*l.* between you?—Well, that was not so much.

22,187. Did you pay anybody else besides?—No, I did not.

22,188. There are a great many other Kitchens?—Yes, there are some more.

22,189. And cookery going on in all of them, I suppose?—No, I think it was going on down below stairs.

R. Bigg.

RICHARD RIGG sworn and examined.

22,190. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

22,191. And you got something after?—I got 2*l.* after I voted, and no more.

22,192. From Wilson?—Yes.

22,193. That is all you got?—Yes, that is all I got.

22,194. Have you always voted Blue?—I voted for Mr. Green as long as he was a member.

22,195. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did anybody promise you anything for your vote before the election?—Never such a thing.

22,196. Would you have agreed to vote Yellow if they had offered you money?—I should not.

T. B. Rowe.

THOMAS BENNISON ROWE sworn and examined.

22,197. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A painter.

22,198. How did you vote at the last election?—Lawrence.

22,199. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

22,200. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—That was including for being on the working committee as well.

22,201. Did you get nothing for your services?—No.

22,202. Nothing for drink?—No.

22,203. You only got 10*l.*?—Yes, that is all.

J. Satterthwaite.

JOHN SATTERTHWAITE sworn and examined.

22,204. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A cabinet-maker.

22,205. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

22,206. What did you receive for your vote?—10*l.*

22,207. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—Yes, a pound from Mr. Danson.

22,208. Anything besides?—No.

22,209. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were paid by Mr. Hatch?—Yes.

22,210. (*Mr. Hill.*) You did not pay anybody?—No.

J. Simpson.

JOHN SIMPSON sworn and examined.

22,211. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you vote for Lawrence at the last election?—Yes.

22,212. What did you get?—10*l.*

22,213. Who paid it to you?—James Wilson, grocer.

22,214. Did you get nothing for being on the committee?—Yes.

22,215. How much?—6*l.* from George Danson.

22,216. You got 16*l.* in all?—Yes.

22,217. That is pretty good; did you get nothing more?—No.

22,218. Nothing for drink?—No drink.

22,219. Did you keep the 6*l.* for yourself?—Yes.

W. Simpson.

WILLIAM SIMPSON is called but does not answer.

22,220. (*Mr. Barstow, to the witness.*) Do you know anything of John Simpson?—No,

22,221. Is he any relation of yours?—No.

THOMAS RAMSDEN THOMPSON sworn and examined. *T. R. Thompson.*

22,222. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote?—For Lawrence.

22,223. What did you get for your vote?—5*l.* 10*s.*

22,224. What did you get for your services?—Nothing.

22,225. Were you not on the committee?—I got 10*s.* from John Cross.

22,226. For being on the committee?—Yes!

22,227. You got 6*l.* altogether?—Yes.

22,228. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were paid by Wilson?—Yes, James Wilson, grocer.

CHRISTOPHER TOWERS sworn and examined. *C. Towers.*

22,229. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a whitesmith in Common Garden Street?—Yes.

22,230. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

22,231. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

22,232. What did you get for your work on the committee?—30*s.*

22,233. Anything else besides?—I got a sovereign off John Bleasdale, butcher.

22,234. Did you get anything else?—No, that is all.

22,235. What did John Bleasdale the butcher give you 1*l.* for?—For to spend for all I know; to treat myself with.

22,236. You got 12*l.* 10*s.* altogether?—Yes.

22,237. (*Mr. Newton.*) John Bleasdale is on the other side?—Yes.

22,238. He gave it to you for the other side?—Yes.

22,239. He wanted you to vote Yellow?—Yes, I daresay he did.

RICHARD WILLAN sworn and examined. *R. Willan.*

22,240. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

22,241. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

22,242. What money did you receive about the election time?—3*l.*

22,243. Who gave you that?—Mr. Cross.

22,244. You say you got nothing for your vote; what did you get it for?—For services at the last election; for Saunders's and this one, for the time that I lost.

22,245. A sort of payment of arrears?—Yes, I thought for losing my time that it was very little.

22,246. You would not vote without it, I suppose?—Yes, I would. I did not want it.

22,247. (*Mr. Hill.*) What time did you spend over it?—It was about three days this election and three days the last.

22,248. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That is 10*s.* a day you were paid?—I suppose it would be.

22,249. What is your usual work?—Upholsterer.

22,250. What can you earn?—About 26*s.* a week.

22,251. You told them you would not vote unless they paid up the arrears?—I told them I would not vote, and I would not have voted if I had not promised Mr. Lawrence at all.

22,252. You would not have voted this election unless they paid you the arrears of the last?—Yes, I would.

22,253. What made them pay the arrears of the last?—I suppose they thought it was right. There is Mr. Cross there.

(*Mr. Cross.*) I have no recollection about it.

22,254. (*Mr. Hill to the witness.*) Did you receive that money before you voted?—Yes, the night before.

JOHN BAINBRIDGE sworn and examined. *J. Bainbridge.*

22,255. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

22,256. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

22,257. What are you?—I am not in any business at present.

22,258. You are a gentleman living on your own means, and you got 10*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

22,259. What did you get for your services?—Nothing at all.

22,260. No attendance on committees?—I was on the committee, but I did not get anything. I made a mistake in not getting that. I see that many of them got it.

22,261. I think you might as well have come in for that?—Yes, I might, but I am too late now I suppose.

22,262. You live in a 14*l.* house?—No, I do not.

22,263. You are a householder?—Yes, the house is only valued at 9*l.* 10*s.*, and I pay 11*l.*

22,264. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are living on your own means?—I am living on what I have, and on my friends as well. I have something allowed me from my friends.

JOHN EARNSHAW sworn and examined. *J. Earnshaw.*

22,265. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a householder?—Yes.

22,266. What is the rental of your house?—About 13*l.*

22,267. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

22,268. What did you receive for your vote?—12*l.*

22,269. From whom?—Mr. Holden's clerk.

22,270. What did you get for committee work?—Nothing.

22,271. Is 12*l.* all you got?—Yes.

22,272. Did you not get any more money at all?—No.

JAMES ELLERSHAW recalled and further examined. *J. Ellershaw.*

22,273. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You keep some public-house?—No, I am a hosier.

22,274. Have you been examined before?—Yes, last Saturday.

22,275. You told us what you got for your vote?—I got it for my services. I got 6*l.*, and I spent 1*l.* 10*s.* of it.

22,276. You got 2*l.* from Mr. Cross?—Yes.

22,277. From whom did you get the rest?—John L. Bradshaw.

22,278. You got 6*l.*?—Yes.

22,279. And nothing more?—No.

22,280. And you voted Lawrence?—Yes.

THOMAS GARNETT is called but does not answer. *T. Garnett.*

22,281. (*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Cross.*) Do you know anything of Garnett?—No, I believe he is away in Preston.

22,282. Did you pay him?—Yes, I did; and he also paid some others. He paid Watson and Kew.

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T. Garnett.

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22,283. You paid Garnett yourself?—Yes.
22,284. How much ?—6*l.*
22,285. What else did he get?—I think he got about 3*l.* besides.
22,286. Who paid him the other 3*l.* ?—I did.
22,287. He got 9*l.* altogether ?—Yes.
22,288. Do you know where he is at Preston ?—He went down to Fleetwood I think. His address might be got at Fleetwood from Mr. Ward, of the Fylde Timber Company.

T. Gill.

THOMAS GILL sworn and examined.

22,289. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Lawrence.
22,290. What did you get for your vote ?—5*l.*
22,291. Nothing else ?—5*s.* before the election.
22,292. Nothing more than that ?—No.
22,293. Who paid you ?—Mr. Cross.
22,294. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is the rental of your house ?—14*l.*

J. Hewitson.

JAMES HEWITSON sworn and examined.

22,295. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A wheelwright.

22,296. What did you get for your vote ?—My wife got 8*l.* from a stranger.

22,297. What did you get for expenses on committee ?—Nothing at all.
22,298. Did you only get 8*l.* altogether at the election ?—Yes, altogether 8*l.*
22,299. You voted Lawrence ?—Yes.

E. Hoggarth

EDWARD HOGGARTH sworn and examined.

22,300. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote ?—Lawrence and Fenwick.
22,301. What did you get for your vote ?—4*l.*
22,302. From which of them did you get the 4*l.* ?—From Lawrence's party.
22,303. What did you get from Fenwick ?—Nothing.
22,304. How came you to make a split of it ?—Well, I don't know in particular.
22,305. Did they not offer you enough for a plumper ?—I did not want anything. John McCann brought 5*l.* to my house, and I told him I did not want anything, and he said, "The money is there; you might as well have it." I then offered him 3*l.* back, but he would not take it, but took 1*l.*, and left me 4*l.*
22,306. That was before you voted ?—Yes.
22,307. They almost compelled you to take it ?—Yes. Mr. Cross also asked me before the election if I wanted anything, and I told him I did not, but after all the money came.
22,308. (*To Mr. Cross.*) Is that so ?—McCann came to me for the money. I have no recollection of what he states.
22,309. Had you any conversation with him about voting ?—I saw him many times.
22,310. Was the subject of money named between you ?—I do not think it was.
22,311. He did not press you to take the money back ?—Not at all. I should have been glad to receive it.
22,312. (*To the witness.*) I think you are making out too good a story for yourself?—It is true.
(*Mr. Cross.*) I paid McCann 5*l.* for him.
22,313. (*Mr. Hill, to the witness.*) Do you say that you only got 4*l.* ?—Yes.
22,314. Are you certain of it ?—Yes.
22,315. McCann is coming ?—I don't care. I am quite ready to meet him.
22,316. What is the rent of your house ?—10*l.*
22,317. What are you ?—A coal agent.
22,318. A pretty good business, is it ?—Pretty fair.

E. Johnson.

EDWARD JOHNSON sworn and examined.

22,319. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Lawrence.
22,320. What are you ?—A beerhouse keeper.
22,321. Have you been examined before ?—No.
22,322. What did you get at the last election ?—10*l.*
22,323. Anything else ?—No.
22,324. Nothing for the use of the house ?—It was for the use of the house and vote as well.
22,325. Is that all that you got ?—Yes.
22,326. Who paid you ?—Mr. Cross.
22,327. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which did they use the most, your house or your vote; did they not spend some money in your house ?—Yes.
22,328. How much was spent in your house ?—I cannot tell just that.
22,329. 10*l.* or 20*l.* ?—Yes, I should think I got that.
22,330. How much did you send in a bill for ?—I sent in three or four different bills.
22,331. How much was it altogether ?—I don't just right know.
22,332. Would the bills altogether come to 30*l.* ?—No, they would not.
22,333. 25*l.* ?—They might come to 20*l.* I would not say more.
22,334. What is the sign of your public-house ?—The "Moulders' Arms."
22,335. Bills paid by captains about 20*l.* ?—I would not say just what it was.
22,336. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who paid you these bills ?—Mr. Stanton paid a deal of them.
22,337. Did he pay them over night ?—No, not just over night.
22,338. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you anything more to tell us ?—No.
22,339. Did you pay anybody ?—No.
22,340. Did not your wife get a dress or a bonnet, a blue bonnet, or anything of that sort ?—No.

T. Miller.

THOMAS MILLER sworn and examined.

22,341. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is your business ?—A painter.

22,342. How did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

20,343. For doing so what did you get ?—12*l.*

20,344. Who paid you ?—Mr. John Hatch.

22,345. What did you get for committee work ?—Nothing.
22,346. What did you get for assistance ?—Nothing. I never did anything.
22,347. You are the first man I have heard say that ?—No, I never interfered at all about it.
22,348. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you not paid by Mr. Wilson ?—No, I was paid by Mr. John Hatch, joiner.

FRANCIS RICHMOND sworn and examined.

22,349. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

22,350. What did you get for your vote?—I got 7*l.*

22,351. What did you get for committee work?—That was altogether.

22,352. You got nothing more than 7*l.*?—No.

22,353. What are you?—A publican.

22,354. What inn do you keep?—The "White Hart."

22,355. What did you get for your house?—I got that 7*l.* for all together.

22,356. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you been examined before?—No.

22,357. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much did they spend at your house?—I cannot tell you that.

22,358. 10*l.* or 20*l.*?—No, not so much.

22,359. 10*l.*?—Not so much as that.

22,360. 5*l.*?—I really cannot tell you. They paid for drink as it went in.

22,361. Did you send any bills in?—No.

22,362. They spent money at your house?—Yes.

22,363. You can give me an amount in round numbers, whether it was a 5*l.* note they spent there or not?—I cannot, indeed.

22,364. Did you not serve out the drink?—The missus chiefly I think.

22,365. Was the election week a good week for you?—Yes, pretty fair.

22,366. What is your average per week for drink sold?—I cannot tell you that; I do not know, indeed.

22,367. You do not seem to know much about your own business. I suppose the "missus" looks after it. Are you engaged in any other trade?—No.

22,368. Then you ought to know something about it?—I cannot tell you any more.

RICHARD WOODHOUSE sworn and examined.

R. Woodhouse.

22,369. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A tea-dealer and grocer.

22,370. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

22,371. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

22,372. What did you get at all?—5*l.*

22,373. It was not for your vote?—No.

22,374. What was it for?—For services rendered in favour of Mr. Lawrence.

22,375. I do not doubt that they were very considerable?—5*l.* is all I got.

22,376. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did you get for other services?—Nothing.

22,377. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get anything else besides 5*l.*?—No.

22,378. Nothing at all?—No.

22,379. You were not on the committee?—No.

22,380. (*Mr. Hill.*) What were your services?—You see I go into the country regularly, and I endeavoured all I could in my power to persuade men to vote.

22,381. Did you put one of Mr. Lawrence's cards in with the grocery—"Lawrence for ever"—amongst the packages of tea?—I persuaded all I could.

JAMES CALVERT sworn and examined.

J. Calvert

22,382. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A cordwainer by trade.

22,383. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

20,384. What did they give you?—15*l.*

22,385. Did you get anything besides?—5*s.* or 6*s.* before the election.

22,386. What was that for?—I was not very well. It was to get some nourishment with.

22,387. 15*l.* for your vote, and 5*s.* or 6*s.* because you were not very well?—Yes.

22,388. Did you get anything after that?—No.

22,389. Nothing?—No.

22,390. Were you very well after the election?—No, I was very poorly a long while.

22,391. Why did they not give you 5*s.* after the election?—I cannot tell you.

22,392. (*Mr. Newton.*) What time in the day did they give you the 15*l.*?—It would be before dinner.

22,393. Prices were high then. How did you come to get so much as 15*l.*?—I cannot tell.

22,394. Did you ask for it. Did you say you would not vote unless you got it?—I cannot say exactly.

22,395. Yes, you can, if you choose to say?—He gave it to me.

22,396. I know he gave it to you, but did you say you would not vote unless you got 15*l.*?—No, I did not say that.

22,397. What did you say?—I should like 15*l.*

22,398. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick.

JOHN GARDNER sworn and examined.

J. Gardner.

22,399. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

22.400. What did you get for doing so?—8*l.*

22.401. What else did you get?—5*s.* on the nomination day.

22,402. Is that all?—Yes.

22,403. Was that because you were assisting?—Yes.

22,404. Did you not assist on the polling day as well?—I assisted as well as the rest.

22,405. You got more than 5*s.*, come?—No, I did not get anything more.

22,406. 8*l.* 5*s.* altogether?—Yes.

23,407. Who paid you?—Bartholomew Sharples paid me 8*l.*, and a man of the name of Whittaker paid me 5*s.*

22,408. (*To Mr. Coupland.*) How is that?—It does not answer at all. Sharples had a voucher for 10*l.* which I gave him myself, and Mr. Taylor in his list states that he has paid 10*l.* to him; therefore Sharples received 10*l.* beyond question, and has handed this man 8*l.* Here is the voucher (*handing it to the Commissioners*), and here is Mr. Taylor's own mark on the register, "10*l.*"

22,409. He has ticked it off?—Yes.

22,410. (*To the witness.*) Bartholomew Sharples owes you 2*l.* He did not tell you he got 10*l.* for you?—No, he said I was to be satisfied with 8*l.*

WILLIAM HARRISON is called but does not answer.

W. Harrison.

22,411. (*Mr. Barstow, to Mr. Coupland.*) Have you a voucher for William Harrison, of China Lane, nail maker?—No, I have not.

22,412. How does that come to appear in your list?—From Mr. Taylor's list. I may tell you when Mr. Taylor left he gave me the book with the vouchers in it. I do not think he remembers it. He had his own list as well, which he has left with me, and it is all marked with his own figures. There are several for which I have not got vouchers, and that is one of them.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

19 Sept. 1866.

T. Harrison.

THOMAS HARRISON sworn and examined.

22,413. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live at Leonard Gate, and are a book-keeper?—Yes.

22,414. How did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Mr. Lawrence.

22,415. What did you get for doing it?—10*l.*

22,416. What else did you get?—1*l.* 10*s.* of George Danson.

22,417. What for?—For work on Mr. Coupland's committee.

22,418. Was that all you got?—No, I got 10*s.* from William Harrison.

22,419. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was that all you got?—Yes.

22,420. Have you got any brothers?—Yes.

22,421. What did they get?—I cannot say. I do not know.

22,422. Is James Harrison your brother?—No.

22,423. Which are your brothers of those who are on the register?—William is.

22,424. Do you know what he got?—He is court now to speak for himself.

22,425. What other brother have you got?—John.

22,426. What did John get?—I cannot say.

22,427. Is he in court?—I do not know. I think not.

22,428. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did he get for his vote?—I cannot tell.

22,429. Yes, you can.—No, I cannot.

22,430. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who paid him?—I do not know.

22,431. He was a captain for Lawrence, was he not?—No; not that I am aware of.

22,432. You do not seem to know much about him; are you on friendly terms with him?—Yes.

22,433. And have you never discussed with him what you each got at the election?—No.

W. Harrison.

WILLIAM HARRISON sworn and examined.

22,434. (*Mr. Hill.*) Your name is also William Harrison?—Yes.

22,435. You are of Leonard Gate, coach maker?—Yes.

22,436. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

22,437. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

22,438. What did you get for committee work?—Mr. Danson gave me 1*l.*, and I got 1*l.* besides, and I spent 2*l.* in refreshments.

22,439. Who gave you that?—Mr. William Harrison.

22,440. That makes 14*l.* Did you get anything else?—No.

22,441. 2*l.* of that was to spend?—Yes.

22,442. You spent it on yourself and other people, I suppose?—Yes.

J. Harrison.

JAMES HARRISON sworn and examined.

22,443. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a whitesmith?—Yes.

22,444. Where do you live?—In Alfred Street.

22,445. You voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

22,446. What money did you receive?—There was 1*l.* from Mr. Coupland, and 2*l.*

22,447. That is 3*l.*?—Yes, 3*l.* from Mr. Coupland, and then there was 1*l.* that I received from William Harrison, and then there is the list I gave you on Saturday.

22,448. You have been examined here before?—Yes, I was here on Saturday, but there is one I misstated to you on Saturday, one that I forgot about; that was Mr. Marshall, 12*l.*, and there was 1*l.*, I believe, I got of George Danson. I gave a list of voters.

22,449. What Marshall is that; is he a freeman?—Yes, he is a freeman; and then I believe I got 1*l.* of George Danson, but I am not certain.

22,450. Do you say that you gave Marshall anything for his vote?—I gave him 12*l.* I could not bring it to my mind then, but I have brought it to my mind since.

22,451. What Marshall is it?—Thomas Marshall, of Leonard Gate, shoemaker.

22,452. You are the man who said you received for your servitude and your vote 10*l.*?—Yes.

22,453. You did not give us the amounts that you paid to the people before; you only gave their names?—Yes, I did. I have the list here, except one that I have brought to my mind to-day (*producing a paper*).

22,454. Is that the list which you had when you were examined before us on Saturday?—Yes, there are two Harrisons; it was down 12*l.*; it is down in Mr. Coupland's book 12*l.*

22,455. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Besides the list you gave us on Saturday you gave Marshall 12*l.*?—Yes.

22,456. From whom did you get that 12*l.*?—From a stranger at the "Boar's Head."

22,457. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is Marshall's christian name?—Thomas, I think. I do not know his christian name.

22,458. (*To Mr. Cross.*) The money passed through his hands in fact?—Yes.

(*The witness.*) I had so many on me at the time they were on me like a flock of bees; there are two Harrisons. I paid them 10*l.* each, but it is down 12*l.* each.

22,459. (*Mr. Newton.*) Somebody gave you 12*l.*, and you cannot say whether you gave it to the Harrisons or not?—Mr. Coupland gave evidence of 12*l.* each.

22,460–1. The long and short of it is that Mr. Coupland says he gave 12*l.*, and the Harrisons say they only received 10*l.*?—They only received 10*l.*

22,462. And you are the man to whom the money was given?—Yes, I can remember giving them 10*l.* each.

22,463. Mr. Coupland remembers having given you 12*l.*, and you remember giving them 10*l.*?—Mr. Coupland never gave me the 12*l.*; it was the stranger as gave me the money.

(*Mr. Coupland.*) I have no vouchers for those two, but in this book they are down as 12*l.* to each.

22,464–5. (*Mr. Hill to the witness.*) Did you get only 14*l.* for yourself?—That is all I got, except 1*l.* that I said I got from Mr. Danson. I am not sure about it.

22,466. If you think you got it, I think we may be sure you got it?—I will not be certain about it.

22,467. You say you received 15*l.*?—I cannot be certain that I received the other 1*l.*, but I think I did.

22,468. I do not suppose you put it in the savings bank?—I cannot say for that.

22,469. (*Mr. Newton.*) This was only for your servitude and vote?—Yes.

22,470. That was all?—Yes.

W. Harrison.

WILLIAM HARRISON sworn and examined.

22,471. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you live in Edward Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

22,472. And are you a moulder?—Yes.

22,473. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

20,474. Who paid you?—My brother paid me.

20,475. Is that the last witness?—No, over here (*pointing to a person in Court*).

22,476. What is his name?—Edward Harrison.

22,477. What did you get for your services?—Nothing.

22,478. What did you get for being on the committee?—I was not on the committee.

22,479. Did you get nothing more than the 10*l.*?—No.

EDWARD HARRISON sworn and examined. *E. Harrison.*

22,480. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A silk-piecer.

22,481. Where do you live?—In Edward Street.

22,482. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

22,483. What did you get for your vote?—11*l.* 15*s.* in all.

22,484. That included 1*l.* 15*s.* for committee work, did it?—Yes.

22,485. What did you do when you were at committee work?—Canvassing voters.

22,486. Did you get any more money at all?—No.

20,487. Did you canvass the Harrisons?—Yes.

22,488. And had they canvassed you?—No, I took care of myself.

22,489. You did the work in the family?—Yes.

JOHN HADWEN HARRISON sworn and examined. *J. H. Harrison.*

22,490. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A joiner.

22,491. In St. Mary's Place?—Yes.

22,492. You voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

22,493. What money did you get?—Well, I got 3*l.* 5*s.* from Mr. Storey, 1*l.* from Mr. Stanton, and 10*l.* from the "Dummy," as they call him, in the "Sun."

22,494. Did you get anything else?—No.

22,495. Nothing whatever?—No.

22,496. Nothing after the election?—No, not a halfpenny.

22,497. You voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

ROBERT HODGSON sworn and examined. *R. Hodgson.*

22,498. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live in Nicholas Street?—Yes.

22,499. What are you?—A carter.

22,500. How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

22,501. What did you get for doing it?—15*l.*

22,502. What did you get for your expenses?—1*l.*, off George Danson.

22,503. What are your day's wages, or weekly wages?—Sometimes I get 1*l.*, and sometimes 5*l.*

22,504. How do you manage that?—I keep carts and horses. I cannot tell you what I can make a day.

22,505. You are a master carter?—Yes.

22,506. You got 15*l.* for your vote, and 1*l.* for expenses?—Yes.

22,507. Is that all?—Yes.

22,508. What did you get for drink?—As much as ever I could drink; as much as ever I could get into me.

22,509. (*Mr. Hill.*) How long were you at it?—Happen a week or a fortnight.

22,510. (*Mr. Newton.*) I think you have been at it this morning, have you not?—No, I have only had one glass of ale this morning yet.

JOHN HODGSON sworn and examined. *J. Hodgson.*

22,511. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Nicholas Street?—Yes.

22,512. And are you a whitesmith?—Yes.

22,513. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

22,514. How much did you get?—15*l.*

22,515. And what else besides?—1*l.* from George Danson, and 10*s.* from William Harrison.

22,516. 16*l.* 10*s.* altogether?—Yes.

22,517. Are you brother of the last witness?—Yes.

22,518. How came you to get 10*s.* more than the last man?—Robert was out of town, working at Carnforth.

22,519. So he missed it?—Yes.

22,520. And you had as much drink as you could put in for a fortnight, had you not?—No, I had no drink.

22,521. Are you a temperance man?—Yes.

22,522. You do the book department of the farm, do you?—Yes.

22,523. Did you vote for Fenwick at the last election?—No.

22,524. How did they come to give you 15*l.* for voting for Lawrence?—I cannot tell you I got 15*l.* Very likely they gave the other men the same.

22,525. I want to know why they gave the other men and you 15*l.* a-piece. You had voted Yellow the time before?—No, never.

22,526. Always Blue?—Always Blue.

THOMAS MARSHALL sworn and examined. *T. Marshall.*

22,527. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you of Leonard Gate?—Yes.

22,528. And are you a shoemaker?—Yes.

22,529. You voted for Lawrence at the last election?—Yes.

22,530. What did they give you?—12*l.*

22,531. Who gave it to you?—Harrison.

22,532. Was that all you got?—No, 1*l.* from George Danson three days before the election; 30*s.* from George Clark. That is all I got, but my son got his freedom took up.

22,533. Who took up your son's freedom?—George Clark paid him. He paid him three weeks after the election.

22,534. When did he take up his freedom?—The last time it was took up. I do not know exactly when that was.

22,535. (*Mr. Hill.*) This year?—Yes.

22,536 (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is that which you have told us of all the money you received from either side?—No; I will tell you. I was going to tell you, but you told me to stand down. About five weeks before the election I was doing nothing, so I went to Johnson—Edward Johnson—to see if he would give me a job. He says, "I can give you some circulars to deliver out," and he gave me some. I was half a day giving them out, and I was half a day finding him, and he gave me a shilling. So a little while afterwards I saw him again, and he gave me another shilling. I did not ask him for it; there was 6*d.* and two threepenny bits, and he said, "Go and treat yourself." I was three times getting that half-a-crown.

22,537. That is really all you got from the other side?—And I went to a man named Bell and made complaints. I had been delivering several circulars, and he gave me 5*s.* He gave me 10*s.*, I think, at three times, and Robert Whiteside too. That is all I received.

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T. Marshall.

20 Sept. 1866.

22,538. How much did you get altogether from the other side?—12*l.*, 1*l.* 10*s.*, and 1*l.*

22,539. I mean from the Liberals?—That is all.

22,540. How much?—10*s.*, and 2*s.* 6*d.*, and 2*s.*

22,541. 14*s.* 6*d.*?—14*s.* 6*d.*

22,542. Do you really mean to tell us that that is all you got from the other side?—Yes.

22,543. Were you not on the committee on the other side?—Not that I am aware of.

22,544. You got no money?—No, that is all I got.

22,545. How did you vote at the election before the last?—For Fenwick. I would have given him one this time, but he was rather forward.

22,546. What do you mean when you say "he was rather forward?"—He was too many; I thought I would plump for Lawrence.

R. Masheder.

ROBERT MASHEDER sworn and examined.

22,547. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A draper's assistant.

22,548. Do you live in Alfred Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

22,549. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

22,550. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes.

22,551. How much?—5*l.*

22,552. Did you get anything for your services?—No.

22,553. Did you get anything for rendering assistance?—No.

22,554. Or for any other purpose?—No.

20,555. Who paid you?—Thomas Garnett.

22,556. (*To Mr. Coupland.*) Have you got a ticket?—Yes, but it is not for that amount.

22,557. What is the amount that you have got a ticket for?—8*l.*

22,558. (*To the Witness.*) Did you go for that ticket?—Mr. Garnett gave me the money after.

22,559. What Garnett?—Of Chapel Street.

22,560. Do you know where he lives?—At Warrington, I believe.

22,561. I am afraid he has done you out of 3*l.* Was that all you got?—Yes.

22,562. Then there is 3*l.* more that you ought to have had, and if you get hold of Mr. Garnett you had better put him in the county court and get it?—Thank you.

W. Mashiter.

WILLIAM MASHITER sworn and examined.

22,563. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are of Leonard Gate, Lancaster, and are a printer?—Yes.

22,564. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Lawrence.

22,565. What did you get for your vote?—5*l.*

22,566. From whom?—From Mr. Coupland.

22,567. (*To Mr. Coupland.*) Is that right?—Yes.

22,568. How much did you give?—5*l.*

22,569. (*To the Witness.*) What else did you receive?—Nothing.

22,570. Nothing from anybody?—No.

J. Miller.

JOHN MILLER sworn and examined.

22,571. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a cabinet-maker?—Yes.

22,572. Of Moor Lane?—Moor Road.

22,573. Did you vote for Lawrence?—I did.

22,574. What did they give you?—10*l.*

22,575. Nothing more?—Yes; I received 30*s.* from George Danson, and 10*s.* from Harrison. That is what I received.

22,576. That is all?—Yes, that is all.

22,577. Did you get anything from the other side?—No, but there is a statement in Mr. Storey's evidence that he gave me 6*l.* I went to him the next morning after he had given his evidence, and told him he had made a mistake, and he said "No;" and I said "I never received such a thing from you;" and he said "Well, I was under the impression that I had given you 6*l.*;" I said "I never received it;" he said "You had better go to Mr. Stanton." I went to Mr. Stanton, and he said he had nothing down against me; he said Mr. Storey had told him that he had given me 5*l.*, but he had never given me it, and he was not in the room; and I have not the slightest recollection of ever receiving anything from him, only I met him in the street and he put his hand in his pocket and said, "John, there is half-a-crown to go and get something to drink with." I have not any idea of receiving anything else from him.

22,578. He gave you five sixpences, and says he gave you 5*l.*, is that it?—I do not recollect receiving the 5*l.* from him; I have not the least idea of it.

22,579. (*Mr Hill.*) There was a good deal of drink about at that time, was there not?—There was, but I was not that way particular.

22,580. Not more than usual?—No, I do not get so much.

22,581. (*To Mr. Coupland.*) Do you know anything about this?—On the 1st of July I gave John Miller 1*l.*

(*The Witness.*) Yes, you, Mr. Coupland, did go up to a jerry-shop with me; yes, I recollect that. That is quite correct.

22,582. (*Mr. Hill.*) And you went to the jerry-shop, and forgot all about the 5*l.*?—I had forgotten that entirely.

22,583. When you went to the jerry-shop you took so much to drink that you forgot all about the 5*l.*?—I do not know for that.

22,584. Do you know anything about this 5*l.*? Are you in Mr. Stanton's list?—No. I asked Mr. Stanton, and he said he had not got me down, and was not there, and did not see him give me anything. I have not the slightest idea of ever receiving that money.

22,585. Will you swear that you did not receive it?—I will not swear it, but I do not recollect it.

22,586. You will not swear that you did not receive it?—What I say is true, that I have not the least idea of having received it, because there was a gentleman in Mr. Stanton's shop when I went to him, and he said "Was there anything to drink?" and Mr. Stanton said "No, that I was perfectly sober." I will never acknowledge to having received it.

22,587. You will not acknowledge to receiving it, but you will not say that you did not receive it?—I do not recollect receiving it.

22,588. I daresay you recollect having it though?—No, I do not.

22,589. Do you mean that you did not put your hand into your pocket and find yourself richer than you were before?—Do you mean to tell me that I could not tell the difference between having 6*l.* in my pocket and nothing? I would not swear it for the value of 6*l.*, but I do not recollect having such a thing in my pocket.

22,590. (*Mr. Newton.*) Harrison paid you?—Paid me what; 10*l.*?

22,591. Yes?—Yes, he did; it came through Mr Coupland's hands.

WILLIAM POWELL sworn and examined.

22,593. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a cabinet-maker?—Yes.

22,594. And do you live in Edward Street?—Yes.

22,595. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence,

22,596. What did you get for doing it?—10*l.*

22,597. Who paid it to you?—James Harrison.

22,598. And what did you get for assisting on the committee?—2*l.* 5*s.*

22,599. Did you get anything more?—No.

22,600. That is all you had?—Yes, that is all.

22,601. You had no money for drink?—No.

22,602. You are a cabinet-maker?—Yes.

22,603. Are you a journeyman?—Yes.

22,604. What wages do you earn?—I work by the piece; some weeks I get more, and sometimes less; the average is about 26*s.* a week.

THOMAS RICHMOND, of Great John Street, painter, and GEORGE RICHMOND, of Great John Street, painter, are called, but do not answer.

(*Mr. Coupland.*) I have vouchers for the two Richmonds.

WILLIAM SHAW sworn and examined.

22,605. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a shoemaker?—Yes.

22,606. And do you live in Lodge Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

22,607. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Lawrence.

22,608. To begin with, what did you get for voting for Fenwick?—I got 30*s.* for running errands.

22,609. What more did you get?—Nothing else.

22,610. Nothing else from Fenwick?—No.

22,611. What did you get from Lawrence?—6*l.*

22,612. For your vote?—Yes.

22,613. And how much for committee work for them?—Nothing.

22,614–5. Was 7*l.* 10*s.* all that you got altogether?—Yes, that is all.

EDWARD SMITH sworn and examined.

22,616. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you of Lucy Street, piecer?—Yes.

22,617. Did you vote for Lawrence?—No, for Fenwick and Schneider.

22,618. (*To Mr. Coupland.*) Is this the man you paid?—Yes.

22,619. (*To the Witness.*) You voted, you say, for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

22,620. First of all, what did you get from Fenwick and Schneider's people?—8*l.*

22,621. Who paid it to you?—Thomas Bland.

22,622. Is that all you got from Fenwick and Schneider?—No.

22,623. What else did you get?—(*Hesitating*) I cannot tell rightly.

22,624. You have taken time enough to think?—Happen I might get 5*l.* or 6*l.* before the election.

22,625. Did you get the 8*l.* after the election?—After voting.

22,626. And you got 5*l.* or 6*l.*, you say, happen before the election?—Yes.

22,627. Who gave you the 6*l.*?—First one and then another.

22,628. But some one must have given it to you; tell us who?—I got three weeks, I think, in the committee room.

22,629. Who paid you the 6*l.*?—I cannot tell you.

22,630. Yes, you can?—No, I cannot.

22,631. You know that Thomas Bland paid you the 8*l.*?—Yes, because I know him so well.

22,632. And you know also who paid you the 6*l.*: come, tell us who paid you that?—I cannot tell you, not the name.

22,633. Where were you paid that?—In Sun Street.

22,634. In what house?—The "Queen's Hotel."

22,635. Was there a committee room there then?—Yes.

22,636. Did you attend there?—Yes.

22,637. How often did you attend there?—Sometimes once a day.

22,638. Was that at Jacob Stanley's the "Queen's Hotel?"—I do not know what they call him. Yes, I think it was.

22,639. Who did you see at this committee?—I saw Moser there.

22,640. How many used to be there?—There was a good deal.

22,641. About how many?—About as many as are sitting all round this table.

22,642. About 20?—I did not count them.

22,643. But you must know about how many there would be?—Happen 10 or 12.

22,644. Do you know whether they were voters?—I do not know.

22,645. Do you know the names of anyone beside Moser?—There was others, but I do not know who they were.

22,646. Tell us their names?—I never took notice of them.

22,647. Did you see nobody there but voters?—Plenty; but Moser gave us papers to take out, and I took most notice of him, because he was like cashier.

22,648. Was that all the money that you got from the Liberal party, 8*l.* and 6*l.*?—Yes.

22,649. Would it not be a little more; did you not get some to spend?—Well, I was always drinking.

22,650. But you would have a little more besides the 8*l.* and the 6*l.* from Fenwick and Schneider?—Half-crowns, and shillings, and sixpences.

22,651. When you were dry?—Yes.

22,652. How long was that going on?—About five weeks.

22,653. You got half-crowns and shillings and sixpences any day that you liked for five weeks?—No, not any day I liked.

22,654. When did they pay you for their committee work?—At the "Queen's Hotel."

22,655. But when did they pay you is my question?—Every week they paid us at the week ends.

22,656. And were you paid at the end of five weeks?—No, I was not on the committee five weeks, you know.

22,657. You told us just now that you got half-crowns, shillings, and sixpences for five weeks?—Yes, but I was not on the committee.

22,658. How long were you on the committee?—Three weeks.

22,659. And on the Saturdays you were paid?—Yes, we were paid for that week.

22,660. How much were you paid?—30*s.* a week.

22,661. Were you all paid together?—Yes, one after another.

22,662. But you were all paid the same night?—Yes.

22,663. You went to the "Queen's" and got your money?—Yes, we went out of the "Queen's Hotel" into an office there at the back of it and got the money.

22,664. There was a regular office, was there?—Yes.

22,665. And Mr. Moser was there paying you, was

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he?—No, Mr. Moser was not there paying us, but he sent us there.

22,666. He sent you there to be paid; who paid you?—I think Tilly was one.

22,667. Are you sure that Tilly was one?—I am sure that he was there.

22,668. Are you quite sure that Tilly was there?—Yes, I am sure he was there.

22,669. Did Tilly give you the money?—No.

22,670. Who did?—I did not know him.

22,671. Was Tilly there always when you were paid?—I did not take notice; I know he was there the last week.

22,672. Can you remember anybody else who was in this office?—There was two or three in, but I did not know them by name.

22,673. Had you seen them before?—I must have seen them, but not noticed them.

22,674. Have you ever seen them since?—Not that I know of.

22,675. Were they Lancaster people?—Yes, I think they was.

22,676. Why do you say you think they were Lancaster people?—I might have seen them many a time, but not so as to know their names.

22,677. What makes you think they were Lancaster people?—By their language as much as aught.

22,678. You had never seen them before, and have never seen them since, you tell us?—I might have seen them, but I never noticed them.

22,679. You never noticed them, I will say, either before or since?—No, that I know of.

22,680. Did the committee men do anything except drink?—I went twice to Carnforth.

22,681. Did you do anything else?—I went once round the town here.

22,682. You got from the Liberals 8*l.* and 6*l.*, and a few half-crowns, shillings, and sixpences?—I do not know whether it was 6*l.* or not, but altogether I should think it was 6*l.*

22,683. Now, then, who paid you for voting for Lawrence?—Mr. Coupland.

22,684. How much did he pay you?—12*l.*

22,685. Is that all you got from him?—I got once half-a-crown.

22,686. How did you come to get that?—He gave it to me.

22,687. Of course he did, but you asked for it?—Yes, I axed for it.

22,688. What did you "ax" for it for?—For my vote.

22,689. How came you to ask Mr. Coupland 12*l.* for your vote?—I meant giving Lawrence one and Fenwick one.

22,690. And you told him so?—Yes.

22,691. Where did you tell him that?—I did not tell him that there.

22,692. What was it that you did tell him then?—I told him naught except 12*l.* for my vote.

22,693. Did you tell him naught, and did he then give you 12*l.*?—For my vote.

22,694. What did you tell him?—What I have told you.

22,695. What did you tell him?—He axed me what I wanted, and I said 12*l.*

22,696. He said, "What do you want?" what for?—It would be for my vote.

22,697. Did you not promise to vote for Mr. Lawrence?—Yes.

22,698. Did you go to Mr. Coupland's?—Yes.

22,699. And then you told him that you would vote for Lawrence?—Yes.

22,700. And then he gave you 12*l.*?—Yes.

22,701. And then you went and voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

22,702. He paid you before you had voted, I suppose?—Yes.

22,703. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you, a piecer?—Yes.

22,704. What wages can you earn a week?—About 20*s.*

22,705. What sort of a house do you live in now?—A cottage house.

22,706. What rent do you pay for it?—2*s.* 7*d.*

22,707. 2*s.* 7*d.* a week?—Yes.

22,708. And you can earn 20*s.* a week as wages?—Yes.

22,709. And you are a voter?—Yes.

22,710. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which of the Lawrence committee rooms did you attend?—Well, George Danson was my master.

22,711. But which committee was it?—I think it was at the Assembly Room.

22,712. That was the general committee room, was it?—Yes.

22,713. Did you get paid regularly on Saturday night there?—No.

22,714. How many Saturday nights did you get paid there?—I think one.

22,715. How much did you get paid for that?—20*s.*

22,716. How much besides that did you get from Lawrence's people?—I cannot tell you.

22,717. How much did they give you to spend at different places?—I never took no notice.

22,718. Did they grve you 2*l.* or 3*l.* to spend?—No.

22,719. Did they give you a sovereign to spend?—Yes, they gave me a sovereign, all put together.

22,720. They gave you more than that a good deal, did they not?—No, I think not.

22,721. Did you not get altogether at least 2*l.* to spend from Mr. Lawrence's party?—No.

22,722. 30*s.*?—No, about 1*l.*

22,723. Were Lawrence's committees held on the same nights as the Liberal committees?—Yes.

22,724. Which did you attend first?—Them that was paying first.

22,725. Which committee did you attend at the earliest hour in the evening?—Fenwick's.

22,726. At what time was Fenwick's committee over?—I do not know; I did not notice.

22,727. At what time did you go to Lawrence's committee of a night?—As soon as I had done there.

22,728. What time would that be?—Abont 6 o'clock, the time of shutting up.

22,729. Would they shut up the committee as early as that?—For such as me.

22,730. What time did they pay at Fenwick's?—About 4 o'cock.

22,731. And at what time did they pay at Lawrence's?—About 6.

22,732. So you went and drew your wages at Fenwick's, and then went and drew your wages at Lawrence's?—Yes.

22,733. You say you got paid for about three weeks at Fenwick's?—Yes, I would.

22,734. And you got 2*l.* a week there?—No, 30*s.*

22,735. How much a week did you get at Lawrence's?—I cannot remember; only a sovereign.

22,736. Did they find out that you were on both sides?—No.

22,737. They never found that out?—He knew it, did George Danson.

22,738. He knew that you were on both committees?—Yes.

22,739. Do you mean to say that George Danson knew that you were on the Yellow committee too?—Yes.

22,740. Did you tell him so?—Yes.

22,741. And did he pay you your wages?—He did; he gave me a sovereign.

22,742. Did you tell him what was going on at the Yellow committee?—I told him what they were giving me.

22,743. Did you tell him how they were getting on there?—No.

22,744. Do you mean to say that Mr. Danson paid you your wages as a committee man, when he knew that you were on the other committee?—He knew it at the same time.

22,745. How many persons were in the same

position as yourself, working on both committees?—Very near all as I knew.

22,746. Just give us the names of those that were on both committees?—I could not tell without I was to see the chaps here.

22,747. You can tell me their names; you have not got such a bad memory as not to be able to tell who they were?—I could not tell you without I saw them here.

22,748. You can tell me the names of one or two who were on both committees. Come, I do not think you will see their names written above, now give me their names?—I never saw anybody but was on both; I think they were all on both.

22,749. Do you mean really to say that?—The main part of them was.

22,750. Drawing wages on both sides?—The main part of them was.

22,751. Give me the name of anyone who was on both committees. Come, you have rubbed that chin of yours long enough, give me the names of some of those that were on both committees?—(*No answer.*)

22,752. Come, you must recollect?—I think they had best give their names for themselves, the same as I have done.

22,753. Come, give me their names, tell me the name of some of your friends who were there?—There was Dick Tomlinson, and Tom Tomlinson was there.

22,754. Now, then, give me some other name?—I did not take much notice.

22,755. But the little notice that you did take will enable you to tell us, I am sure?—The notice I took was of myself.

22,756. We are all very well aware that you looked after yourself pretty well, but I want to know about your neighbours. Give us the name of anybody besides Dick and Tom Tomlinson; I do not want to quicken your memory in a patent way which we have got of quickening it?—I cannot tell you any more names.

22,757. Tell me the name of some man you talked to on those Saturday nights?—I cannot tell you.

22,758. Who got paid next to you by Moser, or whoever it was who did pay you?—Moser did not pay me.

22,759. The man who was with Tilly?—I cannot tell you.

22,760. It is not so far back as that you cannot remember it?—It is that back that I never took notice.

22,761. Come, give me some other name besides Dick and Tom Tomlinson?—I cannot.

22,762. Come, out with it, who was it?—(*No answer.*)

22,763. Come?—I cannot recollect the other names. I never took notice of them.

22,764. Who besides?—There was plenty, but I did not notice them.

22,765. Was John Gardner, the cotton spinner, one?—I daresay he would be one.

22,766. You daresay he would be on both committees?—I will uphold him to be. I should think he would be one, but I did not take notice of him.

22,767. You will back him to have been one, will you?—He generally is.

22,768. John Gardner is generally on both sides?—Yes.

22,769. John Gardner, the plasterer, is that him?—No.

22,770. Is he a cotton spinner?—Yes.

22,771. Is not the plasterer on both sides?—I did not take notice of him.

22,772. What is Gardner?—I do not know them Gardners so well.

22,773. Who else, come?—I never took notice of them.

22,774. We have been a long while getting out John Gardner?—I do not know who were there, there were plenty.

22,775. How many do you suppose there were there who were on both sides?—I think all that I saw.

22,776. How many?—Happen 50.

22,777. You think there were 50 who were being paid on both sides?—And a great deal more if I took notice of them all.

22,778. Have you not seen any of them since?—I daresay I have many a time.

22,779. And have you not talked the matter over with them as to how much you all of you got?—No.

22,780. Can you not give me the name of anybody else besides those you have mentioned who were on both sides?—I did not take notice of them.

22,781. Who was president of the committee, or chairman, or whatever you call it. I am speaking now of the committee in Sun Street at the "Queen's Hotel," who was the chairman there?—I do not know who was the chairman; we never bothered with anybody, only Mr. Moser, to tell us what to do.

22,782. Was he the only man that had any authority there?—We never used to go to nobody else.

22,783. How many men do you suppose got paid on the Saturday nights?—I could not tell you that.

22,784. How many should you think?—Happen 200 or 300.

22,785. You think there were as many as 200 or 300?—At Lawrence's committee I should think there were that or more.

22,786. Where were they paid?—At the Assembly Room.

22,787. That would be on the Saturday before the election?—Yes.

22,788. Who was doing the paying there?—George Danson.

22,789. How many do you suppose got paid at the "Queen's?"—Not as many as that there, but a good deal.

22,790. How many?—I could not tell; as soon as I got my own I went away

22,791. But you had a muster before you went into the back office; you had had your deliberations on the committee you know, what you call committee work. How many of you were present at the meeting of the committee first of all?—The street was full one Saturday night, pay night, with people waiting to go in.

22,792. How many people do you suppose were there?—There were as many as the street would hold about the door.

22,793. I do not know how many the street would hold?—Market Street.

22,794. Do you mean to say that Market Street was full?—That square was full.

22,795. Do you suppose there would be 150 there?—There would.

22,796. More than that?—There would be that.

22,797. Do you mean to say that there were 150 paid on the Fenwick and Schneider committee on that Saturday night?—If they all got paid that was there there would be that many.

22,798. Did they go in one after another?—Yes.

22,799. And did they then come out?—Yes.

22,800. They did it pretty sharp?—Yes.

22,801. How did they pay you, had they gold there; was the paymaster standing at a counter?—There was gold and silver.

22,802. Was the paymaster standing at a counter or a table?—I did not take that notice.

22,803. Did you take any ticket or anything?—No, not that I know of.

22,804. Or did you give in your name?—The name.

22,805. To whom did you give your name?—The chap that paid us.

22,806. Who was the chap that paid you?—I cannot tell you that.

22,807. Did you know him?—Him that paid me?

22,808. Yes?—I knew him by sight, but I did not know his name.

22,809. Is he a Lancashire man?—Yes, I have often seen him.

22,810. Have you seen him in this court here?—No, not that I know of.

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22,811. Was Moser present when you were paid?—No.

22,812. Did Moser give you any ticket or anything of that sort?—I forget whether they gave us tickets or not; I have clean forgotten it.

22,813. Was Mr. Tilly present when you were paid?—Yes, the last time.

22,814. The Saturday before the election?—Yes.

22,815. You are certain Tilly was there?—Yes, I am sure Tilly was there that day.

22,816. The Saturday before that was Tilly there?—No.

22,817. How many were paid on the Saturday before?—I cannot tell you.

22,818. Fifty?—I cannot say. I do not think there was 50.

22,819. Twenty?—There would be about 20 while I was there, but I do not know what there might be after.

22,820. How many were there on the Saturday before that?—I cannot tell you that.

22,821. Twenty?—I cannot say. You just went in as you could get in.

22,822. There would be at least 20 if there was any squeeze?—I daresay there was 20.

22,823. 28*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* was the biggest part of the money you got?—Yes, I should think so.

22,824. Your drink and food besides?—I eat nowt.

22,825. Did you eat nothing?—No.

22,826. Did you drink anything?—Yes.

22,827. For a fortnight or three weeks?—Yes.

22,828. Did you drink at the expense of the Blue or Yellow?—Both.

22,829. (*Mr. Newton.*) All you care about at an election is to get the money for your vote?—I do not know.

22,830. Is not that so. You do not care about having a vote except to get the money for it. Is that so or no?—Yes.

(*Mr. Newton.*) Stand down. You will not get your expenses.

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22,831. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A butcher.

22,832. What did you get for your vote?—20*l.*

22,833. How many committees were you on?—None.

22,834. None at all.—No.

22,835. On neither side?—No.

22,836. Perhaps that is the reason why you got 20*l.* Did you get any other money besides?—No.

22,837. You got no other money from the other side at all?—No.

22,838. I suppose you voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

22,839. How was it you got 20*l.*?—I do not know.

22,840. Was that so?—All I know is I got it.

22,841. You know perfectly well why you got 20*l.*, and you will tell us?—For the vote. That is all I know.

22,842. Why did you get 20*l.* for your vote; you must tell us?—(*No answer.*)

22,843. Why did you get 20*l.* for your vote; do you hear me?—Yes.

22,844. You will answer the question. Who did you arrange with for 20*l.*?—Mr. Coupland.

22,845. How came you to arrange with Mr. Coupland?—He sent Mr. Backhouse to ask what I wanted, and I told him.

22,846. You told him what?—20*l.*

22,847. Mr. Coupland sent Mr. Backhouse to know your price?—Yes.

22,848. Had you butchers all entered into an arrangement beforehand?—There was four of us together.

22,849. You four butchers had entered into an agreement?—We were all together.

22,850. Did you agree all together that you were to get 20*l.* for your vote?—Yes, 20*l.* each.

22,851. You, one and all, agreed that you were to get 20*l.* for your votes. Is that so?—Yes.

22,852. Are you a master butcher?—No.

22 853. A journeyman?—Yes.

22,854. What are your wages a week?—I am living with my step-father.

22,855. What are your wages?—I do not get any.

22,856. How do you live?—My step-father keeps me.

22,857. Does he pay you nothing a week?—No.

22,858. What is your step-father's name?—Davis.

22,859. Is he a butcher?—Yes.

22,860. He was not one of the four if he was not a voter?—No.

22,861. Who were the other three?—William Gill, Septimus Hodgson, and Henry Wilson.

22,862. What are Mr. Wilson, Hodgson, and Gill; are they apprentices like you?—No.

22,863. What are they?—Mastermen.

22,864. How long before the election was it you made this arrangement?—The night before.

22,865. Had the other side been to you before that?—Yes.

22,866. What did they offer you?—They did not say particular.

22,867. What did they say?—They said they would give what the other side would give.

22,868. Did they mention any price?—No.

22,869. Come, they did you know?—No, not particular.

22,870. They mentioned the price, and you know perfectly well they did?—Well, 10*l.* perhaps.

22,871. Was it not more than 10*l.*; was it not 15*l.*?—I do not recollect.

22,872. Was it not 12*l.*?—No.

22,873. Was 10*l.* the highest sum they mentioned?—Yes, for anything I know.

22,874. Answer the question. Was it, or was it not?—Yes, 10*l.*

22,875. What did you say, "For anything you know for?"—I never heard anyone say anything else.

22,876. Who was it offered you 10*l.*?—John Bleasdale, I believe.

22,877. He is a butcher, is he not?—Yes.

22,878. Did he offer Gill the same thing, 10*l.*?—I do not know.

22,879. You know perfectly well whether he did or not?—I was not with them. I do not know as he did to them.

22,880. Why did you four agree together to stand out for 20*l.*?—(*No answer.*)

22,881. Do you hear me. Why did you four stand out for 20*l.*?—I do not know how it was.

22,882. Why did you four make this arrangement that you were to get 20*l.* for your votes, and you got it? Who first mentioned the sum of 20*l.*?—Septimus Hodgson, I think, was the first.

22,883. Where at?—In the market.

22,884. What day?—The night before the election.

22,885. To whom?—To Mr. Backhouse.

22,886. Am I to understand that you, Gill, Hodgson, and Wilson, were all in the market on the night before the election?—Yes.

22,887. Tell the story, what happened. Backhouse came and said what?—Asked what we wanted for our votes.

22,888. And you said how much?—20*l.*

22,889. Or was it Septimus Hodgson that said 20*l.*?—Yes.

22,890. Which was it?—Septimus Hodgson.

22,891. Did Backhouse go back to Coupland?—For anything I know.

22,892. Did you hear Hodgson say this about 20*l.* to Backhouse?—Yes.

22,893. You had arranged beforehand that you would not vote unless you got 20*l.*—No, we did not say that.

22,894. What did you say?—We did not say we would not vote unless we got 20*l.*

22,895. What did you four arrange together before Backhouse came to you?—20*l.* each was what was arranged.

22,896. You arranged that you were to have 20*l.* each before Backhouse came?—Yes, or else at the time he was there.

22,897. When did you see Mr. Coupland?—The same night.

22,898. What did he say to you?—He asked the figure and we told him.

22,899. What did you say?—20*l.*

22,900. What did he say to that?—"It is a high price," or "a high figure," or something like that.

22,901. Were the other three men present?—No, they went before me. I was the last.

22,902. Where did you go to Mr. Coupland?—To the "Slip Inn."

22,903. It was then arranged that you were to get 20*l.*?—Yes.

22,904. When did he pay you; before voting or after voting?—After voting.

22,905. (*To Mr. Coupland.*) What do you say to this?—I beg to state that I had no conversation with any of these men.

22,906. Did you ever send Backhouse to these men?—No, certainly not; and as to the "Slip Inn," I was never in it to my recollection. It was quite out of my district. What he states is entirely untrue.

22,907. (*Mr. Newton to the witness.*) At what time do you say you saw Mr. Coupland at the "Slip Inn?"—It was in the evening, about half-past 7.

22,908. Take care what you say. This may be very serious for you indeed. Who was present?—There were the other butchers and me.

22,909. Tell me their names?—Septimus Hodgson, William Gill, and Henry Wilson.

22,910. They were present, were they?—Yes, we were all together, but we went in one by one out of the parlour.

22,911. What do you mean by saying they were all present?—We all went together.

22,912. Were they all present when this bargain was made with Mr. Coupland?—No; we went in one by one.

22,913. Was anybody present when the bargain was made?—No, I think not.

22,914. Was the bargain made in the kitchen?—Yes, I think so.

22,915. Was anybody present that you recollect?—Not that I recollect.

22,916. If anybody had been present should you have recollected it?—Yes, I think so.

22,917. You say that in the kitchen of the "Slip Inn" Mr. Coupland bargained with you for 20*l.* for your vote. Is that so?—Yes.

22,918. You understand the question perfectly well?—Yes.

22,919. Nobody was present?—No. That was the night before the election.

22,920. (*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Coupland.*) You have heard what this man says. Is it true or not?—To the best of my recollection I never saw these men till the morning of the election. They came into the committee room where I was sitting.

22,921. Where at?—At the "Boar's Head," and they asked, or rather demanded 20*l.* a vote, and said if I did not get it they would not vote at all.

22,922. On the morning of the election?—Yes.

22,923. Do you ever go to the "Slip Inn?"—I was never at the "Slip Inn" to my knowledge. I have not the slightest recollection of it.

22,924. (*Mr. Hill.*) What time in the morning did you pay them?—I should think it would be forenoon, about 11 or 12 o'clock.

22,925. Votes were of consequence then. I suppose these men knew that when they stood out for the money?—I suppose that was the reason. I gave them the vouchers. If there had been any bargain of that description made it would have been known about the town, and everybody would have had 20*l.*

22,926. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember whether they were paid before or after voting?—I do not know who took them up.

22,927. (*To the witness.*) Who took you up?—I do not know the man.

S. Hodgson.

Septimus Hodgson sworn and examined.

22,928. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a butcher, we hear?—I am.

22,929. And a householder?—Yes.

22,930. A master butcher?—Yes.

22,931. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

22,932. How much did you receive for your vote?—20*l.*

22,933. When was the price of 20*l.* fixed?—The night before.

22,934. By whom?—William Backhouse, and me, and Henry Wilson.

22,935. At what time?—The night before the election.

22,936. At what time?—Between 6 and 7, as near as I can tell.

22,937. You say it was arranged between you and Backhouse?—Yes; and Henry Wilson.

22,938. Where did you first see Backhouse?—Henry Wilson and me was talking in my shop.

22,939. Where?—At the bottom of the market. Backhouse came in and asked who we were going to vote for, and I told him we thought for Lawrence. He said he thought we might as well have a good thing as not, and he would put us on a good thing; he had been sent, I think he said, by George Danson, and he said there was plenty of money; and if we would name the figure, he had no doubt we should have it. There was nothing said about the price till Backhouse said, "Say a score and you will get it."

22,940. That is a butcher's phrase?—William Backhouse said, "Say a score and you will get it." Nobody but Henry Wilson and Backhouse was there at the time; that was all that was said. William Backhouse went across to the "Slip Inn," and presently came back again and moved for us to come, and we went, and there was Mr. Coupland and George Danson in the kitchen; they took our names down, and did not say anything else to us.

22,941. What time was it then?—It was all done in about 10 minutes or less.

22,942. Was that that Mr. Coupland who is sitting there (*pointing to a person in the body of the court*)?—Yes; it was he that took our names down in the kitchen. I am certain I am correct, and I will stand any consequences whatever. I am sure he took our names down in a book or on a piece of paper; it was a bit of loose paper, I think. Presently we saw Swainson; he was called in the next.

22,943. That is the last witness?—Yes. After that, going up the market, we met with William Gill and told him what had occurred, and he said, "I will be in at it as well;" that is all I know. I went away directly afterwards.

22,944. You told Gill the price?—Yes; and he said he would be in at it as well.

22,945. You received 20*l.*?—Yes.

22,946. What other sums of money did you receive during the election?—None whatever, or drink either.

22,947. Were you on no committee?—No.

22,948. How had you voted at the last election before that?—For Fenwick.

22,949. What did you get for voting for Fenwick?—5*l.*

22,950. Did the other butchers get 5*l.* at that election?—I do not know.

22,951. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When were you first asked for your vote?—I do not know I am sure.

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S. Hodgson.

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22,952. Yes, you know that?—That was the first commencement when I had anything to do with the election, the night before.

22,953. Do you mean to say that you were not canvassed before that?—Yes, I had been canvassed, but I cannot say when exactly; it was some time previous to the election.

22,954. When?—I should think it would be 10 days or a week.

22,955. Who canvassed you?—All parties canvassed me; all the three parties.

22,956. Give me the names of them?—Mr. Schneider's party and Mr. Fenwick's; they were together.

22,957. I do not ask you for the parties, I mean the names of the persons who canvassed you?—There was no single individual, I believe; not that I am aware.

22,958. What do you mean?—There was no single individual; a quantity of them came round canvassing together; some of the party would ask me certainly, but I really cannot call to mind who it was.

22,959. Who canvassed you on the part of Mr. Lawrence?—There was Mr. Lawrence and his party came, but I really cannot tell you who it was that asked me.

22,960. Had you any offer from Mr. Fenwick and Schneider's people of money?—No, not that I am aware of; I do not remember that I had.

22,961. Did Bleasdale offer you any money?—No, I do not remember it; he once said that I had a man working for me who was a voter, and that if I could get him, their party would give me as much as anyone else.

12,962. He did not offer that to you yourself?—I do not think he did; I cannot remember that he did.

22,963. How did that come about?—I cannot say.

22,964. He knew that you had taken 5*l.* on the previous election?—I do not know.

22,965. What was the name of the man who was working for you?—John Swainson Harrison.

22,966. Do you say that Bleasdale never offered you money?—I am not aware of it.

22,967. If he did you must be aware of it?—I am not aware of it; I have no recollection of it if he did; I am positive I have not.

22,968. Do you swear that he did not?—I will swear that I have no recollection whatever of it, and do not think he did, to the best of my knowledge.

22,969. You must know if you had been offered money?—Well, I do not think I was then.

22,970. When had you had any talk with Wilson?—Never before that night; we chanced to be talking together at the time when Backhouse came, but never before and never since.

22,971. Do you mean that you never mentioned the subject of money to Wilson at that time?—Yes, I will swear it distinctly.

H. Wilson.

HENRY WILSON sworn and examined.

22,972. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A butcher.

22,973. Where do you live?—I live in Marton Street at the present time.

22,974. Where did you live at the time of the election?—In Penny Street.

22,975. You are a householder?—Yes.

22,976. What rent do you pay?—At that time I was paying 21*l.* a year.

22,977. You voted for Lawrence at the last election?—Yes.

22,978. What monies did you get for your vote?—20*l.*

22,979. Who gave it to you?—I do not know the party's name that gave it to me. It would come through Mr. Coupland's hands, I think.

22,980. Is that all the money you received?—Yes, for that election it was.

22,981. Where did you get this money?—At Mr. Hodgson's house.

22,982. Who gave it to you?—I do not know the person's name; I think it was Sharples. He was examined this week sometime.

22,983. Sharples is a Lancaster man?—For anything I know. I have not seen him but once since the election.

22,984. Did you know him before the election?—I had seen him before, but never knew where he lived.

22,985. Was 20*l.* all you received?—Yes.

22,986. Is it all you received from either side?—Well, I received 3*l.* from Mr. Moore for the election before, but it was for drink I had let them have.

22,987. You voted for Fenwick in the election before?—I had not a vote at that election.

22,988. How came Mr. Fenwick's people to owe you the 3*l.*?—I was keeping a beerhouse at that time, and a good many voters attended it, and I let them have some drink.

22,989. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is that Peter Moore?—Yes.

22,990. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Why did Peter Moore pay you that bill?—I had applied for it several times and they never would pay me, but when another election was coming on they sent to me and paid me the money.

22,990*a*. You said you would not vote unless they paid you that bill?—I did not say I would not vote. They sent for me to pay the bill, and they said, "I suppose this time you will give us a vote," and I said, "I think I shall vote for Mr. Fenwick, but I will not promise the other."

22,991. You received altogether 23*l.*?—Yes.

22,992. Did you receive anything else from the other side besides that 3*l.*?—No.

22,993. Did you see Bleasdale?—He never came to me. I have seen him in the market, but he never asked me for a vote.

22,994. Did anybody on the other side offer you money for your vote?—No one that I can remember.

22,995. Are you quite sure that no one on the other side offered you money?—Yes, I am quite certain.

22,996. Did you ever make any bargain for your vote with anyone?—The night before the election Mr. Backhouse came up to me and Hodgson.

22,997. Where did he come to you?—In the Shambles.

22,998. Did you make any bargain with Backhouse?—He said, "You might as well have something for your vote."

22,999. You intended before that to vote without money?—Yes, I intended to vote for Lawrence and Fenwick.

23,000. Without money at all?—Yes.

23,001. Did Backhouse make you an offer?—He said, "Ask enough," and I said, "Well, what would you call enough?" He said, "Say 20*l.*"

23,002. You made up your mind to ask for 20*l.*?—I said, "If they are willing to give it, it is all right."

23,003. Of whom did you ask 20*l.*?—Mr. Backhouse made that proposition.

23,004. Mr. Backhouse did not give you the money?—No. I had no more words with anyone, but in a few minutes afterwards I was called into Mr. Lamb's public-house.

23,005. What public-house is that?—The "Slip Inn," I think it is.

23,006. Whom did you see there?—Mr. Coupland.

23,007. Which Mr. Coupland?—This gentleman here (*pointing*).

23,008. Where did you see him?—In one of the rooms downstairs.

23,009. In what room?—I think they call it the kitchen.

23,010. You know a kitchen when you see it?—I do not know any name to it except that.

23,011. Was it a kitchen?—Yes; it was a small room that was used for the kitchen.

23,012. Why did you not say it was a kitchen at

once if it was a kitchen?—I do not know any particular name they give it.

23,013. What passed between you and Mr. Coupland?—He asked us our names, Mr. Hodgson and me, and took them down, and no more passed, only that he wished us to vote the first thing in the morning.

23,014. Did you vote the first thing in the morning?—Yes.

23,015. At what time did you poll?—In the first hour.

23,016. Did Mr. Coupland, if it was Mr. Coupland, make any difficulty about giving you so much money?—No, not at all. He did not say a word.

23,017. (*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Coupland.*) Having heard this evidence, what do you say?—It is quite true that I may have made a mistake in saying that I was not at this place at the time. I do not certainly recollect anything about it, but I may have made a mistake; but as for making any bargain I say still that I never did any such thing. I never made any bargain for any sum, though I might have asked them for their votes, but no sum was named.

23,018. How came they to get 20*l.*?—They did get 20*l.* I gave them vouchers for it. They came into my committee room and they said they would not vote unless they had 20*l.* a-piece.

23,019. (*Mr. Newton.*) You say it would be at 12 o'clock on the morning of the election?—Yes, about that.

Adjourned for a short time.

(*Mr. Coupland.*) Will the Commissioners be kind enough before they proceed further to allow me to correct a statement that I made. I said that I had never been to the "Slip Inn," but circumstances have since come to my knowledge which lead me to know that as a matter of fact I was at the "Slip Inn."

23,020. (*Mr. Barstow.*) But the rest of your statement as to paying the men and seeing them on the election morning, and not in the evening preceding the election, remains the same as before?—Yes; but I made no bargain with them, and I should like Hodgson, who is here, to be called. I made no bargain with Septimus Hodgson.

23,021. (*To Septimus Hodgson.*) When did you make your bargain with Mr. Coupland?—Never; not with Mr. Coupland. Mr. Coupland took our names down afterwards.

John Starnforth sworn and examined. *J. Starnforth.*

23,022. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a plasterer?—Yes.

23,023. And you live at Mary Street?—Yes.

23,024. Are you a Conservative in politics?—Yes. I have always voted that way, ever since I could vote.

23,025. And that was the reason why you voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

23,026. What did you get for doing it?—I got 7*l.*, but I had my expenses to pay from Chester out of the 7*l.*

23,027. You voted for Lawrence on account of your politics?—Yes.

23,028. And you got 7*l.* for doing it?—I had my expenses to pay.

23,029. Where did you come from?—From a place five miles the other side of Chester. I got 6*l.* and my expenses.

23,030. You got 6*l.* for your vote and 1*l.* for your expenses?—Yes.

David Sykes sworn and examined. *D. Sykes.*

23,031-2. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a cooper, and you live in Great John Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

23,033. You voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

23,034. What did they give you for your vote?—9*l.*

23,035. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Coupland.

23,036. How came it to be 9*l.*?—I cannot say.

23,037. Did you not get anything besides?—No.

23,038. You were not a committee-man?—No.

Henry Thomas Waterhouse, of Moor Lane, Lancaster, cabinet-maker, is called. *H. T. Waterhouse.*

(*Mr. Coupland.*) He is dead.

23,039. (*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Coupland.*) Did you pay him?—No, he was paid through the committee.

23,040. Do you know who paid him?—I do not know who paid him; he was paid.

23,041. What was the amount?—10*l.*

James Whittaker, of Lodge Street, Lancaster, tailor, is called, but does not answer. *J. Whittaker.*

(*Mr. Coupland.*) He was paid in the same way.

John Whittaker, of Lodge Street, Lancaster, cabinet-maker, is called, but does not answer. *J. Whittaker.*

23,042. (*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Coupland.*) Is John Whittaker an old man?—I do not know him at all. He got 6*l.* for his vote.

Thomas Willock sworn and examined. *T. Willock.*

23,043. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In George Street, Lancaster.

23,044. What are you?—A carver.

23,045. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,046. What did they give you?—I got 10*l.*

23,047. Anything else?—I got 1*l.* 10*s.* on the nomination day.

23,048. What was that for?—Danson gave it to me for being on the committee, I suppose.

23,049. Anything else?—I received 1*l.* from Mr. Coupland about eight days before the election.

23,050. Anything else?—No, nothing else.

23,051. No half crowns or shillings when you were thirsty?—No.

23,052. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

John Winder sworn and examined. *J. Winder.*

23,053. (*Mr. Newton.*) You come from Golgotha?—Yes.

23,054. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,055. What did you get for doing it?—10*l.*

23,056. What did you get for being on the committee?—I never was on any committee.

23,057. You got more than the 10*l.*, did you not?—No.

23,058. Have you got any brothers who are voters?—No, I have not any brothers.

23,059. Have you any sons who are voters?—I have got one.

23,060. What is his name?—Richard Winder.

23,061. Of Overton?—Yes.

23,062. A husbandman?—That is him.

23,063. What did he get for his vote?—I do not know as he got anything.

23,064. If the father votes one way and the son the other, there must be some good reason for it?—I do not know; he does not live at home; I do not know anything about it.

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JOHN WILCOCK sworn and examined.

J. Wilcock.

23,065. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A brewer at present.

23,066. Of Penny Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

23,067. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,068. What did you receive for your vote?—12*l.*

23,069. From whom did you receive it?—I do not know the gentleman's name.

23,070. Where did you receive it?—In Septimus Hodgson's back kitchen.

23,071. Who took you there?—The gentleman who paid the money. Mr. Coupland will be able to tell you the man's name.

23,072. What did you receive besides the 12*l.*?—Nothing.

23,073. Were you not on any committee?—No.

23,074. You are a householder?—I was then, but I am not now.

23,075. What house did you live in?—The "Malt Shovel," in Penny Street.

23,176. You kept that house?—Yes.

23,077. What are you?—I am a brewer at present.

23,078. What rent do you pay for your house?—I do not keep a house now.

23,079. Where do you live?—I live in lodgings.

W. Singleton.

WILLIAM SINGLETON sworn and examined.

23,080. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Edward Street.

23,081. Are you a joiner?—Yes.

23,082. For whom did you vote at the last election? For Mr. Lawrence.

23,083. How much did you get?—10*l.*

23,084. Anything else?—Yes.

23,085. What did you get besides?—I got 10*s.* and 30*s.*

23,086. Did you get anything more?—No.

23,087. Nothing to drink. Did you get no half-crowns or shillings or sixpences to get drink with?—No.

23,088. Do you know what John Singleton got paid for his vote?—He got the same as I did.

23,089. Did you see him paid?—Yes, I did.

23,090. Then there is W. H. Singleton?—He is gone out of the town.

23,091. Who paid him?—Well, he was paid 10*l.*

23,092. By Mr. Cross?—No, Mr. Coupland; it came from Mr. Coupland.

23,093. What did Benjamin Singleton get?—Just the same as me; we were all together.

23,094. How many of you were there together?—There were four of us.

23,095. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are these men all day labourers?—One is a joiner and another is a plumber.

23,096. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did he take 12*l.* altogether?—Yes.

23,097. Then there is another Singleton, William Henry; did you see him paid?—Yes.

23,098. He got 12*l.* too?—Yes.

T. Richmond.

THOMAS RICHMOND sworn and examined.

23,099. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you of Great John Street, Lancaster, painter?—Yes.

23,100. What are your politics?—A painter.

23,101. Of what colour? Are they painted Blue or Yellow?—Blue.

23,102. And you voted Blue?—Yes.

23,103. What did you get for voting Blue?—9*l.*

23,104. What did you get besides that?—Nothing.

23,105. Were you on any committee?—No.

23,106. Did you not get something for drink?—No, I never tasted it.

23,107. Did you not get something to spend?—No.

23,108. You only got 9*l.*?—That is all.

G. Richmond.

GEORGE RICHMOND sworn and examined.

23,109. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a painter, and do you live in Great John Street?—Yes.

23,110. How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

23,111. What did they give you for voting?—10*l.*

23,112. Who gave it to you?—Thomas Garnett gave it to me.

23,113. And what did you get besides the 10*l.*?—Nothing.

23,114. Were you not on any committee?—No.

23,115. How came you to get 1*l.* more than the other painters?—I do not know; I cannot say.

23,116. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you related to William Richmond, of Great John Street, painter?—Yes.

23,117. And Benjamin Richmond, of Great John Street, painter?—Yes.

23,118. Who would pay them?—I do not know.

23,119. Have you never heard anything about it?—No.

23,120. Have you never had any talk about it?—No.

23,121. Have you never told them you got 10*l.*?—Yes, I believe I told them.

23,122. And what did they tell you?—They told me nothing. I know my brother Thomas received 9*l.*

23,123. So he has told us. You cannot tell us about any other Richmond?—No.

J. Shrigley.

JAMES SHRIGLEY sworn and examined.

23,124. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A cabinet-maker.

23,125. Where do you live?—In Plumb Court.

23,126. You voted for Lawrence at the last election?—Yes.

23,127. What did they give you?—10*l.*

23,128. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

23,129. What did you get?—I got 30*s.*

23,130. Nothing more?—Yes.

23,131. What more?—I got 2*s.* of Mr. Coupland.

23,132. But you got something more than that, did you not?—No.

23,133. We have been informed that you got a good deal more than that?—It is not truth.

23,134. How much do you say you got altogether?—I got 10*l.*, and 30*s.*, and a two-shilling piece; and from George Danson about a shilling, as near as I can tell.

23,135. More than that, did you not?—Well, I did not get it, because my wife got it. My wife got the 10*l.*

23,136. No doubt she gave it to you?—No, I always leaves it all to her.

23,137. After your wife got the 10*l.*, what did you get?—Nothing.

23,138. You got more than that, did you not?—No, I did not.

23,139. You told us just now that you did—that you got 33*s.*?—Them was the oddments, I suppose.

23,140. You consider 33*s.* nothing?—I got that when I was doing nought, you know.

23,141. I wish you would teach me that trade.—George Danson engaged me for that week at 5*s.* a day.

23,142. Your wife got 10*l.*, and you got 33*s.*?—Yes.

23,143. And you really mean to say that that is all you got?—Yes.

23,144. Is it, on your oath, all you got?—Yes, most distinctly it is.

23,145. Did any other relation of yours get any money?—No, not that I am aware of.

23,146. (*To Mr. Coupland.*) Is that correct?—I have him down here for 14*l.*

23,147. Have you any voucher for that?—I have not. This is Mr. Taylor's list.

23,148. (*To the Witness.*) Who paid it?—Henry Waterhouse paid me.

J. Shrigley.

RICHARD SMITH sworn and examined. *R. Smith.*

23,149. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you come from?—Cleveley.

23,150. What are you?—A labouring man.

23,151. You were a voter here at the election in 1865?—Yes.

23,152. And you voted for Mr. Lawrence?—Yes.

23,153. What did you get for voting for Mr. Lawrence?—10*l.*

23,154. And what did you get for being on the committee?—Nothing at all.

23,155. You got nothing besides the 10*l.*?—10*l.* is the money I received.

23,156. Are you an agricultural labourer?—A what?

23,157. Do you work in the fields?—I work in the fields, and shift dirt, and do other things.

23,158. You do all you can to get a livelihood?—Yes.

THOMAS DOBSON sworn and examined. *T. Dobson.*

23,159. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A joiner.

23,160. Where do you live?—In Damside Street.

23,161. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

23,162. What did they pay for it?—10*l.* and 1*l.*

23,163. Who gave it to you?—Stanton.

23,164. What was the 1*l.* for?—For coming from Manchester, for expenses.

23,165. Did you get anything else?—No.

REUBEN PIMM, jun., sworn and examined. *R. Pimm, jun.*

23,166. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A mason.

23,167. Where do you live?—In Damside Street.

23,168. You voted for Lawrence at the last election?—Yes.

23,169. What did they pay you?—12*l.*, and 3*l.* 5*s.* for the committee.

23,170. Nothing more?—No.

23,171. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a mason?—Yes.

23,172. A journeyman?—Yes.

23,173. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you serve on both committees?—No.

23,174. Only on one?—That is all.

23,175. You only served on the Conservative committee?—That is all.

23,176. And you received no money from the other side?—No, not a farthing.

JONATHAN WOLFENDALE sworn and examined. *J. Wolfendale.*

23,177. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a Conservative in politics?—No, I am nothing.

23,178. How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

23,179. Why did you vote for Lawrence at the last election?—Because I had the vote, and I did not know who to give it to then.

23,180. Somebody came to you?—Yes.

23,181. And offered you 10*l.*, was not that it?—I suppose so.

23,182. And you voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

23,183. Did you get anything else?—No.

23,184. What are you?—A butcher.

23,185. Then you did not stand out with Hodgson and the other butchers?—No.

23,186. Were you on a committee?—No, I was not on any committee.

23,187. You only got this money for your vote?—That is all.

JAMES GREGSON sworn and examined. *J. Gregson.*

23,188. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A painter.

23,189. Where do you live?—At the Pothouses.

23,190. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,191. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

23,192. Were you on either committee?—No.

23,193. Did you get anything besides the 12*l.*?—No.

23,194. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you the brother of the other Gregson, who has just been called?—Yes.

23,195. Do you know what he got?—No, I do not.

ROBERT NORMAN sworn and examined. *R. Norman.*

23,196. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Preston now.

23,197. Where did you live at the time of the last election?—I was boating on the canal.

23,198. You voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

23,199. What did you get?—10*l.*

23,200. Nothing else?—Yes.

23,201. What besides?—I got 30*s.* from George Danson the Saturday night before the election.

23,202. For being on the committee, perhaps?—Yes.

23,203. Anything else?—Christopher Pimm and me got a pound as the expenses for fetching my brother from Preston.

JOSEPH SOWERBY sworn and examined. *J. Sowerby.*

23,204. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a butcher?—Yes.

23,205. Do you live in Union Square?—Yes.

23,206. What are your politics? Did you vote Blue or Yellow?—Blue.

23,207. What did you get for voting Blue?—10*l.*

23,208. Who paid you?—Well, I was booked by Mr. Stanton, but I do not know who paid me; he was a gentleman I did not know.

23,209. What did you get for being on the committee?—I got 1*l.* from George Danson. That was all I got.

23,210. Are you a master butcher?—No.

23,211. Only a journeyman?—A journeyman.

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E. Townson.

EDWARD TOWNSON sworn and examined.

23,212. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A whitesmith.

23,213. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,214. What did you get for so doing?—10*l.*

23,215. What did you receive as a committee man?—30*s.*

23,216. What other monies did you get?—I got 10*s.* of Mr. Stanton.

23,217. Then you got 12*l.* altogether?—Yes.

23,218. Were you on both committees?—Yes.

23,219. How much did you get from Mr. Fenwick's committee?—30*s.*

23,220. For how many weeks were you on Fenwick's committee?—Only one.

23,221. You were paid there at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, were you?—Yes.

23,222. And then you walked off and got your 30*s.* at Lawrence's?—Yes.

23,223. Did all of you do that?—Well, I do not know; I did.

23,224. And a good many others?—I daresay they did.

23,225. Who paid you the money at Fenwick's?—A young man in Mr. Tilly's office.

23,226. Do you know that young man's name?—No, I do not know his name.

23,227. Did he pay the others, too, while you were there?—Yes; there was only me and two more.

23,228. He paid you and two more while you were there?—Yes.

23,229. Who were the two others?—Two brothers; they call them Ralph.

23,230. What are their christian names?—Robert is one of them, and I do not know the other's christian name.

23,231. You got nothing besides 13*l.* 10*s.*?—No.

23,232. Did you ever intend to vote for Fenwick?—Yes, at the beginning.

23,233. How much were you offered to vote for them?—I was never offered nothing.

23,234. And that was the reason why you voted "Blue?"—Yes.

23,235. They came in first with an offer?—Yes.

21,236. Do you mean that you never had any bid from the other side?—I went to the "Sun Inn."

23,237. Was that Mr. Fenwick's committee room?—No; Lawrence's committee room.

23,238. What changed you from Fenwick to Lawrence?—I do not know.

23,239. I am sure if you do not know I do not?—I went there, and they asked me to vote for him, and I did.

23,240. When they asked you to vote for him did they give you a reason for voting for him?—No. I went there to see what was going on.

23,241. And you made the best bargain you could for your vote?—Yes.

23,242. Who did you bargain with?—Well, he was a stranger in the room.

23,243. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you by trade?—A whitesmith.

23,244. What wages do you receive?—22*s.* a week.

23,245. Have you a house of your own?—No.

23,246. You are merely a lodger?—Yes.

23,247. You do not care anything about politics, do you?—No, not much.

R. Parker.

ROBERT PARKER sworn and examined.

23,248. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a horse breaker?—Yes.

23,249. Where do you live?—In Brewery Yard.

23,250. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,251. What did you get?—10*l.*

23,252. Anything else?—Yes, 24*s.*

23,253. You got nothing more?—No.

23,254. 11*l.* 4*s.*, then, was all you got?—Yes.

23,255. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you on the committee on the opposite side?—No.

W. Rennison.

WILLIAM RENNISON sworn and examined.

23,256. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A painter.

23,257. What are your politics?—Conservative.

23,258. Did you vote for Lawrence the last time?—Yes.

23,259. What did you get for doing so?—10*l.*

23,260. How many committees were you upon?—Only one.

23,261. How much money did you get for that?—24*s.*

23,262. Then you got 11*l.* 4*s.*?—Yes.

23,263. Is Thomas Rennison here?—No.

23,264. Do you know anything about what your brother got?—Yes, he got the same as I did.

23,265. Did you see him get it?—Yes.

G. Croskell.

GEORGE CROSKELL sworn and examined.

23,266. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a yeoman living in Damside Street?—I am living there. They call me a yeoman, but I cannot be a yeoman. They call me in the papers a yeoman.

23,267. And you answer to the name?—I live on charity.

23,268. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Schneider and Lawrence.

23,269. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

23,270. What did you get afterwards?—I never got nought but a sovereign from George Danson. One Sunday morning he followed me down, and said, "Who will you vote for? You have a vote. I have something for you." He was not above two minutes. He said, "Here is something for you."

23,271. How long was that after the election?—It was the Sunday before the election.

23,272. Then you made up your mind how you should vote?—Yes, I had made up my mind a fortnight before to go and vote with my old neighbour.

23,273. Mr. Schneider?—Aye, for them; but with William Nicholson; he went with me.

23,274. You got 1*l.* for it?—He gave me 1*l.* I said, "I do not take bribes," and he said, "But get yourself something to drink." I do not take bribes, but George betrayed me this time.

23,275. How had you always voted before?—I generally split between Whig and Tory if there was two.

23,276. All your life?—For many years I always split if there was a Whig and Tory. I did not look at politics. I thought it would seem more peaceable. I know very little about politics. I do not go to London.

23,277. You thought it looked more peaceable?—I always thought it was more peaceful for the town.

23,278. You think that they are all about the same when they get up to the Parliament house?—Their business is not ours; they should do the best they can, I think.

23,279. That sovereign was all you got?—Yes, it was all that I ever got.

23,280. Did you not get anything from anybody else?—Never from nobody else, and I never was asked, and never was molested the whole election neither by man nor woman nor anybody else.

23,281. Mr. Stanton says that you got 10*l.*?—I let him hear of it as soon as ever I saw it in the papers. I have been at him several times since to speak to him about it.

23,282. And have you spoken to him about it?—Two or three times, and I said I would bring him before the justice. I never made a bargain for money with him nor anybody else. The old gentleman and me went together. There was a cab fetched us. William Nicholson and me got in; he helped me in and out did Nicholson. I was very poorly at that time, and he helped me in and helped me out, and I polled for them two.

23,283. What are you?—I am an old man that has done naught for the last seven years. Since my wife died for two or three years, I have been creeping about when I could get out, doing naught, but being kept by charity.

23,284. How old are you?—I was born in 1804.

23,285. Then you are only 62 now?—82; I miscounted.

23,286. You were born in 1784?—Yes, I miscounted; 82 will be it.

THOMAS VARLEY sworn and examined. *T. Varley.*

23,287. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Lime Street, St. George's Quay.

23,288. And you are a painter?—Yes.

23,289. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

23,290. What did they give you?—10*l.*

23,291. Anything more?—No. Mr. Isaac Jackson said that he gave George Storey 5*l.* for me, but I never got it.

23,292. You have only received 10*l.*?—10*l.*; that is all.

23,293. From whom did you receive it?—I suppose through Mr. Stanton.

23,294. (*Mr. Hill.*) Then you deny the statement as to the 5*l.*?—Yes.

23,295. At least you say you did not receive it?—Yes.

23,296. Did you not get anything on the committee?—No, I had nothing to do with the election except voting and getting the money; that was all.

JOHN WILLOCK sworn and examined. *J. Willock.*

23,297. You are a joiner?—Yes.

23,298. And you live in Lodge Street?—Yes.

23,299. What did you get for your vote?—13*l.*

23,300. Was that 10*l.* for your vote, and 3*l.* for the committee?—No; 13*l.* for my vote.

23,301. Anything besides?—30*s.* for being on the committee.

23,302. Which committee?—Lawrence's.

23,303. Did you get anything for being on the other committee?—No.

23,304. What are you?—A joiner.

23,305. A journeyman or a master?—A journeyman.

23,306. Capstick paid you, did he not?—Yes.

HENRY HARTLEY sworn and examined. *H. Hartley.*

23,307. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live on Castle Hill?—Yes.

23,308. What are you?—A plasterer.

23,309. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,310. What did you get?—12*l.*

23,311. That was for your vote?—Yes.

23,312. How much did you get for being on the committee?—I was not on the committee at all.

23,313. Did you not get anything besides the 12*l.*?—No.

EDWARD COLEMAN sworn and examined. *E. Coleman.*

23,314. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I keep a shop.

23,315. What sort of a shop?—A confectioner's shop.

23,316. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,317. What did they give you?—10*l.*

23,318. Nothing more?—No.

23,319. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is your rent?—13*l.*

23,320. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were not on any committee?—No.

WILLIAM MECOID is called, but does not answer.

GEORGE MECOID sworn and examined. *G. Mecoid.*

23,321. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you tell us anything about the money that William Mecoid received?—Yes, I got it for him.

23,322. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you the son of William Mecoid?—Yes.

23,323. Is your father ill?—Yes.

23,324. He cannot attend?—No.

23,325. What did he get at the election of 1865?—3*l.*

23,326. How do you know?—I got it for him.

23,327. From whom?—Mr. George Storey.

23,328. How did he vote?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,329. Is that all he got?—Yes.

JAMES BARBER is called, but does not answer.

DANIEL HARDY is called, but does not answer.

JOHN BARBER sworn and examined. *J. Barber.*

23,330. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,331. What did you get for so doing?—8*l.*

23,332. That was for your vote. Did you get anything for attending on the committee?—No, I was not on the committee.

23,333. Did you get any other money at all?—No.

23,334. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There is another Barber. James is his name, I think; did he get anything?—Yes, he is my father. He got the same.

23,335. Did you see him paid?—Yes.

23,336. He was paid by Procter?—Yes.

23,337. Then he need not attend. Did you see Daniel Hardy paid?—Yes.

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23,338. Was he paid, 8*l.* ?—Yes.

23,339. By Procter ?—Yes.

23,340. Then Richard Barber, shoemaker; do you know him ?—Yes; he is my brother.

23,341. What did he get; did you see him paid at the same time ?—Yes, 8*l.*

23,342. By Procter ?—Yes.

23,343. Then there is another man named Robert Wilson; was he by at the time ?—Yes.

23,344. Did you see him paid too ?—Yes.

23,345. Each got 8*l.* ?—Yes.

23,346. Did any of them get more than that ?—I did not, but I cannot say for the others.

23,347. Did you get any more ?—No. Richard Barber is in Preston.

23,348. Do you know what Robert Wilson got ?—He got 8*l.* when we got ours, but I cannot say whether he got anything else.

23,349. You do not know whether he did or not ?—No.

23,350. Has he ever told you ?—No, he has not.

23,351. Do you know whether he was on any committee ?—Yes, I believe he was on Mr. Lawrence's committee.

23,352. Was he on the other committee too ?—Not that I am aware of.

23,353. Is Robert Wilson here ?—No, I have not seen him.

23,354. Have you seen him to-day ?—No.

W. Standen.

WILLIAM STANDEN sworn and examined.

23,355. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A currier.

23,356. Where do you live ?—In Lodge Street.

23,357. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,358. What did they give you ?—7*l.*

23,359. Who gave it to you ?—I do not know the man who gave it to me. I was on Stanton's list.

23,360. You got your ticket from Stanton ?—No, I did not receive any ticket.

23,361. Was that all you got ?—I got 1*l.* more from George Danson the night before the election.

23,362. Did you get anything more than 1*l.* ?—No

23,363. 8*l.* altogether ?—Yes.

23,364. You received nothing else ?—No.

23,365. You were not on any committee ?—No.

23,366. For what did you get the 1*l.* ?—I suppose on account of taking up my freedom.

23,367. You had taken up your freedom before, of course ?—Yes.

R. Beeley.

ROBERT BEELEY sworn and examined.

23,368. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A brushmaker.

23,369. Where do you live ?—In Cheapside.

23,370. What are your politics ?—Conservative.

23,371. What did you get for voting Conservative ?—I got 6*l.* for my vote and services. I was on Mr. Storey's committee.

23,372. Was that all ?—No.

23,373. Were you on the committee on the other side ?—No. I got 10*s.* from Mr. Storey a few days before the election to treat the voters with.

23,374. Is that included in the 6*l.* ?—No.

23,375. You got 6*l.* 10*s.* ?—Yes. At the nomination I was down at the "White Horse." I was looking after a man of the name of William Woodburn the greater part of the day.

23,376. What about William Woodburn ?—I had very great difficulty in keeping him all right. At that time he was in a very weak condition.

23,377. How do you mean "keeping him all right ?"—Keeping him in our hands. I was afraid of him going over to the other side.

23,378. Was he all wrong with drink ?—He would not have common stuff then. He got nothing but port wine all day.

23,379. That is the way you spent the 10*s.*, is it ?—I treated a lot of freemen's wives.

23,380. You went to the freemen's wives, did you; with what did you treat them ?—A gallon of ale.

23,381. They like that, do they ?—Yes, they appeared to appreciate it very much.

23,382. Did they ask for a cap, or a gown, or a shawl ?—They were not very particular.

23,383. What did you get besides the 6*l.* 10*s.* ?—Nothing.

23,384. (*Mr. Hill.*) You got something for keeping Woodburn straight all day ?—No, I was very glad to get away from him.

23,385. Did you not get something to keep him straight with, to pay for the port wine ?—It was paid for afterwards, I suppose.

23,386. (*Mr. Newton.*) You got 6*l.* 10*s.* altogether ?—Yes.

W. Cubin.

WILLIAM CUBIN sworn and examined.

23,387. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A whitesmith.

23,388. Living in Bridge Lane ?—Yes.

23,389. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,390. What did you get ?—5*l.*

23,391. Is that all ?—Yes.

23,392. Did you get nothing more than 5*l.* ?—No.

23,393. What was that for ?—For voting, I suppose.

23,394. That was not the price of a split vote, you know ?—No, it was not half enough.

23,395. However, was that all you got ?—Yes.

23,396. Did you not manage to get on to one of the committees ?—No, I was carrying bills out.

23,397. What did you get for carrying the bills out ?—5*s.* a day.

23,398. How much did that come to ?—I got 15*s.* for three days.

23,399. You got 5*l.* 15*s.* altogether ?—Yes.

23,400.—What did you get for work on the committee ?—I got nothing but that.

23,401. You got something beyond the 5*l.* 15*s.* ?—Not that I know of.

23,402. You are more likely to know than I am. Did you not get something else besides the 5*l.* 15*s.* ?—No, not any that I know of.

23,403. Nothing at all ?—No, I think not.

23,404. Nothing but your drink ?—I got part for drink when I was out in the country delivering bills.

23,405. 5*l.* was all you got for voting ?—Yes.

C. Row.

CHARLES ROW sworn and examined.

23,406. (*Mr Barstow.*) What are you ?—A farmer.

23,407. Where do you live ?—Highfield, Lancaster.

23,408. You voted for Lawrence at the last election ?—Yes.

23,409. What did you get ?—5*l.*

23,410. Nothing more ?—No.

23,411. You call yourself a farmer; what do you farm ?—It is 120*l.* a year that I live on, and I have other land besides.

23,412. Of your own, perhaps ?—No.

23,413. What rent do you pay altogether ?—I can hardly tell.

23,414. Cannot you tell me the whole amount that you pay; I should have thought you might do

that sum in your head—250*l.*? it has happened rather more. I can tell you all the land I farm.

23,415. We do not want that; we want to know what your rent is. Are you sure it is not 300*l.*?—Yes, I am sure it is not 300*l.*

23,416. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is it 275*l.*?—No, it is not that.

23,417. 250*l.*?—I have never reckoned it up.

23,418. Were you on any committee?—No.

23,419. Was 5*l.* all you got?—Yes, every shilling.

23,420. And little enough too?—I got that.

BENJAMIN SANDHAM sworn and examined. *B. Sandham.*

23,421. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A painter.

23,422. A journeyman?—Yes.

23,423. Where do you live?—Anchor Lane.

23,424. Are you a Conservative in politics?—Yes.

23,425. You voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

23,426. What did you get for doing it?—10*l.*

23,427. What did you get for being on the committee?—30*s.*, from George Danson.

23,428. What did you get from the other side?—Nothing.

23,429. 11*l.* 10*s.* is all you got?—Yes.

23,430. What are your wages?—24*s.*

23,431. A week?—Yes.

RICHARD PROCTER sworn and examined. *R. Procter.*

23,432. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you vote for Lawrence at the last election?—Yes.

23,433. What did you get for your vote?—2*l.*

23,434. Is that all?—Yes.

23,435. How came you to go for 2*l.*?—I never asked for anything.

23,436. When did they give it to you?—After I had voted.

23,437. How long after?—Two hours.

23,438. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Nelson.

23,439. Who took you to the poll?—I went myself.

23,440. Who brought you up from Ellel?—Mr. Lawson.

23,441. Who told you where to go for your money?—Nobody.

23,442. How did you and the 2*l.* come across one another?—I told him I did not want anything, that he might just please himself whether he gave me anything or not.

23,443. That was before you voted?—Yes.

23,444. You seem to have been very hardly used. They insisted on your having 2*l.*?—That is all I got.

23,445. That is all you have got to tell us?—Yes.

23,446. How did you vote at the election before?—I never voted at all.

23,447. You had a vote?—Yes.

23,448. They did not offer you anything?—I never came at all.

JOSEPH MASON sworn and examined. *J. Mason.*

23,449. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a painter?—Yes.

23,450. You voted for Lawrence at the last election?—Yes.

23,451. What did they give you?—5*l.*

23,452. Anything else besides the 5*l.*?—No.

23,453. Nothing at all?—No.

23,454. You were on no committee?—No.

JOHN HARGREAVES sworn and examined. *J. Hargreaves.*

23,455. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A gardener.

23,456. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

23,457. Which way did you vote?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,458. Take care what you say. What did you get 5*l.* for?—General expenses at the election.

23459. From whom did you get the 5*l.*?—I got 2*l.* from George Clark, and 3*l.* from John Cross.

23,460. How did you spend it?—I spent it amongst the voters generally.

23,461. Tell me a single voter you spent it upon?—Yes, I can do it.

23,462. Tell me one?—Henry Stirzaker.

23,463. Is he a gardener too?—Yes.

23,464. How did you spend it upon him?—I gave him 10*s.* for his vote.

23,465. Do you mean to say that you bought his vote for 10*s.*?—Yes.

23,466. That is the lowest price I ever heard of?—And I gave him 10*s.* during a week or ten days; a shilling at a time, when he required it.

23,467. What for?—Allowance, I suppose.

23,468. That is 1*l.* Now go on?—I have done, except treating.

23,469. What did you do with the remaining 4*l.*?—I spent it during the election.

23,470. Tell me anyone else upon whom you spent it?—I cannot say.

23,471. Where did you spend it?—At different public-houses.

23,472. Tell me a public-house where you spent it?—I spent it at so many.

23,473. Tell me the name of one?—I spent some at the "Bay Horse," in China Lane.

23,474. How much did you spend there?—I cannot say that.

23,475. Tell me the name of another public-house where you spent some in drink?—I cannot tell the public-houses where I spent it.

23,476. Did you treat the voters?—Yes.

23,477. Did you sit and drink with them?—Of course I would have a glass, the same as they had.

23,478. Tell me another house where you spent the money. You did not spend 4*l.* in China Lane?—No, not all in China Lane.

13,479. Tell me the name of another house where you spent it?—I spent it in many a one.

23,480. Give me another?—The "Anchor," in Market Street.

23,481. How much did you spend there?—I cannot say.

23,482. Now tell me another?—It was at different public-houses. I cannot give you the names of them.

23,483. You must?—Am I to tell you them all?

23,484. Yes, every one?—But I do not know every one.

23,485. I think you will before you go away. We have got two now. Tell me another one?—I really cannot; not to name any particular house.

23,486. Perhaps you did not spend it at all?—Well, I think I did.

23,487. You ought to know. Did you or did you not spend it?—Yes, I did spend it.

23,488. When did you get that 3*l.*?—The night before the election.

23,489. Where at?—In George Clark's shop, Market Street.

23,490. 2*l.* from Clark, and 3*l.* from Cross?—Yes.

23,491. You got 3*l.* from Cross in Clark's shop?—Yes; at least from a young man that was with him. I do not know him. I had never seen him before or since.

23,492. What did Cross say to you?—He asked me what my expenses were during the election.

23,493. Had you incurred any expenses?—Yes, I had.

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23,494. What made you go to Clark's shop —I was there when he came in.

23,495. What were you doing there?—I was talking with Mr. Clark's man.

23,496. What about?—I do not know, I am sure, what the conversation might be.

23,497. What made you go to the shop?—I go there every night. I very seldom miss a night.

23,498. This was the evening before the election?—Yes, it was.

23,499. You went there to see what you could get?—No.

23,500. Do you mean to say that Mr. Cross volunteered to give you 3*l.* to go and treat the electors with?—He came into the shop when I was there. He asked me what my expenses were, and I said, "Perhaps thirty-five shillings," and then I said, "I shall want some more during the election."

23,501. You volunteered to spend 30*s.* more?—No, not 30*s.*; I had spent 35*s.*

23,502. He paid you the 3*l.*?—The young man who was with him did. I do not know who he was.

23,503. Why did you not come yesterday?—I had not a summons till this morning.

23,504. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who asked you to treat the voters?—I do not know. It was mentioned by different parties.

23,505. Who asked you?—Mr. Cross did for one.

23,506. Do you really mean to tell us that Mr. Cross asked you to treat the voters?—Yes.

23,507. When did he do that?—Some time before the election.

23,508. Had he given you any money then to treat them with?—No.

23,509. When did you receive this money from George Clark?—About two days before the election; on the 10th of July.

23,510. What did you do on the election day?—I looked after the voters up and down the town.

23,511. Whom did you treat on the election day?—I cannot say.

23,512. Where did you treat anyone on the election day?—I do not know; at public-houses.

23,513. (*Mr. Newton.*) You know very well that you got 3*l.* for your vote?—I spent it in treating the voters.

23,514. (*Mr. Hill.*) Cross asked you to treat voters. Did he tell you to what extent you might treat the voters?—No.

23,515. What did he say?—He said I must look after the voters, and if a man wants a glass of ale give him one.

23,516. In what district?—Any district.

23,517. Were you to give a glass of ale to every one who wanted one?—No.

23,518. What were you to do?—To look after the voters.

23,519. Did he not tell you what the houses were which were opened for Mr. Lawrence?—No.

23,520. Did you take these voters whom you treated to "Yellow" or "Blue" houses?—I took them nowhere. I met them in the houses.

23,521. Did you go into public-houses for the purpose of finding men to whom you might give drink?—No.

23,522. Then what do you mean?—I mean to say if I found a man in a house, who I knew was a voter, I would give him a glass.

23,523. Did you go round to every public-house to see if there were any such men?—No.

23,524. Did you take one single man into a public-house?—Yes.

23,525. Tell me one?—Stirkazer.

23,526. Besides Stirkazer?—I do not know.

23,527. On the day of the election, did you take a single man into a public-house?—Many a one.

23,528. Give me the name?—I cannot remember one.

23,529. When did you balance up your accounts?—I never did.

23,530. Do you know how much of the 5*l.* you have spent, and how much you kept for yourself?—I do not know. I kept the remainder of what I did not spend.

23,531. (*Mr. Newton.*) Then you were bribed.

J. Hartley.

JOHN HARTLEY sworn and examined.

23,532. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,533. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

23,533*a*. Did you receive anything besides the 10*l.*?—No, I did not.

23,534. You got only 10*l.* altogether?—That is all that I got.

23,535. You are a teetotaller, are you not?—Yes.

23,536. You never take any drink?—Well, I have done since the election, but I did not afore.

23,537. When did you begin?—I began a few days after the election.

23,538. You broke the pledge, did you?—Yes, I did.

23,539. Had you taken the pledge before?—No, I had not.

23,540. What do you mean by calling yourself a teetotaller, then?—I was ordered by a doctor to take gin. Mr. Harker told me I should have such a thing, but I was badly off then. He told me to drink gin.

23,541. You followed his advice?—Yes.

23,542. Did he tell you how much gin you were to drink?—Yes.

23,543. How much did he tell you, because I am anxious to have the prescription?—I could drink a glass about twice a day.

23,544. Were you to take it with water, or pure?—He said I might take it as it was.

23,545. Did you take it as it was?—Yes, I did.

23,546. And you drank a good lot?—No, I did not.

23,547. Have you been better for it, or worse?—Well, I was rather better.

23,548. You have been going off since?—Yes, rather.

23,549. Have you had your medicine to-day?—No, I have not, nor have not had for these two or three months.

23,550. Besides 10*l.*, did you get anything else?—No.

23,551. Were you not on any committee?—No.

23,552. They did not require you at their deliberations?—No.

23,553. (*Mr. Newton.*) How much money can you earn in a week?—15*s.*

23,554. Are you a married man?—No, a single man.

W. Jackson.

WILLIAM JACKSON sworn and examined.

23,555. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

23,556. What are you?—A Liberal.

23,557. Where do you live?—Chapel Court.

23,558. What did you get from Fenwick and Schneider?—18*l.*

23,559. Who gave it to you?—I got 8*l.* of Knowles Allinson, and 10*l.* in a jerry-shop on the Quay.

23,560. The "Blue Anchor?"—Yes.

23,561. Was that all you got from Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

23,562. You are sure of that?—Yes, for voting.

23,563. You got something besides?—On the committee I got 1*l.*

23,564. You got more than that?—I think not.

23,565. Are you sure?—Yes.

23,566. Did you not get anything to spend?—No.

23,567. You would be having half-a-crown from time to time?—No.

23,568. Are you quite sure?—I was at work.

23,569. Where were you at work?—I was labouring.

23,570. Where?—I am up at the Freehold at present.

23,571. Where were you then?—Down at Morecambe, on the railway.

23,572. All you got from Fenwick and Schneider was 19*l.* Are you quite sure you did not get any more?—Yes.

23,573. Now we come to the other side; what did you get from them?—Nothing.

23,574. Nothing from Mr. Cross?—I never saw Mr. Cross. I saw my name in the paper, but I never saw him or spoke to him.

23,575. Did you get no money from anyone on the other side?—No, not a penny; and let anyone come and say so, whoever he may be! I saw it in the paper, but I never spoke to the man in my life.

23,576. He does not say he gave it to you himself?—No, nor never a one of that party did. Never a one of that party canvassed me.

23,577. Have you always voted "Yellow?"—I did this time.

23,578. Have you always?—No.

23,579. When did you vote "Blue?"—At Garnett and Saunders's election was the only one where I voted "Blue." Last election I voted Fenwick and Schneider.

23,580. Were you at the "Golden Ball" at all on the election day?—I was not.

23,581. Were you never in the house?—No, never.

23,582. Were you in the "Slip Inn?"—No, I never was.

23,583. Not on the election day?—No.

23,584. Were you in the "Volunteer" on the election day?—No. I believe I was only in three houses on that day.

23,585. Which were the three?—Saunders's, in Chapel Street, Peter Moore's, and the "Wheat Sheaf." Those are the three. I do not remember another.

23,586. Are you quite sure you never received any money from Lawrence's side?—I never did.

23,587. You have seen in the papers that you did?—I have seen William Jackson, but I do not know whether it was me or not.

23,588. Yes, it is you, by your number on the register?—I never had a penny.

23,589. Have you said anything about it?—No.

23,590. You have taken no notice of it?—No.

23,591. You have taken no notice of it, and do not care if it is said of you?—No, not as long as I did not get it, and I did pretty well out of the other party.

JOHN WILKINSON THOMPSON sworn and examined.

J. W. Thompson.

23,592. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,593. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

23,594. From whom?—Thomas Foster.

23,595. What did you get for being on the committee?—2*l.* 10*s.*

23,596. Was that all you got?—Yes.

23,597. You were not on any other committee?—No.

23,598. What are you?—A painter.

23,599. A journeyman?—Yes.

23,600. What wages do you earn?—24*s.* now; and it was 22*s.* then.

WILLIAM THORNTON sworn and examined.

W. Thornton.

23,601. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Lancaster?—Yes.

23,602. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,603. How much did they give you?—I got 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for writing, and 4*l.* 10*s.* during the day of the election.

23,604. For your vote?—Call it what you like.

23,605. I want to know whether you can call it anything else?—You can call it what you think proper.

23,606. You received 7*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* altogether?—Yes, that was all.

23,607. You were busy writing for a long time?—Yes.

23,608. How many weeks?—Three weeks and two days. I think there should have been more remuneration than that.

23,609. What are you?—A butcher.

HENRY THORNTON sworn and examined.

H. Thornton.

23,610. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I am a butcher at present.

23,611. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

23,612. What did they give you?—I got 19*l.* altogether.

23,613. How do you make out the 19*l.*?—John Dobson gave William Mashiter 10*l.* to give to me, and he got 8*l.* from George Danson, and I got 4*l.* of that, and I think he got 10*l.* from Barrow, of which I got half.

23,614. How did you get half of the 8*l.* and half of the 10*l.*?—We joined in what we could get, and he got it all.

23,615. Who got it all?—William Mashiter. He paid me.

23,616. Mashiter got it all?—Yes; he paid me half of it.

23,617. That makes 19*l.* altogether. Did you see Mashiter get this money?—I saw him get 20*l.* from John Dobson. That is all I saw him get, and he told me afterwards who he got the other of.

23,618. You saw him get 20*l.* from Dobson?—Yes.

23,619. And he gave you 10*l.* of that?—Yes.

23,620. You did not see him get the 10*l.* from Barrow?—No, he did not give it to me till six weeks afterwards, not that 5*l.*

23,621. He told you of it?—Yes.

23,622. Then he got 8*l.* from George Danson?—Yes, and he gave me 4*l.*

23,623. Were you on the committee at all?—No.

23,624. You seem to be a keenish fellow; I wonder you were not put on?—I was not on the committee.

23,625. You got some money from the other side, I suppose?—No.

23,626. Not a farthing?—No.

23,627. Is 19*l.* all you touched in that election?—Yes.

JOHN WATSON sworn and examined.

J. Watson.

23,628. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A gardener.

23,629. Where do you live?—New Street.

23,630. Did you vote for Lawrence?—Yes.

23,631. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*

23,632. Who gave it to you?—Thomas Gardner.

23,633. Did you get anything more for being on the committee?—No.

23,634. Only for your services?—No.

23,635. Nothing to drink?—Yes.

23,636. How much did you get to drink?—I cannot tell that.

23,637. You got it in drink and not money?—I did not get so much drink.

23,638-9. You got 8*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Friday, 21st September 1866.

PRESENT:

Mr. Barstow. | Mr. Newton.

Mr. Hill.

J. Clark.

21 Sept. 1866.

John Clark recalled and further examined.

23,640. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We understand that you wish to make a statement with reference to some evidence that has been given before us by William Armistead?—Yes, I wish to say that I read with great astonishment the other day a statement made in the evidence of William Armistead, from which it would be inferred that I had used my influence over him by threatening to take from him the land he occupies if he did not vote for Mr. Saunders in the contest with Mr. Fenwick. With reference to that I will say that I took no active part whatever in that election. I only went to Skelton to ask for a few votes. I never asked William Armistead for his vote, nor did I say anything to him from which he could have inferred that he would lose his land if he did not vote as I wished. I did not care how he voted. I defy anyone of my tenants (and they are rather numerous) to say that I ever attempted to interfere with them or to influence them as to how they should vote in my life. I will also say that at the last election this man promised me his vote for Mr. Lawrence, and voted against him. That, however, made no difference as regarded him; I did not give him notice to quit; I have no intention of doing so; and he still holds the land which he always held under me.

W. Armistead.

William Armistead recalled and further examined.

23,641. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have heard what Mr. Clark has said; what have you to say to it?—He never asked me for my vote at Mr. Saunders' election.

21,642. Why did you tell us the other day that he did?—It was a misunderstanding. I thought it was my duty to give a vote that way, but he never tried me or asked me for my vote on that occasion.

23,643. Do you remember what you said when you were examined before us the other day. I will read to you your own words. You said: "I suppose, as "it is put to me, I must explain it. I am farming "some land under Mr. Clark, of Crosshills, and he "wished me to vote for the Blues, and before I would "lose my land and my living I thought I would give "him a vote." That is word for word what you said to us?—That was a misunderstanding of mine.

23,644. It could not be a misunderstanding?—I was alluding to this last election; in that first election he never asked me for my vote—that is at Mr. Saunders' election.

23,645. That was the election to which you alluded in your evidence. You were asked if you had always voted for the Liberals, and you said no, that you had once voted for Mr. Saunders, in the contest between him and Mr. Fenwick, and then you were asked why you had done so, and you gave this which I have read to you as your explanation?—Well, I did not wish to vote against Mr. Clark, but at the same time he never asked me for my vote.

23,646. What you said was, "I am farming some "land under Mr. Clark, of Crosshills, and he wished "me to vote for the Blues?"—I am very sorry I made a mistake.

23,647. And you went on to say, "And before I would lose my land and my living I thought I would give him a vote?"—I am very sorry that I made them remarks, but Mr. Clark never asked me to vote for Mr. Saunders.

23,648. Then I suppose it comes to this, that what you said when you were examined before is a falsehood, or in fact perjury?—No, it is not perjury. I thought it was alluding to this last election.

23,649. You could not possibly have thought so; it is quite impossible that you could. I think it was a wilful and a very malicious lie, vety much calculated to injure Mr. Clark?—I did not wish to injure Mr. Clark, or to tell a falsehood myself.

J. Parkinson.

John Parkinson sworn and examined.

23,650. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—I live in Bridge Lane at present. I lived on St. George's Quay at the time of the election.

23,651. What is your employment?—A joiner.

23,652. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,653. What did they give you?—He gave me nothing.

23,654. Had you nothing?—Mr. Stanton gave me 5*l.* for my vote.

23,655. Did you get anything else?—Yes.

23,656. What did you get besides?—2*l.* 5*s.* from Danson.

23,657. That would be for being on the committee?—Yes.

23,658. Did you get anything else?—Yes, from Mr. Gibson, 15*s.*

23,659. What did you get that for?—The same.

23,660. For being on the committee—Yes.

23,661. Anything else?—No, I think not.

23,662. You would have a little money to drink with?—No.

23,663. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

23,664. You are sure that you did not serve on their committee?—No, I never went nigh them.

23,665. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not get anything for anybody else?—No.

23,666. Did you get nothing for your wife?—No, I have none.

23,667. That was all you got, 8*l.*, was it?—Yes, you know what I have got; you have got it down. I got nothing else.

W. Gregson.

William Gregson sworn and examined.

23,668. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live at the Pothouses?—Yes.

23,669. And you are a tin-plate worker?—Yes.

23,670. Why did you not come here yesterday?—Because I had no summons.

23,671. When did you get your summons?—Last night.

23,672. At what time?—Six o'clock.

23,673. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,674. What did you get for voting for Mr. Lawrence?—12*l.*

23,675. Who paid you?—I do not know; a stranger.

23,676. Was that for being on the committee?—I was not on the committee.

23,677. What did you get for drinking?—Nothing.

23,678. You only got 12*l.* for your vote?—Yes, that is all.

23,679. You swear that that is all you got?—Yes.

WILLIAM WOODBURN sworn and examined.

23,680. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A warehouseman.

23,681. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Liverpool.

23,682. For what?—For Lawrence.

23,683. Was there much money stirring on that side?—Yes, a good deal.

23,684. How much of it came to you?—Very little.

23,685. How much was that little?—6*l.*

23,686. Only 6*l.*?—That is all.

23,687. That was scarcely enough to buy you a coat?—I hardly could get one; I lost it.

23,688. 6*l.* was not all that you got, was it?—Yes, it was; where I lost it was at Bob Hodgson's, in China Lane.

23,689. What did he do?—He bottled me, and got it all within 1*l.*

23,690. You received 6*l.*?—I did.

23,691. And Bob Hodgson got 5*l.* of it?—I suppose he did. I do not know who else. I lost it.

23,692. I suppose you were drunk all the time of the election?—I had a good deal to drink. I was in a fever for nine weeks, and Mr. Maxstead and two or three of them got me knocked off the list; but at the same time I always had voted for the Blues, and I always would again. I think I shall be on the list again.

23,693. Are you on the register now?—I am on as soon as the gentleman in the middle (*referring to Mr. Barstow*) comes here.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) I am not coming here this time.

23,694. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who paid you the 6*l.*?—I cannot say whether it was Fenton or a man who keeps Mr. Sly's office in the Market Street.

23,695. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not manage to get on to a committee?—Yes, I was with George Danson.

23,696. How much did he give you for that?—A fat lot; he gave me 10*s.* for a fortnight.

23,697. That makes 6*l.* 10*s.*; what else did you receive?—Perhaps to the value of 1*l.*, by bits at a time, just to keep me alive, that was all.

23,698. Then you got altogether 7*l.* 10*s.*?—You might call it 7*l.* 10*s.*, and then you would be at the outstretch. Robert Whiteside did give me a shilling one time, and another time he gave me 6*d.*, and I believe that once he gave me a bit of mouldy cheese.

23,699. Did you not manage to get on Fenwick's committee?—No, nor never bothered him at all.

23,700. (*Mr. Newton.*) How long after the election were you paid?—I was paid before I did vote.

EDWARD WILLIAMS sworn and examined.

23,701. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A painter

23,702. Where do you live?—In St. George's Quay.

23,703. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,704. What did you get?—6*l.*

23,705. Did you get anything else?—I got 1*l.* 4*s.* for being on the committee.

23,706. Did you get anything besides?—No.

23,707. You would be having a little from time to time, would you not?—I got a glass now and then.

23,708. But would you not get half-a-crown or a shilling sometimes?—No.

WILLIAM WOODHOUSE sworn and examined.

23,709. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A labourer.

23,710. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,711. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

23,712. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—Yes, I got 1*l.* 4*s.*

23,713. Anything else?—No.

23,714. Which committee were you on?—I was on Mr. Stanton's, I suppose, or George Danson's.

23,715. You were not on the committee for Fenwick and Schneider?—No.

23,716. All you got was 11*l.*?—That is all.

23,717. Are you a day labourer working by the week?—I was a day labourer.

23,718. What sort of wages do you earn?—Sometimes more and sometimes less; it is all piecework what I do.

23,719. Do you work in the country?—No, I work for Mr. Storey.

RICHARD LAMB sworn and examined.

23,720. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A cotton spinner.

23,721. Of Robert Street?—Yes.

23,722. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,723. What did you get for it?—10*l.*

23,724. Who paid you?—Mr. Stanton.

23,725. And what did you get besides the 10*l.*?—1*l.* 4*s.*

23,726. Were you on the committee?—Yes.

23,727. Was anything more paid you?—No.

23,728. Was nothing given you to keep you straight till the election came on?—No.

23,729. Were you on the other committee?—No.

JOHN RALPH sworn and examined.

23,730. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A painter.

23,731. Do you live on the Quay?—Yes, I did do.

23,732. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,733. What did he give you?—10*l.*

23,734. Did you get anything else?—Yes.

23,735. What did you get besides?—30*s.*

23,736. Who did you get that from?—Mr. Danson.

23,737. Was that for being on the committee?—Yes.

23,738. Did you get anything else?—No.

23,739. Did you confine your services to one committee?—No.

23,740. You served on both?—Yes.

23,741. What did you get for being on the other committee?—2*l.* 5*s.*

23,742. That was for being on Fenwick and Schneider's committee?—Yes.

23,743. And you got 1*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Lawrence's committee?—Yes.

23,744. Did you get anything else?—No.

23,745. You would be getting a little more for eating and drinking from time to time, would you not?—I would get no money, but I got some drink.

23,746. Is Thomas Ralph any relation of yours?—My father.

23,747. Was he on any committee?—Yes.

23,748. Why is not he here to-day?—He says that the summons was dated the 28th.

23,749. Do you know anything about him?—I do not know what he got.

23,750. You did not see him paid?—No.

23,751. Where is Robert Ralph?—He is at Skerton.

23,752. Do you know what he got?—He got the same as I did.

23,753. Do you know that for certain?—Yes.

23,754. Did he serve on both committees?—Yes.

23,755. He has told you that he got 13*l.* 15*s.*, has he?—Yes.

23,756. You may tell him that he need not come here.—Very well.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

21 Sept. 1866.

W. Ellwood.

WILLIAM ELLWOOD sworn and examined.

23,757. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A labourer.

23,758. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,759. What did you get for your vote?—6*l.* 10*s.*

23,760. What else did you get for being on the committee?—30*s.*

23,761. Which committee did you serve on?—Mr. Lawrence's.

23,762. What did you get from the other committee?—Nothing.

23,763. Did you not serve on that?—No.

J. Leighton.

JOHN LEIGHTON sworn and examined.

23,764. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you now?—I follow as a clock jobber.

23,765. You used to wear a blue coat as a policeman, did you not?—No. I am described on the register as a policeman, but that is a mistake. I have been a pointsman on the Lancaster and Preston, the Lancaster and Carlisle, and the London and North-western for about 16 years. I must beg to refer you to the evidence that was given by Mr. Turner; he did not give any evidence respecting this election, but he directed your attention——

23,766. You shall tell us that by-and-bye. Who did you vote for at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,767. And what did you receive?—I received 9*l.* in the whole at the election.

23,768. 9*l.* altogether?—That is all.

23,769. How much of that was for being on the committee?—I was not put on any committee.

23,770. How much of that was for your vote?—I can tell you where I got it, and who gave it.

23,771. From whom did you receive it?—I received 5*l.* at the "Black Bull," but who the man was I don't know exactly; I did not take much notice of him.

23,772. Where did you receive the rest?—Harrison gave me 2*l.*, and I received 1*l.* at the "Sun."

23,773. Where did you receive the last 1*l.*?—I received it of a young person in Mr. Tilly's office.

23,774. When?—It would be a few days before the election.

23,775. That came from the other side?—Yes, it did. I should have voted for Lawrence and Schneider, but when I was on my way from the "Black Bull" to the polling I met with John L. Bradshaw; he asked me who I was going to vote for, and I told him I was going to vote for Lawrence and Schneider. So I agreed to take 1*l.*, and vote for Lawrence entirely.

23,776. Plump for Lawrence?—Yes; and I got the 1*l.* at the "Sun."

23,777. Bradshaw got you for 1*l.*?—That's it.

23,778. You got 9*l.* for your vote?—Yes. Mr. Turner stated here that I always had the top price at previous elections, and he stated that he gave me 5*l.* Now he gave me 2*l.* at the previous election, and the whole amount I have received in my whole life is 12*l.* 6*s.* I found a good Samaritan, in the person of Thomas Wise, once. He gave me 1*l.*, and that is all I got in my life. I got a shilling from Stackhouse, and that makes up the other item of 6*s.*

23,779. It has been said to us that you were promised 10*l.* for your vote?—That is wrong.

23,780. Did you not promise your vote for 10*l.*?—Never.

23,781. You are not what is called a top-price man?—It appears not. I say I am not.

23,782. Have you got anything else to say?—Yes. He said I had always voted for the Liberals at the previous elections. If anybody will look at the register they will see how I voted. I voted for Saunders always, for Mr. Greene and James Garnett. So that at every election I have voted for a Liberal and Conservative when two representatives were wanted.

23,783. And when there has been only one wanted?—I voted both Liberal.

23,784. When only one was wanted, for which have you voted?—I voted for Robert Baines Armstrong in opposition to Lord Stanley.

23,785. The whole value to you of your elective franchise in the course of your life has been 12*l.* 5*s.*?—12*l.* 6*s.*

W. Gibson.

WILLIAM GIBSON sworn and examined.

23,786. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In George Street.

23,787. What are you?—A shopman.

23,788. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

23,789. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.* from Mr. Coupland.

23,790. Anything else?—2*l.* 5*s.* from George Danson, and 10*s.* on the election morning to spend for expenses.

23,791. Did you receive anything from the other side?—Nothing at all.

23,792. Did you not serve at the committee on the Quay?—No.

23,793. You got 12*l.* 15*s.* altogether?—Yes.

S. Gunson.

SAMUEL GUNSON sworn and examined.

23,794. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,795. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

23,796. Who paid it to you?—Through Mr. Coupland, a man of the name of Harrison paid me.

23,797. What else did you get for being on the committee?—2*l.* 5*s.*

23,798. What else besides?—10*s.* for expenses.

23,799. What did you get from the other side?—Nothing.

23,800. You were upon the committee upon the other side?—No.

23,801. Are you quite sure?—Certain.

23,802. What are you?—A cabinet-maker.

23,803. A journeyman?—Yes.

J. Hartley.

JAMES HARTLEY sworn and examined.

23,804. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—At Caton.

23,805. What are you?—A wheelwright I am set down as in the books.

23,806. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

23,807. What did they give you for your vote?—They gave me 5*l.*; at least they gave it to me in a day or two.

23,808. Who gave it to you?—A son-in-law of mine gave it to me, but it was given to him by Blades, I believe.

23,809. Was that all you got?—Ay?

23,810. How much did you get altogether?—5*l.*

23,811. You got something more than that, did you not?—Not yet I have not. It will have to come in if I have.

23,812. I am afraid if you have not got it yet you never will get it?—No, I never will get it. I never had anything else offered to me. I have heard tell that

they report me as having been offered 10*l.* from the other side, but they never axed me for a vote.

23,813. What did they give you?—Now't. They never axed me.

23,814. Did you not get anything from Lawrence's party?—No; they never axed me for a vote. They offered me now't, and if they had I should not have taken it.

23,815. Did you not hear of somebody else having some money for you?—No; they never gave anybody else nothing for me.

23,816. Are you sure nobody got the money for you?—Never; nobody got no money for me of Lawrence.

23,817. Not that you heard of?—No, not that I ever heard of, nor ever shall do either. I can bring witnesses to show that I never got now't.

23,818. It would be a difficult thing to call a witness to say you never had it?—I can call witnesses as was with me the whole of the day, and never seen me with any of the Lawrence chaps.

23,819. Have you ever got anything since?—Me! I never had now't, except 5*l.* What the devil—do you think me silly? I should not have asked for 5*l.* if they had not proffered it me. That was for Schneider.

23,820. They gave you 1*l.* for voting for Schneider?—Yes; that was all I ever got, and ever heard tell on.

23,821. Were you on no committee?—No.

23,822. Did they not put you on a committee?—Put me on! Do you think they would put a fellow like me on?

23,823. Were you on no committee?—On no committee.

23,824. Were you on any committee?—No. What committee should I have been on, a fellow like me?

23,825. Do not ask me questions?—I say I was on no committee, I tell you.

23,826. Did they give you anything for drink?—Me anything for drink!

23,827. You hear my question; did they give you anything to drink?—Yes.

23,828. Did they give you any money to spend in drink?—No.

23,829. Will you swear that?—No, they never did.

23,830. Will you swear that they gave you no money to spend in drink?—Not that I know of.

23,831. Will you swear it?—Hold your noise a bit. Blades gave me 1*s.* 6*d.* to spend in drink.

23,832. How much more did you get?—Now't that I know of.

23,833. Come, what else did you get?—To spend in drink?

23,834. Yes.—They never gave me nothing more to spend in drink.

23,835. You have told me that Blades gave you 1*s.* 6*d.* Did he not give you more than 1*s.* 6*d.*?—What, money?

23,836. Yes. You have just told me that he gave you 1*s.* 6d.?—I say he gave me 1*s.* 6*d.*

23,837. Did he not give you something besides that?—I got 5*l.*, which would come from him very likely.

23,838. Did he not give you something besides 5*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*?—No, not that I know on.

23,839. Did he or did he not? Do not keep us here all day with this nonsense. Did he give you anything else besides 5*l.* 1*s.* 6*d*?—George Lund's wife gave me 5*s.*

23,840. That makes 5*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* How much else did you get?—Now't.

23,841. You told me just now that you had not had anything more than 5*l.*?—I was not giving the other a thought.

23,842. How much else did you get to spend in drink besides the 5*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*?—Now't; they never gave me now't to spend in drink. He happened to come in, did Blades, to the public-house the night before, I think.

Moses Mawson sworn and examined.

M. Mawson.

23,843. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I am a labourer, if you will. I work in gardens as a jobbing gardener.

23,844. Where do you live?—I live in Market Street, the "Old Sir Simon's" Yard they call it.

23,845. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Lawrence.

23,846. What did you get?—7*l.* 10*s.*

23,847. Were you on any committee?—No.

23,848. Did you get anything to drink?—No.

23,849. No money to spend in drink?—No.

23,850. Was the 7*l.* 10*s.* all you got?—Yes, every farthing.

23,851. You live in Lancaster?—Yes.

23,852. Did you see Whormby, the auctioneer, of Carnforth, during the election?—No.

23,853. You got 7*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

John Huntington sworn and examined.

J. Huntington.

23,854. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A labourer.

23,855. Where do you live?—In Bulk Street.

23,856. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

23,857. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

23,858. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

23,859. What did you get for being on the committee?—About 30*s.*

23,860. Who paid you?—I do not know who he was.

23,861. You must know?—I do not know the man.

23,862. Where did he pay you?—At the "Queen's," I think.

23,863. When?—It was the week before the election, Saturday.

23,864. What did he pay you the week after the election?—Nothing.

23,865. Do you mean to say you only got 1*l.* 10*s.*?—I got it from the man who paid me at the "Queen's."

23,866. You got some more from another man?—I got 1*l.* 3*s.* from Allinson, of Moor Lane.

23,867. That is 2*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* What else did you get?—That is all I got from that side.

23,868. What did you get from the other side?—I got, I daresay, 2*l.* 5*s.* from the Blue.

23,869. For being on the committee there?—Yes.

23,870. Who paid you that?—Mr. Danson.

23,871. What did Danson pay you for your vote, to vote for Lawrence?—I got 12*l.*

23,872. Why did you not vote for Lawrence?—Because I heard some of them had "jewed" the Liberals, so I thought I would "jew" the Blues.

23,873. So you voted Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

23,874. You did not get any money for your vote there?—No.

23,875. You take your oath of that?—Yes.

23,876. How did you vote at the election in 1864?—I did not vote at all.

23,877. Was this the first time you voted?—Yes.

23,878. You got 16*l.* 18*s.* for your vote?—Yes, very likely.

23,879. What are you?—A labourer.

23,880. A day labourer?—Yes.

23,881. What wages do you earn in the week?—If I get a full week I might earn 14*s.* or 15*s.*

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

J. Moser.

21 Sept. 1866.

JACOB MOSER recalled.

23,882. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A pawnbroker.

23,883. We heard yesterday what you do not appear to have told us anything about in your evidence, as to this committee that there was at the "Queen's." Why did you not tell us about that?—I did not know I had anything to tell you, except what you heard. I knew very little about it.

23,884. You did not tell us anything at all about this committee, as far as I can see from my notes?—No; I did not.

23,885. What was this committee which met at the "Queen's?"—Sometimes Mr. Blades, Mr. Welch——

23,886. I do not mean the committee upon which Mr. Blades sat, but I mean those men that were paid regularly every Saturday night in Sun Street?—I do not know anything about that committee.

23,887. Do you mean to say you were not there?—No, I was never there. It will be my brother, Richard Moser.

R. Moser.

RICHARD MOSER sworn and examined.

23,888. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A timber merchant.

23,889. Where?—In Lancaster.

23,890. What part did you take in the last election?—For the last three years I was the registrar for the Liberal party. I attended to the registration, and at the election I had to take the charge of the committee room at the "Queen's Hotel." For some weeks previous to the election I was engaged in making out the sheet lists, and getting information respecting the voters, where they were residing and where they were employed——

23,891. You got the voters' addresses?—Yes.

23,892. First of all, with regard to this committee at the "Queen's," when was it appointed?—I do not know of any committee at all. No committee was held there at all. It was simply a sort of office.

23,893. Did you not pay a lot of men on Saturday night?—I acted under Mr. Tilly. The captains brought the names of parties who had assisted them, and we had a printed bill. I made the account out, and it was taken to Mr. Tilly, and he paid them.

23,894. Who made out the printed bill?—I do not know. Mr. Tilly gave that to me.

23,895. When were you first appointed to that work?—About five weeks before the election.

23,896. What was the first payment you made in that room?—I did not make any payment at all myself.

23,897. When was the first payment you made?—The room was open at the "Queen's Hotel," I think, about seven days previous to the election.

23,898. And payments made of men long before that. We have heard of payments being made for three Saturday nights?—Not by me.

23,899. At which you assisted?—No; it is not correct at all.

23,900. What was the first payment at which you assisted?—The first payment that I assisted at would be after I went to the "Queen's," and I think that place was open about seven days before the election.

23,901. I am speaking of an office that is said to have been opened in Sun Street?—That was Mr. Tilly's office.

23,902. Mr. Tilly's private office?—Yes; Messieurs Johnson and Tilly.

23,903. You went there to assist the payment?—No. Mr. Tilly's clerk made, I think, the principal part of the payments.

23,904. What is his name?—I do not know his name, but he is with Mr. Tilly at present.

23,905. At what payments were you present?—I was present at no payments at all.

23,906. Were you not present at the payment of any person?—No; I simply made out the accounts. The captains brought me the men that had assisted them to the "Queen's Hotel," and I made out the account on the printed form, and took it to Mr. Tilly's office.

23,907. A sort of pay-sheet?—Yes, stating what they had been doing, assisting in canvassing, delivering bills, and so on.

23,908. What day did you first make out a pay-sheet?—I could not say. You will have the vouchers in the town clerk's office. They were returned in the legal charges.

23,909. Do you mean to say that everything you paid, or rather that the whole of your pay-sheet was included in the legal expenses?—Every penny, I believe.

23,910. You must have seen something of this office in Sun Street on the Saturday night. Who were the persons that went there?—The men that came to the "Queen's" for their accounts.

23,911. And none others?—I was not present in Mr. Tilly's office at all when the money was paid.

23,912. How many persons did you include in the pay-sheet, do you suppose?—I could not form any idea, they came so often and so confusedly.

23,913. Did you make out more than one pay-sheet?—Yes.

23,914. One every night?—No. When the men were brought by the captains, at different times, the account was made out.

23,915. How many nights did you make out pay-sheets?—There was no stated time.

23,916. How many nights did you make out pay-sheets; it is a simple question?—I could not say.

23,917. About?—They would come, perhaps, every day, just according to the time they had been engaged.

23,918. If they came every day, how many days did you make out pay-sheets?—About seven days before the election.

23,919. You made out pay-sheets for seven days?—Yes.

23,920. Were there many pay-sheets made out?—There were many scores made out. Every man got a separate pay-sheet. For every man that was paid through Mr. Tilly I made out the account.

23,921. I thought you put down the whole of these accounts on one sheet of paper?—No; there was a separate account for each man.

23,922. Did every man come for his voucher?—Yes, and took it on to Mr. Tilly and got the money paid there.

23,923. How many do you suppose you made out on the day on which you made out the most?—I cannot say.

23,924. Have you seen Mr. Tilly's account?—No, I have not.

23,925. You cannot tell me whether all that is included in Mr. Tilly's account or not?—I am certain they would be, because he had a book in which they were entered as they were paid, and this book was given over to the town clerk.

23,926. Do you mean that this (*showing a book to the witness*) is the book in which they were entered?—Yes.

23,927. Just look and see (*handing a book to the witness*) if it is the right one?—Yes, this is the book.

23,928. Are all the persons who were paid entered in that book?—Yes, they are.

23,929. Were you present at the payment of any monies at all during the election?—No.

23,930. What did you receive for your own services?—25 guineas.

23,931. That is also included?—Yes; but I was engaged after the election as well as settling up the accounts of the legal payments for the men who had been employed.

23,932. You are a voter?—Yes.

23,933. You voted Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

23,934. You say you have been three years engaged as registrar for the Liberal party?—Yes, both for the county and borough.

23,935. Are your expenses down in this list?—They are sure to be there.

23,936. You were paid by Mr. Tilly?—Yes, five weeks after the election.

23,937. Did you receive any other money besides the 20 guineas?—No, except a small amount for postage stamps and things required in the office.

23,938. Petty cash?—Yes.

23,939. What are you paid each year for the registration of the Liberal party?—30*l.*; 20*l.* for the borough and 10*l.* for the county.

23,940. From whom did you receive that last year?—I received, for the county, 10*l.* from Mr. Beswick, of Preston.

23,941. I mean the borough?—I got 20*l.* from Mr. William Jackson.

23,942. Who is Mr. William Jackson?—A witness who was examined here the other day.

23,943. A bank director?—Yes.

23,944. When did you receive that last year?—I cannot exactly remember the date, but I should receive it from him for the last three years, but not at any particular date. The account is due about February, after the revision.

23,945. You received it at some time in February last, to the best of your belief?—It would be about that time.

23,946. Do you know from whom Mr. Jackson receives it?—I believe it is paid by the members.

23,947. The sitting members whoever they may be?—Yes; I am not certain of it, but I think so.

23,948. How do you generally receive it; by cheque on the bank?—No, generally in cash.

23,949. Mixing as you do as registrar, you are well acquainted with the movements of those for whom you act?—Yes.

23,950. Do you know what provision was made last year for the taking up freedoms?—Yes; both parties have generally taken up a certain number of freedoms, but not with a view to their votes. It has been a custom for a long time back, I believe.

23,951. You do not really mean to tell us that?—Yes; the fact is they have taken boys at 16.

23,952. You do not really mean to tell us that they do not do it with a view to their votes. That is drawing a little too much on one's credulity?—I believe the late Mr. Gregson benevolently did do so.

23,953. For whom the benevolence was intended we will not say?—It is generally done among the poorer class of freemen who cannot afford to do it themselves, and of course they are anxious it should be taken up.

23,954. Both parties do take up freedoms?—Yes, certainly.

23,955. My question is, what provision was made last year for the monies necessary to take up the freedoms?—With regard to the parties I took up I got the money from Mr. William Jackson.

23,956. The bank director?—Yes.

23,957. How much was the cost of those you took up last year?—1864 would be the last year I took any up—the year previous to the election—and I should think the cost was somewhere about 50*l.*

23,958. And in the previous year?—The previous year, I think, about 30*l.*, and the year before that about 20*l.*

23,959. And how much in 1865?—I had nothing to do with it that year. I have given the office of registrar up.

23,960. You are no longer registrar for the party?—No.

23,961. Who is the present registrar?—William Stewartson. There has been no revision since he undertook it.

23,962. Do you know from whom those sums employed for taking up the freedoms came?—I suspect from the members, but I do not know positively.

23,963. You cannot tell me what the cost was in 1865?—No, I do not think there was any; that was the year of the election, and there was very few taken up. The fact of the matter is, that nearly the whole of the freemen who were available were taken up the previous year, so that I suppose there would not be above half a dozen or so in 1865.

23,964. You have no doubt followed the evidence as it has been given to us?—Yes.

23,965. Can you give us the names of any of the captains and persons of your party which we have not received?—I think you have had a correct list of all the captains, but of course under those there were a lot of sub-captains.

23,966. Whose names we have not received?—I think there will be some, but I am not quite certain. Mr. Maxsted would give a list of them, I think.

23,967. Can you give us the names of any persons we have not had?—Not from recollection.

23,968. Being accustomed to watch the movements of the other party, I daresay you could give us the names of other persons who have not been brought before us?—The latter part of the time I was much engaged in the committee room, and could not take notice.

23,969. But you have talked about the election since?—I do not know anyone particularly.

23,970. Do you know of any sum of money set aside for the payment of any persons beyond those whom we have had before us?—No.

23,971. For instance, was there some money set apart for the payment of captains—remuneration for captains after the election?—No. I believe the captains acted a very honourable part in the last election all through.

23,972. Was their honourable part rewarded?—No, I do not think it was; at least they did it voluntarily.

24,973. Did they remunerate them for their voluntary acts? They gave poor Daniel Edmondson, you know, a premium, because he had not got a bribe?—I believe many of them were out of pocket.

23,974. Did they act in the same way to any of the captains as they did to Daniel Edmondson?—No. I believe the captains on the Liberal side were perfectly honourable. They were men of respectability—tradesmen.

23,975. Have they not had some reward for their trouble?—No.

23,976. You have not heard of any?—No, I should have heard of it if they had.

23,977. Have you heard of anything having been paid on the other side?—No. I believe also on the other side the captains employed were men of the same class—perfectly honourable men, with the exception of one or two we had from Liverpool, and one in China Lane.

William Threlfall sworn and examined.

W. Threlfall.

23,978. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A farm labourer.

23,979. Where do you live?—At Cockerham.

23,980. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Lawrence.

23,981. What did you get?—7*l.*

23,982. Did you get nothing besides?—No, nothing else.

23,983. Did they give you nothing to drink?—No, I got nothing at all; 7*l.* was the money as I received.

23,984. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get nothing on the other side?—No.

23,985. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you sure you got no more than 7*l.*?—I received no more.

23,986. Who paid you?—Jacob Nelson of Cockerham.

23,987. Where did he pay you?—He paid me at the top of the town.

23,988. In Lancaster?—Yes.

23,989. After you had voted?—Yes

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

J. Hartley.

21 Sept. 1866.

JAMES HARTLEY sworn and examined.

23,990. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—On Castle Hill.

23,991. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

23,992. What did you get for your vote?—9*l.*

23,993. Who paid it to you?—A stranger.

23,994. What did you get for being on the committee?—Nothing.

23,995. What did you get for drink?—I got a few glasses of ale, that is all.

23,996. Did you get anything for your services besides?—No, not a farthing.

23,997. You only got 9*l.*?—That is all.

23,998. What are you?—A slater and plasterer.

R. Tronson.

ROBERT TRONSON sworn and examined.

23,999. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—In Liverpool.

24,000. Whereabouts in Liverpool?—In Anfield.

24,001. You are engaged in the employ of Messrs. Lawrence?—Yes.

24,002. In what character?—As manager.

24,003. And you were engaged with them at the time of the last election in July 1865?—Yes.

24,004. Do you recollect any sums of money being paid out of your office for the purposes of the Lancaster election?—Only one.

24,005. When was that?—Not for the purposes of the election, but only one sum of 2,000*l.* paid to Mr. Wilson to go to Lancaster.

24,006. At what date?—That was on the 11th of July.

24,007. Paid to Mr. H. T. Wilson?—Yes, to his cashier.

24,008. That was Mr. Chambers?—Yes.

24,009. What was your first intimation of that sum of money being required?—Mr. John Lawrence told me that if Mr. Wilson should require any money while he was away to let him have it.

24,010. In what manner was that 2,000*l.* paid to Mr. Chambers?—In gold.

24,011. In what way did it go from your hands to Mr. Chambers?—I gave it to Mr. Hagart to take down.

24,012. Was that to take down to Mr. Chambers?—Yes. I told him that he would have to go to Lancaster, and that he had better get his instructions from Mr. Wilson's office.

24,013. From Mr. Chambers?—Yes.

24,014. When first did you receive an intimation as to the amount that would be required?—That morning.

24,015. The morning of the 11th of July?—Yes.

24,016. From whom did you receive those instructions?—From Mr. Chambers.

24,017. Mr. Chambers came up to your office and told you that 2,000*l.* would be required?—Yes.

24,018. Where did you procure that 2,000*l.*?—From the cashier.

24,019. From Mr. Littlewood?—Yes.

24,020. Did you procure it from him in gold, or in what shape did you procure it?—He gave it to me partly in notes and partly in gold, and I got the notes changed.

24,021. To what account in the firm did you debit that 2,000*l.*?—I did not give any instructions about it.

24,022. Did you make any entry at all of that transaction in your books?—None whatever; I simply received the money from Mr. Littlewood and sent it away. Mr. Littlewood of course would make an entry in his balance book.

24,023. Do you see the books of the firm?—Very seldom.

24,024. Can you say whether there was any entry made in the books of the firm apart from that entry which Mr. Littlewood has spoken to with reference to this transaction?—I can say positively that there was not.

24,025. Have you looked for the purpose of ascertaining?—I have not looked for the purpose of ascertaining, but I know there was not.

24,026. Can you say yourself as to whether Mr. Hagart came over to Lancaster once or twice?—He came twice.

24,027. Have you a distinct recollection of that?—Yes, distinct.

24,028. Can you tell us on what days he came to Lancaster?—I think he was here on the Saturday and came back on the Tuesday.

24,029. By whose orders did he come over on the Saturday?—Mine, I think.

24,030. Was that the 2,000*l.* transaction?—No.

24,031. What did you send him over to Lancaster for on the Saturday?—To be of service to Mr. Taylor or Mr. Barker.

24,032. Did you send him anywhere for orders before he left Liverpool?—No.

24,033. Do you know anything of any money that he brought over on that occasion?—He did not bring any over on that occasion.

24,034. That is more than you can possibly know?—I am pretty sure about it. When he left the office he had not any money with him.

24,035. There was a sum of 400*l.* which came from your office, as no doubt you have seen from the evidence?—Yes.

24,036. Can you say in what way it was taken from your office?—I had a conversation with Mr. Taylor about it yesterday, and he is now under the impression that he brought it over himself on the Friday or Saturday; I think on the Friday; I am not quite certain about that, but it was the week before the election.

24,037. Do you remember what Mr. Taylor's account of the transaction was?—Do you mean yesterday?

24,038. When he gave his evidence here?—No, I do not. He was under an impression until yesterday that he had not brought it; but yesterday, on talking the matter over with Mr. Littlewood, Mr. Littlewood put circumstances to him which convinced him that he had brought it.

24,039. Then from what Mr. Littlewood said to Mr. Taylor, Mr. Taylor came to the conclusion that he must have brought it over himself?—Yes.

24,040. Do you know anything yourself as to how that money passed to Mr. Taylor's hands?—I suppose he got it from Mr. Littlewood, he could not get it from anyone else.

24,041. I ask you whether you know yourself how the money went to Mr. Taylor's hands at all?—No, I do not.

24,042. You have no knowledge of the transaction?—No, none whatever.

24,043. Besides those two sums of 2,000*l.* and 400*l.* you know of no other sums that came over to Lancaster?—None, except what came out in Mr. Littlewood's evidence yesterday.

24,044. As to which sum do you mean?—The whole of the sums that he explained in his evidence yesterday. Those are the only two that I know anything at all about.

24,045. We hear that the books are made up as between the partners at the end of each half year; the summer half year and the winter half year?—Yes.

22,046. Do you know yourself whether Mr. Edward Lawrence looked over the accounts as made between the partners?—I do not know.

24,047. There would be a balance sheet submitted to each of the partners I presume?—He would see his balance sheet of course.

24,048. When would Mr. Lawrence see the balance sheet which would contain (I do not mean actually but virtually in gross) these two items?—In the course of the following month, January and July.

24,049. Then he would not see these till January 1866 ?—No.

24,050. When I speak of Mr. Lawrence I mean the head of the firm. Was Mr. Lawrence down at the office as usual constantly during the month of July ?—He was a good deal here.

24,051. But except when he was here ?—Yes.

24,052. Do you at all discuss with Mr. Lawrence on financial matters ?—No, not at all.

24,053. And you cannot tell us whether in any way Mr. Lawrence became aware of this money passing from the hands of his firm ?—My impression is that he does not know anything at all about it.

24,054. Just answer my question — yes or no. My question is, can you tell us whether in any way Mr. Lawrence became aware of this money passing from the hands of the firm ?—Then I answer no.

24,055. When did you first know that the firm had advanced large sums of money for the Lancaster election ?—They have been spread over some time, and I cannot fix a day for that.

24,056. When did you first become aware that the 2,000*l.* had gone for the Lancaster election ?—The first time I knew about it was the 2,000*l.*

24,057. You knew that that was coming over to be spent in the election ?—Yes, at least that was my idea.

24,258. Have you brought any book over with you to-day ?—No.

24,059. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have an I O U with you ?—Yes, I have an I O U (*producing and handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

24,060. (*Mr. Hill.*) Whose initials are these ?—I believe they are Mr. Wilson's.

24,061. Henry Threlfall Wilson ?—Yes.

24,062. That is an I O U, then, from Mr. Wilson to Mr. T. Taylor, dated 10th August 1866, for 50*l.* ?—Yes.

24,063. What do you know of this I O U ?—I did not know it was in existence until yesterday, when Mr. Littlewood gave it to me to bring up here. I knew nothing whatever about it till then.

24,064. (*Mr. Barstow.*) In the absence of any of the partners Mr. Littlewood would take directions from you ?—Yes.

24,065. But I suppose that if Mr. T. Taylor was present you would not give Mr. Littlewood directions ?—No.

24,066. You are speaking of the present time ?—At that time Mr. Taylor was not a partner.

24,067. We certainly understood that he was ?—In July 1865 he was not a partner. The 1st of September is the date when he joined the firm.

24,068. How came Mr. Taylor, not being a partner, to have power to direct your cashier to give the sum of 400*l.* to Mr. Wilson ?—I cannot explain that at all.

24,069. Mr. Littlewood's evidence was to the effect that in the absence of a partner you would be the proper person to give directions as to money ?—Certainly.

24,070. But that he would not take directions as to money matters from anyone except the partners and yourself ?—Just so.

24,071. Was there any limit as to the sum that you were to allow Mr. Wilson to draw upon you for ?—There was no limit whatever.

24,072. Would that be a usual thing in business to allow any other person to have an unlimited order on your house ?—Certainly not at all a usual thing.

24,073. I suppose it is a thing that has never occurred before within your experience ?—No, I do not think it has.

24,074. (*Mr. Hill.*) And unusual steps of that sort are very seldom taken without the concurrence of the partners ?—Very seldom indeed.

24,075. (*Mr. Newton.*) Can you fix the date when the order was given, or when permission was given for Mr. Wilson to draw money ?—That would be perhaps the last few days of June or the beginning of July; about a fortnight before the election.

24,076. And at that time was Mr. Edward Lawrence at Liverpool ?—No, I think he was at the Lakes.

24,077. Do you know of your own knowledge whether that ever reached him ?—Do you mean the knowledge of the 2,000*l.* ?

24,078. Do you know of your own knowledge whether this order from J. Lawrence ever reached Edward Lawrence ?—Not of my own knowledge.

24,079. Can you tell whether it did or did not ?—I believe it did not.

24,080. What makes you think that it did not ?—Because I believe Mr. Lawrence knew nothing at all of the money matters then. I have no special reason for believing it, but that is my impression.

24,081. Why should you arrive at that impression ?—Because the election was never mentioned to him.

24,082. That is no answer to my question. Why do you believe that Mr. E. Lawrence had no knowledge of that transaction ?—I have no special reason for that belief, but it is my impression.

24,083. That, like the other transaction, would be a very extraordinary thing, would it not ?—I do not know about that.

24,084. Do you mean to say that Mr. Lawrence, the senior partner, knew nothing of the money matters of the firm ?—I do not mean to say that he must have known of the money matters of the firm, but he did not go into them in detail.

24,085. Do you mean to say that he, as the senior partner, would not go into the details of the money transactions of the firm ?—He does when he chooses, but he might not have done it.

24,086. Then it comes to this that he did not choose to know, is that it ?—I do not say so. I have no authority for saying so.

24,087. But that is the inference which I draw from your answer ?—I do not believe that he looks to the money matters of the firm. Mr. John Lawrence managed all the finance.

24,088. Purposely ?—I do not say so.

24,089. Was it so or not ?—I do not think it was.

24,090. Mr. Taylor you say was not a partner then; the only partner of Mr. Lawrence was Mr. J. Lawrence ?—Yes.

24,091. He looked to the money affairs ?—Of course; he managed all the finance matters always, and Mr. Edward Lawrence did not trouble himself much about it.

24,092. Has he troubled himself much about it since ?—I do not think he has.

24,093. He has not troubled himself about the money matters of the firm ?—He and Mr. John Lawrence may have talked matters over, but I do not know that they did.

24,094. Is it not an unusual thing where there are two partners for one of them not to trouble himself with the affairs of the firm ?—Mr. Edward Lawrence does not, because he has such implicit confidence in his brother; for that reason perhaps he does not care to trouble himself about it.

24,095. Perhaps he does not care to know anything about it ?—I do not know anything about that.

24,096. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How long have you been manager ?—Nearly three years.

24,097. (*Mr. Newton.*) Has it always been the case that Mr. Edward Lawrence has troubled himself very little with the money matters of the firm ?—Yes.

24,098. Then are we really to have it taken down as an answer to my question that for the three years you have been there Mr. Edward Lawrence has taken very little interest in the monetary affairs of the firm ?—Yes; of course I speak from my own observation.

24,099. Then you think that that state of affairs might arise which apparently did arise, namely, money being paid out of the firm, and that that might not come to Mr. Edward Lawrence's knowledge until some months afterwards ?—Yes.

24,100. Used you and Mr. J. Lawrence to discuss the affairs of the firm ?—As regards finance do you mean ?

24,101. Yes. Did he ever take anybody in his confidence ?—His brother when he wished.

24,102. His brother ?—Of course.

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24,103. And his brother only?—Latterly Mr. Taylor, since there has been a partner.

24,104. I do not quite understand now how it was that Mr. Taylor got this 400*l.*?—Neither do I.

24,105. Because it is only to-day that we have heard for the first time that he was not a partner at the time of the election?—He was not a partner then.

24,106. What was he then?—He was connected with our house in Nassau, and he had just come home; he was our agent in Nassau.

24,107. Then surely Mr. Littlewood would never have given him 400*l.* without authority from some one?—That is a matter which I cannot explain, for I know nothing at all about it.

24,108. It seems that Mr. Littlewood gave him 400*l.*, which appears in the balance book as to "E. L.," that is to Edward Lawrence?—I saw that in the evidence yesterday.

24,109. It is so?—It is so.

24,110. At that time Mr. Taylor was not a partner?—No he was not.

24,111. Mr. Taylor, then, had no power to give orders as to any money?—I do not know what power he had; he was in the office then, but I do not know what power he had over money.

24,112. The case stands thus: somebody in the office, not a partner, obtains from the cashier 440*l.*, takes it away with him and brings it to Lancaster?—Yes.

24,113. By whose authority does that person obtain it?—That I cannot tell you.

24,114. With respect to this 2,000*l.*, you say Mr. Hagart took it?—I gave it to Mr. Hagart to go to Wilson's, and to take instructions from Wilson's cashier how he was to bring it here. I told him he was to go to Lancaster, but that he was to take instructions from Wilson.

24,115. Have you discussed the matter with Mr. Hagart since?—I have talked it over since.

24,116. Do you state from your three years experience that Mr. Lawrence is not in the habit of interfering with the monetary habits of your firm?—Not absolutely so; but he is not in the habit of troubling himself much about them, because Mr. John Lawrence does the whole of the finance business.

24,117. Has that been so during the whole time?—Yes.

24,118. Has it always been equally so?—Yes.

24,119. It was not more so during the year 1865 than it had been at any other time?—No, not more so.

24,120. In 1865 Mr. Lawrence was the mayor at Liverpool?—Yes.

24,121. Did that divert his attention from business at all?—He was always ready for business, the Town Hall was close to the office.

24,122. Is not the fact of the case that you were careful to keep this concealed from Mr. Lawrence?—I never mentioned the matter to him at all.

24,123. Is it not the fact that you and the partner were careful not to let him know anything about this?—If he had asked me whether I had sent the money down I should have told him.

24,124. Was there any understanding amongst you that Mr. Lawrence was to know nothing of the 2,000*l.* transaction?—No.

24,125. You know nothing about it; you cannot say whether there was or was not?—There was no understanding at all.

J. L. Standen.

JOHN LANGHORN STANDEN sworn and examined.

24,126. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A currier.

24,127. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

24,128. What did you get?—I got 3*l.* on the 2nd of August for expenses.

24,129. You were a sort of sub-captain, were you not?—Something of the sort I believe.

24,130. What was the 3*l.* given to you for?—For services rendered.

24,131. Did you get anything else?—I received 30*s.* from William Harrison, a tinman.

24,132. When was that?—On the nomination night, for the purpose of treating voters.

24,133. Anything else?—No.

24,134. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you an assistant in a leather shop?—Yes.

24,135. In Ulswater Street?—I am an assistant in a leather shop in Great John Street.

24,136. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you do during the election time?—I exerted myself a little.

24,137. Did you go about canvassing?—No, I did not.

24,138. Were you engaged in treating voters?—Yes, I treated voters with the 30*s.* that I received from William Harrison, in fact it cost me a little more than that.

24,139. What did you do with this 3*l.*, or rather what did you do for it; what did you do to earn it?—I spent my leisure time during the evening with the committee.

24,140. Drinking with the committee?—No, I did not drink with them.

24,141. Do you mean to say that?—Certainly I had a glass or two, but that was all.

24,142. What did you do except drink?—I tried to persuade voters, and I did all that ever I could for them.

24,143. You had Mr. Lawrence's committee there, and you tried to persuade Mr. Lawrence's committee to vote for Mr. Lawrence?—No, I did not say that.

W. Atkinson.

WILLIAM ATKINSON sworn and examined.

24,144. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

24,145. In Penny Street?—Yes.

24,146. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,147. What did you get for voting for Fenwick and Schneider?—10*l.*

24,148. Who paid you?—Knowles Allinson.

24,149. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—I was not on.

24,150. Did you get anything for drinking?—No.

24,151. Or for treating?—No.

24,152. What did you get from the other side?—Nothing.

24,153. Are you a journeyman shoemaker?—Yes.

T. Calvert.

THOMAS CALVERT sworn and examined.

24,154. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A joiner.

24,155. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,156. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

24,157. How much did you receive for being on the committee?—Nothing.

24,158. Were you not one of the committee?—No.

24,159. They must have wanted you on the committee, did they not?—No.

24,160. Did they not give you any offer to come on the committee?—No.

24,161. There are a good many joiners in Lancaster, are there not?—Yes.

24,162. Were there none of them that you had any influence over?—No, not at all.

24,163. Are there any persons who had influence over you?—No.

24,164. If you were not on Fenwick and Schneider's

committee you were perhaps on Mr. Lawrence's committee?—I do not know whether I was or not.

24,165. Did you get any money from them?—Yes, I got 30*s.*

24,166. How much else did you get?—That is all.

24,167. Did you not get any money to spend?—No.

24,168. From whom did you receive the 10*l.*?—Knowles Allinson.

24,169. Was that all that you received from him?—Yes.

24,170. Did you not receive anything to spend from Fenwick and Schneider's people?—No.

24,171. Was 11*l.* 10*s.* the whole of the money that you got?—Yes.

24,172. During the whole of the election?—Yes.

24,173. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a journeyman?—Yes.

H. Croft.

HENRY CROFT sworn and examined.

24,174. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Alma Road, Scotforth?—Yes.

24,175. You are a draper?—I am clerk warehouseman at present.

24,176. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,177. What consideration did you receive for your vote?—For services rendered as clerk in the general committee room I had 10*l.*

24,178. Was that all you received?—Yes.

24,179. Were you on the committee?—No, merely as a working clerk, to do the machinery work.

24,180. How long were you a working clerk?—All the time the committee was open.

24,181. I want to know how long that was?—It would be open, I should imagine, about seven days.

24,182. Did you give the whole of your services to Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes, of course I did.

24,183. You had no time to spare for Mr. Lawrence?—No; one thing at once.

J. Edmondson.

JAMES EDMONDSON sworn and examined.

24,184. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live in St. Nicholas Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

24,185. You are an engine-fitter?—Yes.

24,186. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,187. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

24,188. How many committees were you on?—None; I could not do one.

24,189. Were you not man enough?—I suppose not.

24,190. You had not time enough?—That was it.

24,191. You could not assist anybody?—I do not know.

24,192. You only got 10*l.* altogether?—That is all.

24,193. Did you get nothing from the other side?—No.

24,194. Really, do you mean to tell us you got nothing for drink from the other side?—I do.

24,195. You could not be on the committee because you had no time; but did they not give you some money instead?—I never got any money.

24,196. Is your father dead?—Yes, my father has been dead a long time since.

24,197. Was Thomas Edmondson, who is dead, any relation of yours?—He was a half-brother of mine.

24,198. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you know that he got 9*l.*?—I do not know that he got anything.

24,199. You know nothing about him?—No.

(*Mr. Allinson.*) I believe themoney was given to his wife.

H. Harrison.

HENRY HARRISON is called, but does not answer.

(*Mr. Allinson.*) He is, I believe, at Settle; his father came to say that he was working there.

24,200. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did he say he had not had any money?—His father said he had had the money.

24,201-2. He will not be able to come over at all?—You could send for him.

24,203. How much did you give him?—I said I gave him 5*l.*, but it was 4*l.* 10*s.*; I named that before.

24,204. Do you know whether he got anything on the committee?—No, I think not; I do not think so.

J. Johnson.

JOHN JOHNSON sworn and examined.

24,205. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—An iron-turner.

24,206. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,207. What did you receive?—7*l.*

24,208. And what for being on the committee?—Nothing.

24,209. From neither side?—No.

24,210. Is 7*l.* all you got?—Yes.

C. Lupton.

CHARLES LUPTON sworn and examined.

24,211. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A labourer.

24,212. Where do you live?—Rose Court.

24,213. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,214. What did you get for your vote?—9*l.*

24,215. Did you serve on any committee?—Yes.

24,216. Whose committee?—Fenwick and Schneider's.

24,217. What did you get for that?—About 30*s.*

24,218. What did you get from Mr. Lawrence's committee?—Nothing at all.

24,219. You would have some money to spend?—No.

24,220. No one gave you half-a-crown to spend in drink?—No.

24,221. Not in the whole course of the election?—No.

W. Noble.

WILLIAM NOBLE is called, but does not answer.

(*Mr. Allinson.*) He is now living at Preston.

24,222. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you know anything about him?—No; he is connected with the Telegraph, I think.

24,223. Will he be here?—I do not know; I have not seen him since the election.

24,224. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you pay him in the presence of anyone?—No; I do not think anyone was there.

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S. Simpson.

JAMES SIMPSON sworn and examined.

24,225. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A painter.

24,226. A journeyman?—Yes.

24,227. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,228. What did you get?—13*l.*

24,229. What did you get for being on the committee?—Nothing.

24,230. What did you get for being on Lawrence's committee?—Nothing.

24,231. Did you get nothing to drink besides?—No.

24,232. You only got 13*l.* for your vote, and no assistance?—No.

24,233. You did not give any assistance?—No.

S. Sykes.

SOLOMON SYKES sworn and examined.

24,234. (*Mr. Hill.*) Solomon, are you the son of David?—Yes.

24,235. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,236. What are you?—A cooper.

24,237. What did you get for your vote?—5*l.*

24,238. Nothing more?—No.

24,239. Were you on either committee?—No.

24,240. Did you get anything to spend in drink?—No.

24,241. Is 5*l.* all you got?—Yes.

R. Tomlinson.

RICHARD TOMLINSON is called, but does not answer.

(*Mr. Allinson.*) He is dead. Thomas Tomlinson said yesterday that they each got 10*l.*

J. T. Whalley,

JAMES THORNTON WHALLEY sworn and examined.

24,242. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A painter.

24,243. Where do you live?—In Marton Street.

24,244. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

22,245. What did they give you?—9*l.*

22,246. Anything else?—1*l.* for being on the committee.

22,247. Anything besides?—That is all.

24,248. Did you get nothing to drink?—A little.

24,249. Did you get any money to spend in drink?—No.

24,250. Did you get anything from Lawrence's committee?—No, not a halfpenny.

24,251. You got nothing from the other side at all?—No.

24,252. Not a farthing?—No.

T. Whalley.

THOMAS WHALLEY sworn and examined.

24,253. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,254. What did you get for your vote?—I got 36*l.* for myself and three sons.

24,255. What are the names of your sons?—The last witness was one, and there is Thomas and John.

24,256. You got something besides?—I got 1*l.* for being on the committee, but nothing else.

24,257. Did your sons get the same?—They all got alike? that is all they got.

24,258. (*Mr. Hill.*) The family got 40*l.*?—I got 36*l.*, and we got 1*l.* a-piece for being on the committee, which makes 40*l.*

24,259. Did you give that money to Thomas and John, your sons?—Yes, they got it.

24,260. Did you pay your sons?—Yes; but they can answer for themselves.

24,261. They are in court, and hear your evidence?—Yes.

J. Morland.

JOHN MORLAND sworn and examined.

24,262. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A publican.

24,263. Under what sign do you sell your beer?—The "White Horse."

24,264. Is that a licensed house?—Yes.

24,265. What is your rent?—60*l.*

24,266. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,267. What did you receive?—7*l.*

24,268. Nothing else besides?—No.

24,269. Is 7*l.* all you got?—Yes.

24,270. What bill did you send in?—I sent in none.

24,271. Had you no bill at all?—No; I was not living there at that time.

24,272. Where were you then?—I was in a private house.

24,273. You were a farmer at the time of the election?—Yes.

24,274. What was your rental then?—The house was 14*l.*

24,275. What land did you hold?—I had two or three lots of land of different parties.

24,276. You can tell me what the rental was?—It would be about 27*l.*

24,277. Altogether?—Yes.

24,278. You got 7*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

24,279. Nothing else?—No.

24,280. They put you on the committee, did they not?—No.

24,281-2. On neither committee?—No; I never attended one.

T. Carrett.

THOMAS BARRETT sworn and examined.

24,283. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A grocer.

24,284. Where do you live?—In Moor Lane.

24,285. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,286. What did they give you?—I got 5*s.* a day for seven days on the committee, and then I got 3*l.* 10*s.* after the election.

24,287. Did you get anything from Lawrence's people?—No.

24,288. Did you get any money to drink with?—No, I got no money to drink with either.

T. Roberts.

THOMAS ROBERTS sworn and examined.

24,289. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live at Skerton?—Yes.

24,290. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,291. What did you get for doing that?—10*l.*

24,292. Who paid it?—William Towers.

24,293. What else did you get?—30*s.* from Lawrence's committee.

24,294. Did you get anything for being on Fenwick and Schneider's committee ?—No, nothing.

24,295. You are merely a journeyman ?—Yes.

24,296. Do you know about anybody else being paid ? Did you see anybody else paid ?—On the committee, do you mean ?

24,297. When were you paid ?—On the Saturday after the election, for voting and services.

24,298. Who paid you ?—William Towers.

24,299. Did you see anybody else paid at the same time ?—No.

24,300. Did you see anybody else paid by Towers at all ?—No.

24,301. You saw no other voters paid ?—No.

24,302. Did you pay any voters yourself ?—No.

24,303. Did you treat any voters with beer or drink? —No.

24,304. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are the man who volunteered to get information from the enemy's camp ?—Yes.

24,305. Did you get any information ?—Yes.

24,306. What was it ?—To see how they were going on and treating men and such like, and I told Mr. Towers.

24,307. You attended the enemy's committee regularly ?—Yes.

24,308. Did they discuss much politics ?—Not much of that.

24,309. Pretty well all the information you could get was the quantity of beer they drank ?—No, it was not that particular.

24,310. Or was the information that you were to get the price at which voters were going ?—On the election day, in the morning, Mr. Carruthers followed me over the bridge and wanted me to go back with him. I went back a bit after and was sent for into the "Black Bull," but I never saw Mr. Carruthers; it was Mr. Aldren, junior. He said he would give me 5*l.* for a split, or 12*l.* to plump for Mr. Lawrence.

24,311. Why did you not take the 12*l.* ?—Because I never intended to vote that way at all. He never belonged to my politics at all.

24,312. Those are not your politics ?—No.

24,313. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you vote at the election before ?—For Mr. Fenwick.

24,314. (*Mr. Hill.*) Had you been a spy then ?—No.

24,315. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are your politics ?—Liberal. I am for Liberal principles altogether.

THOMAS EASTWOOD sworn and examined.

T. Eastwood.

24,316. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—I suppose I am put down as a cabinet-maker.

24,317. For whom did you vote at the last election? —Schneider and Fenwick.

24,318. What did you get for your vote ?—Nothing.

24,319. What did you get for your assistance ?—I got 4*l.* altogether.

24,320. What was the assistance which you gave ? —Amongst the voters.

24,321. What did you do amongst the voters ?—I got 10*s.* before the election, 10*s.* the election day, and 3*l.* after.

24,322. That is 4*l.* ?—Yes.

24,323. The 3*l.* after the election was for what ? —For assistance.

24,324. I want to know what the assistance was ? —Amongst the voters.

24,325. Did you carry about a bill, or what ?—No, I never carried a bill in my life.

24,326. What did you do ?—I run up and down the town.

24,327. Like Mr. Preston. Like a dog in the fair ; running up and down ?—Yes.

24,328. That was all you did ?—Yes.

24,329. What did you get from Lawrence ?—Nothing at all.

24,330. Were you on any committee ?—No.

THOMAS BENNISON sworn and examined.

T. Bennison

24,331. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live ?—In Bolton.

24,332. What are you ?—I am a labourer; but I am jobber, running errands and such like now-a-days. Working does not do for me now.

24,333. For whom did you vote at the last election ? —For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,334. What made you do that ?—I do not know what made me. What made others vote for them ?

24,335. What made you ?—I don't know ; my own inclination.

24,336. What did they give you ?—10*l.*

24,337. Who gave you that ?—Robert Shackhouse.

24,338. Were you on any committee ?—Yes, I was at committee.

24,339. What did they give you for being at the committee ?"—They gave me money there.

24,340. How much ?—10*l.*

24,341. Did you not get anything besides 10*l.* ?—No, I did not ; not a halfpenny.

24,342. (*Mr. Hill.*) How have you voted generally ? —Oh, I don't know ; first one side and then another. I voted for old Cawthorn. He was the first one.

24,343. He was a good sticker, was he not ?—Yes ; he was the best that ever came yet.

MATTHEW BARROW sworn and examined.

M. Barrow.

24,344. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you ?—A shoemaker.

24,345. Where do you live ?—In Lodge Street.

24,346. Are you a master shoemaker ?—No, a journeyman.

24,347. How did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,348. What did you get for doing it ?—I got 9*l.* from Mr. Harrison.

24,349. What did you get for being on the committee ?—I got nothing. I also got 6*d.* from a person called Moloney, which I afterwards returned to Mr. Welch.

24,350. You got nothing for services ?—No.

Adjourned for a short time.

JAMES ARMISTEAD sworn and examined.

J. Armistead.

24,351. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—A fisherman.

24,352. Where do you live ?—At Morecambe.

24,353. For whom did you vote at the last election ? —Mr. Lawrence.

24,354. What did you get ?—2*l.* of Mr. Vince and 9*l.* of Mrs. Willacy.

24,355. You had something to spend in drink besides that, had you not ?—No.

24,356. Nothing ?—No.

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RICHARD ARMISTEAD sworn and examined.

R. Armistead.

24,357. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

24,358. Which way did you vote?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,359. What did you get for doing that?—10*l.*

24,360. Who paid you?—It was a stranger to me. I never saw him before or since.

24,361. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—I got that for being on the committee.

24,362. Not for your vote?—No.

24,363. Did you assist anybody?—Yes.

24,364. What did you get for that?—I got 30*s.* or 2*l.* to spend among the freemen.

24,365. Which shall I say, 30*s.* or 2*l.*?—You may say which you like.

24,366. From whom did you get that?—I got it from Mr. Shackleton.

24,367. And what did you get from the other side?—I got 2*l.* for Mr. Bulfield to spend.

24,368. But Mr. Bulfield was on the other side, was he not?—Yes.

24,369. Who else?—6*l.* from Mrs. Willacy.

24,370. Are you sure it was 6*l.* only?—Yes, I am sure it was 6*l.*

24,371. Take care what you say?—I will take care; I am speaking the truth.

24,372. Very likely you may be?—I am sure I is.

24,373. Do you mean to say that it was 10*l.*?—I mean to say it was 6*l.*, and not a penny more.

24,374. Did you pay anything back to Mrs. Willacy?—My wife did.

24,375. How much?—6*l.*, she paid 6*l.* back; that was what I received.

24,376. How much did she pay back?—6*l.*

24,377. When?—It was after the election, I do do not know when; it was in the course of two or three days.

24,378. You got 2*l.* from Mr. Shackleton, 2*l.* from Mr. Bulfield, and 6*l.* from Mrs. Willacy?—Yes.

24,379. And the 6*l.* you say was paid back by your wife?—Yes, I was present when it was paid back. Mrs Willacy gave me 6*l.*, and not a farthing more.

24,380. Who was present?—No one.

24,381. Where did she pay you the 6*l.*?—She paid me in the stable.

24,382. Was no one present?—There were two horses present, that was all.

24,383. What man or woman was present?—No man; only two horses.

24,384. Do not be impertinent, but answer the questions that are put to you?—I is telling you the truth.

24,385. You say that nobody was present?—No.

24,386. Where was the money paid to you?—In the stable.

24,387. In Mrs. Willacy's stable?—Yes.

24,388. At what time in the day?—In the morning at 7 or 8 o'clock, I cannot exactly say when.

24,389. On what day?—It was the election morning.

24,390. Had you voted?—No.

24,391. It was paid to you, then, before you went to vote?—Yes.

24,392. And nobody you say was present?—Nobody was present.

24,393. What did Mrs. Willacy pay it to you for?—She wanted me to give Mr. Lawrence a vote, and I had promised that I would do so, but I considered afterwards that I would not, and I returned the money.

24,394. Why did you not vote for Mr. Lawrence?—Because I did not think fit.

24,395. And so you broke your promise?—Yes; Mrs. Willacy had broken her promise at the election before, and I thought I would pay her back.

24,396. But you did, in fact, break your promise?—Yes, I did.

24,397. When did you get your 10*l.* for voting for Fenwick and Schneider?—The morning before I polled.

24,398. Was that before or after you had got the 6*l.* from Mrs. Willacy?—After.

24,399. So with 6*l.* in your pocket from Mrs. Willacy you got 10*l.* from Mr. Shackleton?—No, I did not say I got it from Mr. Shackleton.

24,400. Who did you get it from then?—I got it from a stranger I had never seen before and have not seen since.

24,401. I think you are a scoundrel. You get 6*l.* from one side and 10*l.* from the other side besides your expenses?—But I returned the money back again.

24,402. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you mean to say that you took 6*l.* as the price of your vote for Lawrence?—Yes, and 2*l.* that Bulfield gave me.

24,403. That was the current price, was it?—I do not know what was the going price. That was what I got.

24,404. And you swear that you got no more than 6*l.* from Mrs. Willacy?—I mean to swear that I got no more than 6*l.* from Mrs. Willacy.

24,405. Had you any debt against Mrs. Willacy?—Yes, I had.

24,406. What was that?—Mr. Gregson sent every man a sovereign a-piece down, and she was guarantee to me, and she never gave it to me.

24,407. And did you then deduct that?—No, I did not, she got back the 6*l.* that she gave to me.

24,408. (*To Mrs. Willacy.*) How much did you give to Richard Armistead?—I gave him 10*l.*

24,409. He says that you only gave him 6*l.*?—I gave him 10*l.*

24,410. Where did you give it?—On the election morning, in our back kitchen.

24,411. Was anybody present?—I do not know whether the landlord of the "Cross Keys" was there or not when I gave him the money, but he was there when I made the bargain with him. I gave him 10*l.*; when I went back to him for the money, he said that I owed him 4*l.* on account of Mr. Gregson's election, and he stopped that out. He said to his wife, "Fetch it down, Moll," and she fetched down 6*l.*, and he stopped 4*l.* on account of Mr. Gregson's election.

W. Armistead.

WILLIAM ARMISTEAD sworn and examined.

24,412. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which William Armistead are you?—The oldest.

24,413. Do you know what your number is on the register?—No.

24,414. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

24,415. How much did they give you?—10*l.*

24,416. Did you get anything else besides that?—No.

24,417. Was 10*l.* all that you got?—Yes.

R. Armistead.

RICHARD ARMISTEAD sworn and examined.

24,418. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

24,419. At Morecambe?—Yes.

24,420. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

24,421. What made you do that?—I do not know.

24,422. What did they give you to vote?—Oh, they gave me 11*l.*

24,423. Is that all?—Mr. Vince gave me 2*l.* and Mrs. Willacy 9*l.*

24,424. Is that all you got?—Yes.

24,425. Did you get any money to drink with?—No, I never had a farthing.

WILLIAM ARMISTEAD, jun. sworn and examined.

24,426. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a fisherman?—No, I am a husbandman.

24,427. Are you the son of William Armistead?—Yes.

24,428. How did you vote?—I voted for Mr. Fenwick.

24,429. Are you sure you voted for Mr. Fenwick?—Yes.

24,430. You did not vote for Mr. Lawrence?—No.

24,431. Did you vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—No.

24,432. Then did you plump for Fenwick?—Yes.

24,433. Are you quite sure that your name is William?—Yes.

24,434. Are you sure also that you plumped for Fenwick?—Yes.

24,435. Who paid you for your vote?—Mr. Shackleton.

24,436. Have you got a father alive?—Yes.

24,437. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your father's name?—William.

24,438. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you get for your vote?—I got 10*l.*

24,439. Has your father been examined here to-day?—Yes.

24,440. You do not know how he voted, do you?—Oh yes, I do.

24,441. Who paid you the money to go and vote?—Mr. Shackleton.

24,442. What did you get from the other side?—Nothing.

24,443. What did you get from Mr. Shackleton?—I got 10*l.*

24,444. How do you know that you voted for Mr. Fenwick?—I know it very well.

24,445. Did you vote for Schneider as well?—No.

24,446. (*Mr. Hill.*) Your vote was taken down for Fenwick and Schneider at any rate?—Well, I did not vote that way; I voted for Fenwick a plumper.

24,447. (*To Mrs. Willacy.*) Do you know how this man voted?—I do not know. He is on the Liberal side, but I do not know how he voted.

24,448. (*Mr. Newton to the witness.*) You got 10*l.*?—Yes.

24,449. And nothing else?—No.

WILLIAM ARMISTEAD sworn and examined.

24,450. (*Mr. Hill.*) Why did you not answer just now when your name was called?—I never was subpænaed to come to-day.

24,451. Your appearance now cures the defect. What is your name?—William Armistead.

24,452. Whose son are you?—The son of James.

24,453. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,454. What did you get for your vote?—I got 10*l.*

24,455. From whom did you get it?—I got 10*l.* on the election morning, but I got 5*l.* previously; that is 15*l.* altogether.

24,456. You received 15*l.* from Fenwick and Schneider's party?—Yes.

24,457. How much did you receive from the other side?—I received nothing but a sovereign for treating freemen with on the other side.

24,458. You got a sovereign?—Yes, from James Bell.

24,459. That made 16*l.* that you received altogether?—Yes.

24,460. Do you mean to say that Mrs. Willacy did not give you more than that?—Never a penny.

24,461. Did you not receive that sovereign to vote Blue?—No; I got it to treat the freemen with.

24,462. How came you to go and vote on the other side?—Well, I cannot say. I was fond of the Liberal side; they tried to get me on the Blue side to vote for that side, but I did not wish it.

24,463. Could they not keep you?—No, I never was on that side.

24,464. Where were you on the night before the election?—I was at Daniel Evans's, I should think.

24,465. Do you not know?—I was at Daniel Evans's.

24,466. Where did you sleep that night?—I slept at home.

24,467. All you got was 16*l.*?—Yes.

24,468. You got more than that, I think?—Yes, to treat the freemen with. Mr. Shackleton gave me some money, but I cannot say what.

24,469. You got a good deal more money than that; it is all nonsense to tell us you only got 16*l.*?—If you can explain how much more I got I will tell you.

24,470. How much money did you get altogether; come, tell us how much?—I got 10*l.* on the election morning; 5*l.* Mr. Shackleton gave me previous to the election morning, two or three days before the election—that is 15*l.*; James Bell gave me, to treat the freemen with on the Blue side, 1*l.*—that makes 16*l*; and Mr. Shackleton gives account of giving me 4*l.* to treat the freemen with, but I think he is wrong in his statement; I think he never gave me that 4*l.*

24,471. Do you say that you never had it?—I would not swear it, but I think he has made a wrong calculation.

24,472. Do you think you got anything from the Blues besides the sovereign you have told us of?—Never a penny, not at this election.

24,473. Then 20*l.* was all you got?—Yes, by Mr. Shackleton's account. 4*l.* and 10*l.* on the election morning, and 5*l.* previous to the election, and 1*l.* that James Bell gave me; that made 20*l.* altogether.

24,474. And is that all you got?—Yes, it is every penny.

ISAAC ARMISTEAD sworn and examined.

24,475. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a blacksmith?—Yes.

24,476. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,477. What did you get?—I got 5*l.* before the election and 7*l.* the morning of the election.

24,478. Are you quite sure it was only 5*l.*?—Yes positive. That maks 12*l.* in all.

24,479. Did you get anything from the other side?—No, not a halfpenny.

24,480. Nothing to drink from Bulfield?—No.

24,481. Nor from Mrs. Willacy?—No.

NATHAN ARMISTEAD sworn and examined.

24,482. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

24,483. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

24,484. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*

24,485. Who paid you?—Mrs. Willacy.

24,486. When did she pay you; was it in the morning?—Yes.

24,487. What else did you get?—2*l.*

24,488. What for?—For expenses.

24,489. Was that all you got?—Yes.

24,490. Where did you sleep on the night of the nomination?—I was at home.

24,491. Did you sleep at Mrs. Willacy's house?—No.

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J. Armistead.

JOHN ARMISTEAD sworn and examined.

24,492. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a fisherman ?—Yes.

24,493. Who did you vote for at the last election ?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

24,494. What did they give you ?—11*l.*

24,495. And how much besides ?—Not a farthing.

24,496. Did you not get anything before or after ?—No.

24,497. Did you get anything from the other side ?—No, I got 2*l.*, and I gave it them back again.

24,498. Who did you receive it from ?—My brother Thomas.

24,499. And who did you give it back to ?—To his wife.

24,500. (*To Mrs. Willacy.*) Do you know anything about this ?—Yes, he got 2*l.* and 8*l.*, and he sent it all back the night before the election.

T. Armistead.

THOMAS ARMISTEAD sworn and examined.

24,501. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a fisherman, and you live at Doulton-le-Sands ?—Yes.

24,502. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—10*l.* 8*l.* from Mrs. Willacy and 2*l.* from George Vince.

24,503. You voted for Lawrence ?—Yes.

24,504. Did you get anything else ?—No, not a farthing.

W. T. Beisley.

WILLIAM THOMAS BEESLEY sworn and examined.

24,505. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

24,506. What did you get for your vote ?—I got 2*l.* from Mr. Vince, and 5*l.* from Mrs. Willacy on the 14th of April last.

24,507. Is that all ?—That is all I got.

24,508. You only got 7*l.* ?—I got 7*l.*

24,509. Take care ?—That is all I got.

24,510. You are a tailor ?—A tailor and grocer.

24,511. You would get more than that for your vote ?—No, I did not; I did not get that for my vote.

24,512. What did you get it for then ?—For assistance.

24,513. For assisting whom ?—Assisting the Conservative party.

24,514. (*To Mrs. Willacy.*) How came you not to give him this money till April ?—It was for working. We thought there would come out something more against him in the books. He was very active for the Conservative party. He worked very hard. I did not think it was for his vote, it was considered to be for wages.

(*The Witness.*) I spent 15*s.*, the same night that I got the 2*l.*, in treating freemen.

24,515. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you do with the other 2*l.* 5*s.* ?—It was all spent during the election.

24,516. How long were you at work during the election ?—Perhaps seven or eight days.

24,517. And you got 5*l.* paid to you for it ?—Yes.

24,518. When did you send in a claim for money ?—I sent in none. Mrs. Willacy paid me herself, without my making any claim.

24,519. Did you not ask for the money ?—No.

24,520. (*To Mrs. Willacy.*) How was it that you came to pay him ?—I thought it was due to him for his services; he was a very hard worker.

24,521. Who gave you the money to pay him ?—I had money in hand.

24,522. But I do not understand your letting it go on until April; how was that ?—I will tell you the reason why it was not given to him before; it was thought that something would come out in the books that he had got paid before, but I believe that he had not been paid.

24,523. It was doubtful ?—Yes.

24,524. He had not made a claim ?—No; there was a doubt whether some one had not paid him.

24,525. But he had not made a claim ?—No, he had not.

J. Bell.

JOHN BELL sworn and examined.

24,526. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A fisherman.

24,527. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Schneider and Fenwick.

24,528. How much did you get ?—15*l.* 10*s.*

24,529. Is that all you got ?—No.

24,530. What else did you get ?—10*s.*

24,531. From whom ?—From Mr. Shackleton.

24,532. How came they to give you 15*l.* 10*s.* ?—I do not know.

24,533. Did they give it to you all in one lump ?—I got 10*s.* before the election.

24,534. And then 5*l.* ?—No, it was all paid at once.

24,535. 15*l.* ?—Yes.

24,536. Why did they make it up to 16*l.* ?—I do not know I am sure.

24,537. I am sure if you do not know I do not. What did you get from the other side ?—Nothing.

24,538. You were satisfied with the 16*l.* ?—Yes.

D. Bell.

DANIEL BELL sworn and examined.

24,539. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A fisherman, and I farm a little bit of land, a couple of acres very likely.

24,540. For whom did you vote ?—Mr. Lawrence.

24,541. What did you get for your vote ?—I got 11*l.*; 9*l.* from Mrs. Willacy and 2*l.* from Mr. Vince.

24,542. Did you get anything else ?—Yes; I got 2*s.* 6*d.* from Mr. Curwen for delivering the voting card, the night before the election.

T. Bond.

THOMAS BOND sworn and examined.

24,543. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live ?—At Morecambe.

24,544. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Lawrence.

24,545. What did they give you ?—8*l.*

24,546. Nothing else ?—2*l.*

24,547. Where did you get the 2*l.* from ?—Vince.

24,548. And the 8*l.* you got from Mrs. Willacy ?—Yes.

24,549. Did you get anything else ?—No.

C. Bond.

CHARLES BOND sworn and examined.

24,550. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are No. 120 on the register, and are described as Charles Bond, of Poulton-le-Sands, husbandman. How did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

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24,551. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*
24,552. Who paid you?—Mrs. Willacy.
24,553. Is that all you got?—5*s.*
24,554. Who did you get that from?—John Curwen.
24,555. Is that all you got?—Yes.
24,556. What did you get from Shackleton?—Nothing.
24,557. You only got 12*l.* 5*s.*?—That is all.

CHARLES BOND sworn and examined.

24,558. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A joiner.
24,559. Of Poulton-le-Sands?—Yes.
24,560. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.
24,561. What did you receive?—10*l.*
24,562. Did you get anything besides the 10*l.*?—Yes, 2*l.* for my expenses.
24,563. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.
24,564. Was that 12*l.* all that you received?—Yes.

R. Bond, jun.

RICHARD BOND jun., sworn and examined.

24,565. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A fisherman.
24,566. Where do you live?—At Morecambe.
24,567. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.
24,568. What did they give you?—Mrs. Willacy gave me 9*l.* and Mr. Vince gave me 2*l.*
24,569. Is that all you got?—Yes.
24,570. Are you Richard Bond, junior?—Yes.

R. Bond.

ROBERT BOND sworn and examined.

24,571. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
24,572. Who paid you?—I do not know the man.
24,573. Where?—At Daniel Edmondson's.
24,574. What did you get from the other side?—Nothing.
24,575. What did you get for going on the committee?—Nothing.
24,576. What did you get for going on Lawrence's committee?—Nothing.
24,577. You got 12*l.* for your vote?—Yes.
24,578. Who did you vote for?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
24,579. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who gave you a ticket to get this money?—Mr. Shackleton.
24,580. He gave it to you in your own hand?—Yes.
24,581. What were you running away for just now when your name was called?—I was never summoned to come.
24,582. But you were here and were called. Why did you not answer when your name was called?—I am a poor man, and I want to receive my day's wages.
24,583. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then you will not get your day's wages?—I do not want it.

Robt. Bond.

RICHARD BOND sworn and examined.

24,584. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are of Poulton-le-Sands, and are described as "fisherman (son of Thomas)." For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.
24,585. And what did you get for it?—8*l.*
24,586. And how much besides?—2*l.*
24,587. And how much besides that?—Nothing.
24,588. Was that all you got?—Yes.

G. Bond.

GEORGE BOND sworn and examined.

24,589. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Morecambe.
24,590. What are you?—A fisherman.
24,591. You voted for Lawrence?—Yes.
24,592. What did they give you?—8*l.*
24,593. Nothing more?—2*l.*
24,594. Nothing more than that?—No.
24,595. Not a farthing?—No.
24,596. (*To Mrs. Willacy.*) John Bond, No. 116 on the register, is dead is he not?—Yes.

J. Bond.

JOHN BOND sworn and examined.

24,597. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A fisherman.
24,598. Which way did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
24,599. What did you get for your vote?—15*l.*
24,600. What else did you get?—Nothing.
24,601. What did you get on the other side?—Nothing.
24,602. Did you get nothing from Mrs. Willacy?—Yes.
24,603. How much did you get from her?—10*s.*
24,604. What did you mean then by saying just now that you got nothing from the other side?—Not for voting; that was three weeks before the election. I got 1*l.* of James Bell, and 10*s.* of Mrs. Willacy, and 5*s.* from Mr. Carruthers.
24,605. What else did you get?—And I think I got 5*s.* from Mr. Storey; that was for spending.
24,606. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you get on the 5th of July from Mr. Shackleton?—I do not know.
24,607. Shall I tell you?—Yes.
24,608. 1*l.*, and on the 6th July you got another 1*l.*; on the 8th July another 1*l.*; on the 9th July 1*l.*, and another 1*l.* on the 10th of July?—Yes, I got something of Mr. Shackleton for spending money.
24,609. Why did you not say so before?—You said for voting, but I believe that is not correct; I think it was about 3*l.* or 4*l.* that I got from Mr. Shackleton.
24,610. I shall take it that Mr. Shackleton speaks truth. You got 10*s.* from Mrs. Willacy and 1*l.* from Mr. Bell?—Yes, and 5*s.* from Mr. Carruthers.
24,611. That is 1*l.* 15*s.*?—And 5*s.* from Mr. Storey.
24,612. That makes 22*l.* in all?—I do not know what it is. I did not count it up. I had not anything down.

W. Bond.

WILLIAM BOND sworn and examined.

24,613. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A farmer.
24,614. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Lawrence.
24,615. What did you get?—I got 10*l.* or 12*l.* for myself from Mrs. Willacy.
24,616. (*To Mrs. Willacy.*) How much was it that he got?—I think he got 10*l.* from me and 2*l.* from Mr. Vince.
24,617. (*To the Witness.*) Is that so?—I got 2*l.* from Mr. Vince besides.

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24,618. That is 12*l.*; what else did you get?—I got 10*l.* from Mrs. Willacy for my father.

24,619. He is alive, is he?—No, he is dead since.

24,620. Which Bond is that?—John Bond.

24,621. How much did you get for yourself besides the 12*l.*?—I got 2*l.* from Mr. Vince.

24,622. Did you get anything else?—No. I got 2*s.* 6*d.* from Mr. Booth and 2*l.* from Mr. Vince for my brother Thomas, and 2*l.* for my brother Charles, and 2*l.* for my father; that is 8*l.*, and I returned 6*l.* to Mrs. Willacy.

(*Mrs. Willacy.*) It is all accounted for.

(*The Witness.*) But I did not receive the 10*l.* as she gave in evidence; they received it themselves.

24,623. (*Mr. Hill.*) Then it comes to this, that you only got the 12*l.* for yourself?—I got it myself, but they got it you know.

24,624. You got 12*l.* for yourself?—Yes.

24,625. And you received for your father 12*l.* also?—Yes.

24,626. And did you pay that to him?—Of course I did.

24,627. Did you repay it to him?—Yes.

24,628. Did you pay the 12*l.* to your father?—I had the management of the money at the same time.

24,629. Did you pay the 12*l.* to your father?—I did not.

24,630. Then why did you tell a lie about it just now?—Your father is dead; you ought to be ashamed of yourself. To whom did you pay the 12*l.*; you kept it yourself?—He told me I could receive it.

24,631. You kept it yourself, did you not?—Of course I did.

24,632. Then you kept 24*l.* for yourself?—I wish not to tell a lie.

24,633. You do not seem to me to have that wish at all. The fact is that you kept 24*l.* for yourself?—Yes.

24,634. How much of that which was paid for your brothers did you keep?—I kept nothing.

24,635. Are they all alive?—They are all alive that I have had anything to do with. I have a brother dead, Edmond; he was scalded in that explosion.

24,636. Did he get any money?—I do not know.

24,637. Did you receive any for him?—I did not.

24,638. What monies did you receive besides this 24*l.*?—I cannot say as I received any.

24,639. There was some that you received you know, even according to your own account, besides what you received for yourself and your father. What other money did you receive?—From Vince, that was returned back to Mrs. Willacy; 6*l.* was returned back to her.

24,640. (*To Mrs. Willacy.*) Is that so?—It was accounted for, 10*l.* and 2*l.* that he had of Mr. Vince.

24,641. Did he pay back the 6*l.* virtually?—No, I made it up to 12*l.*; that was the way we did it. I paid him for his father, and his brother that is a joiner, and his brother Thomas that is a servant, and himself, 40*l.*

24,642. (*To the Witness.*) Did you keep your brother's (the joiner's) money?—I did not, it was accounted for; I gave it back to Mrs. Willacy.

24,643. (*To Mrs. Willacy.*) Did you get it back?—No.

24,644. (*To the Witness.*) What other money did you receive from Mrs. Willacy?

(*Mrs. Willacy.*) I paid him 40*l.* over.

(*The Witness.*) I did not receive it.

24,645. (*Mr. Hill to Mrs. Willacy.*) Then he got altogether 44*l.*?—Yes; for his father, his two brothers, and himself.

24,646. (*To the Witness.*) You got altogether 44*l.*?—I did not.

24,647. How much of that have you ever paid away?—I received the money for my father and myself.

(*Mrs. Willacy.*) His brother Charley is in court.

24,648. Do you say that all you received was 24*l.*?—Yes, for my father and myself.

24,649. (*To Mrs. Willacy.*) Is that so?—He only got 12*l.* for himself.

24,650. He stuck to 24*l.*?—I had nothing to do with his father.

24,651. You had 2*l.* to bring your brother from Bradford?—No, I had nothing from Bradford.

24,652. For your brother?—No, he got it himself.

24,653. Did you not get 2*l.* to bring your brother from Bradford?—No.

24,654. Did you get 2*l.* to bring your brother from Carnforth?—No; I went to Carnforth myself out of my own expenses.

(*Mr. Vince.*) I gave him 2*l.* to bring his brother, and a sovereign for brandy.

(*The Witness.*) I did not receive it.

24,655. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You will not get your expenses; you have given your evidence in such a way that it is impossible for us to believe a word you say.—I am telling you the truth.

F. Bond.

FRANK BOND sworn and examined.

24,656. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

24,657. Of Poulton?—Yes.

24,658. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

24,659. What did you get for your vote?—11*l.*

24,660. Anything else?—No.

24,661. You got nothing but that 11*l.*?—Nothing.

24,662. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, quite sure.

24,663. Did anyone else get anything for you?—No.

24,664. Are you a relation to the last witness?—No.

24,665. You are not a relation at all to him?—No.

H. Casson.

HENRY CASSON sworn and examined.

24,666. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A labourer.

24,667. How did you vote?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,668. What did you get for it?—12*l.*

24,669. Who paid you?—I did not know him.

24,670. What did you get besides?—Nothing.

24,671. What did they stand for drink?—Nothing.

24,672. What did you get on the other side?—Nothing.

24,673. You only got 12*l.* for your vote altogether?—No.

Edmondson.

JOHN EDMONDSON sworn and examined.

24,674. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

24,675. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,676. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*; I suppose it would be for my vote, but they never told me what it was for.

24,677. Is that all you got?—Yes.

T. Edmondson.

THOMAS EDMONDSON sworn and examined.

24,678. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

24,679. Where do you live?—At Morecambe.

24,680. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,681. What did you get?—10*l.*

24,682. Nothing more?—Yes; I received 2*l.* from John Edmondson on the Monday night. That is all that I received.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

21 Sept. 1866.

ROBERT EDMONDSON sworn and examined. *R. Edmondson.*

24,683. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you get for your vote?—I got 11*l.*

24,684. How did you vote?—For Mr. Lawrence.

24,685. What did you get besides?—2*l.* for my son, John Edmondson.

24,686. Who gave you that?—Mrs. Willacy.

24,687. You got 13*l.* altogether?—No, 11*l.* I got for myself. I received 2*l.* from Vince, and 9*l.* from Mrs. Willacy.

24,688. You and your son each got 11*l.*?—Yes.

THOMAS EDMONSON sworn and examined. *T. Edmondson.*

24,689. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,690. What did you get for your vote?—I got 10*l.* for my vote.

24,691. How much else?—And 4*l.* for travelling expenses.

24,692. Where did you come from?—From Londonderry, in Ireland.

24,693. How much of that was spent in expenses?—I spent it all coming and going back.

24,694. It did not cost you 4*l.* to come from Londonderry to Morecambe and back?—Yes, it did, stopping three days besides.

24,695. I suppose it was worth 12*l.* to you altogether?—No, I call it 10*l.*

JOHN EDMONDSON recalled and further examined. *J. Edmondson.*

24,696. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you get for your vote?—I got nothing for my vote; they told me it was for my expenses.

24,697. What did you get altogether?—As near as I should think, 23*l.* or 24*l.*; I cannot tell you exactly.

24,698. How much of that did you keep for yourself; how much of that had you left?—I do not believe any public-house keeper or any voter will say anything different but what I spent the money. I was the only one spending money at the time. I used to go round the town two or three times a day.

24,699. How much did you get of that 23*l.* or 24*l.* for yourself?—13*l.* There is 10*s.* I have missed telling you of; on the Monday I gave 10*s.* to John Kitchen, and Thomas Edmondson he had 2*l.*

DANIEL EDMONDSON sworn and examined. *D Edmondson.*

24,700. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A publican.

24,701. You keep the "Joiners' Arms?"—Yes.

24,702. What money did you receive altogether at the last election?—Between 56*l.* and 57*l.* in all.

24,703. You mean 57*l.* 10*s.*?—I believe 56*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*; that is as near as I can remember.

24,704. What was it for?—For room and refreshments supplied to voters.

24,705. What did you get for your room?—10*l.* for three rooms; 5*l.* for one first, and then 5*l.* afterwards for two more. They occupied three rooms.

24,706. What was your bill?—The last bill for rooms and refreshments together was, I think, 38*l.* 3*s.*, but the 3*s.* I did not take.

24,707. You got 10*l.* for your room and 38*l.* odd for rooms and refreshments?—Yes; the whole bill together was 56*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* There was one account of 38*l.* 3*s.*, another of 11*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*, and another of 6*l.*

24,708. What was the 6*l.* for?—For drink and refreshments supplied; and then there was 10*l.* for the rooms.

24,709. You told us of that before.—Then I have told you all. I have told you it all amounted to 56*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*

24,710. (*Mr. Hill.*) Yours is a licensed house?—Yes.

24,711. So you got the regular licensed house price?—Yes.

JONAS EDMONDSON, jun., sworn and examined. *J. Edmondson, jun.*

24,712. (*Mr. Newton.*) Which way did you vote?—For Mr. Lawrence.

24,713. What did you get for your vote?—11*l.*

24,714. Who paid it to you?—John Curwen gave me 10*l.*, and Mrs. Willacy 1*l.* on the election morning.

24,715. Is that all you got?—No; I got 2*l.* before.

24,716. Who from?—I suppose Mr. Vince.

24,717. That is 13*l.*?—Yes.

24,718. Anything more?—No.

24,719. All you got was 13*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

THOMAS HADWEN sworn and examined. *T. Hadwen*

24,720. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a fisherman?—Yes.

24,721. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Lawrence.

24,722. What did you get?—9*l.* from Mrs. Willacy, and 2*l.* from Mr. Vince.

24,723. Was that all?—Yes.

WILLIAM HADWEN, jun., is called, but does not answer. *W. Hadwen, jun.*

24,724. (*To the Witness.*) Do you know William Hadwin?—He will be my son. He is not here, he is at Barrow.

24,725. What did he get?—I cannot say.

24,726. Which way did he vote?—He voted for Mr. Lawrence, but what he got I do not know any more than my hat.

(*Mrs. Willacy.*) He got 11*l.*; 2*l.* from Vince and 9*l.* from me.

24,727. (*Mr. Hill to Mr. Vince.*) Do you agree to that?—Yes.

TOBIAS HADWEN sworn and examined. *T. Hadwen.*

24,728. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

24,729. Where do you live?—At Morecambe.

24,730. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,731. What did you get?—5*l.*

24,732. No more?—No.

24,733. From whom did you get it?—Mr. Stewartson.

24,734. Do you keep a beerhouse?—No.

24,735. Did you get none of this money that was going about on the sands at Morecambe?—No.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

22 Sept. 1866.

W. Hadwen.

WILLIAM HADWEN sworn and examined.

24,736. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

24,737. Where do you live?—At Morecambe.

24,738. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,739. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

24,740. Anything more?—No.

24,741. You got 10*l.* altogether?—That was all.

A. Henderson.

ADAM HENDERSON sworn and examined.

24,742. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a shoemaker at Poulton?—I am a shoemaker by trade, but am not following it at present.

24,743. What are you following at present?—Photography.

24,744. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,745. What did you receive for your vote?—10*l.*, for my services.

24,746. How much else?—Nothing else.

24,747. What do you mean by "services?"—Conveying voters from Morecambe to the polling place in Lancaster.

24,748. What did you convey them in?—In a 'bus.

24,749. Who paid for the 'bus?—I suppose it was engaged.

24,750. It was not your omnibus?—No.

24,751. Then what do you mean; you received 10*l.* for your vote?—No, not for my vote.

24,752. You received 10*l.* for taking voters in another man's omnibus?—I was requested to close my business, and see the voters to the poll on the day of the election.

24,753. Is 10*l.* your day's wage; that is at the rate of 3,650*l.* a year. You got 10*l.* for your vote?—It was for my services.

J. Howson.

JAMES HOWSON sworn and examined.

24,754. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A plumber and glazier.

24,755. Where do you live?—At Morecambe.

24,756. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

24,757. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

24,758. Nothing more?—2*l.* from Vince.

24,759. 12*l.* altogether?—Yes.

24,760. Did you get nothing beyond 12*l.*?—No.

24,761. Nothing to spend?—No.

J. Jackson.

JAMES JACKSON sworn and examined.

24,762. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,763. What are you?—A fisherman.

24,764. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

24,765. Do you mean to say that you really got nothing for your vote?—Nothing, positively.

24,766. You need not look so astonished?—I am astonished, that is all.

24,767. Are you really in earnest to say that you got nothing for you vote?—Yes, I am in earnest; I am on my oath.

24,768. Did you get anything for your assistance?—No; nor did I assist, so that I could have no prospect of getting anything for my assistance.

24,769. That does not follow at all?—However, I did not receive anything either directly or indirectly.

24,770. That is the truth, is it; that you did not receive anything either directly or indirectly?—No, I did not.

24,771. (*Mr. Hill.*) You make up the dozen of unbribed people?—I did not take any part in the election at all, and I am only surprised that I have been summoned.

24,772. It may be made a baker's dozen before we have done, but I think it is not very likely?—I hope it may.

J. Kitchen, jun.

JOHN KITCHEN, jun., sworn and examined.

24,773. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A stonemason.

24,774. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,775. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*

24,776. Is that all?—No.

24,777. What else did you get?—There was 10*s.* from John Edmondson.

24,778. What else?—And 1*l.* 15*s.* from Shackleton.

24,779. And what else?—That is all I can tell, but there might be some small things.

24,780. Making up 5*s.*?—Yes.

24,781. Making it up to 10*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

24,782. You did not get anything from the other side?—No.

24,783. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you live in King Street?—No, Morecambe; it will be my brother.

24,784. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is your brother here?—No; I have never seen him since Whitsuntide.

24,785. Where is he?—I do not know where he is; he would be somewhere about Lancaster.

24,786. What did your brother get?—I do not know; I never spoke to him about it.

J. Knipe.

JOSEPH KNIPE sworn and examined.

24,787. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A retired farmer.

24,788. Where do you live?—At Morecambe.

24,789. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,790. What did they give you?—I never received anything from them.

24,791. Not a farthing?—No.

24,792. You had absolutely nothing at all?—No; but my son got some money.

24,793. And gave it to you?—Well, I never got it yet, but it came into the house; I do not know that I ever *see* it.

24,794. What do you mean?—What I say.

24,795. You had some money for voting?—My son got it.

24,796. And gave it to you?—No.

24,797. To whom did he give it?—It was taken out of his pocket by somebody—his sister, I believe.

24,798. This will not do, this is nonsense; how much was it?—10*l.*

24,799. Did he get any more?—No; I do not know what he got.

24,800. How much did you get?—I had never nothing given to me; the money was 10*l.*, but I never had it.

24,801. Did not Shackleton give you 10*s.*?—No.

24,802. Will you swear that?—Yes.

24,803. He never gave you 10*s.*?—I will swear it.

24,804. What do you do now?—I sometimes works a bit at land, and sometimes do nothing.

24,805. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you live on your own property?—Yes.

GEORGE KNIPE sworn and examined. *G. Knipe.*

24,806. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,807. What did you get for your vote?—I received 25*l.* altogether; Shackleton put down 15*l.* for me and 10*l.* for my father.

24,808. Did you get anything more?—No; that is all I got.

WILLIAM LORD sworn and examined. *W. Lord.*

24,809. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A spinner.

24,810. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,811. What did you get?—Ten sovereigns.

24,812. Is that all?—Yes, it is.

24,813. Nothing else?—It is all I got, and all I have got for 47 years.

24,814. You got nothing before; you got it all in a lump?—No; I got two sovereigns and then 8*l.*

24,815. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you been a freeman for 47 years?—Yes.

JOHN THRELFALL sworn and examined. *J. Threlfall.*

24,816. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

24,817. Where do you live?—At Morecambe.

24,818. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

24,819. What did you get?—I got 12*l.* altogether; 8*l.* from Mrs. Willacy and 4*l.* from Thomas Procter. It might come through her hands, but that is how I got it; 8*l.* from her and 4*l.* from him.

24,820. 12*l.* altogether?—Yes.

24,821. Did you get nothing more?—Nothing more from them.

24,822. Did you not get some drink before the election day?—I got some drink, but no money to spend.

24,823. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did you get from the other side?—I got 1*l.* from Mr. Shackleton.

HENRY THRELFALL sworn and examined. *H. Threlfall.*

24,824. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

24,825. What did you get for that one vote?—I got 12*l.* from a stranger, but I do not know who he was; he brought it into the house to us.

24,826. For which side?—For Lawrence.

24,827. What did you get for Fenwick's vote?—Not a halfpenny piece.

24,828. Did you get nothing from Shackleton?—No; I received 2*l.* a fortnight before that, Thomas Proctor gave it to me; I asked him what it was for, and whether it had anything to do with the election, but he said, "No; it is for a free gift;" and I received 12*l.* from a stranger.

24,829. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you receive any other free gifts?—No. I believe Mr. Vince accounts for having given me 2*l.*, but I never saw him.

24,830. (*To Mr. Vince.*) What do you say to that?—I believe it was Procter spoke to him; it was taken with a lot by somebody. I have a lot of them down here 8*l.*

JAMES THRELFALL sworn and examined. *J. Threlfall.*

24,831. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A fisherman and market gardener.

24,832. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

24,833. What did you get?—I received 2*l.* from Thomas Procter and 12*l.* from a gentleman who brought it into the house, a gentleman I did not know.

24,834. That is 14*l.* altogether?—Yes.

24,835. That is all you got?—Yes.

WILLIAM THRELFALL sworn and examined. *W. Threlfall.*

24,836. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Morecambe.

24,837. You are a fisherman?—Yes.

24,838. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

24,839. What did they give you?—12*l.*

24,840. Did you get anything more than 12*l.*?—Yes, 1*l.* from Mr. Shackleton.

24,841. Is 13*l.* all you got from anybody?—Yes.

24,842. How did you get the 12*l.*?—8*l.* from Mrs. Willacy and 4*l.* from Thomas Procter.

24,843. Did you get anything more from Shackleton?—No.

24,844. Did you get anything of Edmondson?—No.

24,845. 13*l.* is all you got altogether?—Yes.

WILLIAM WHITESIDE sworn and examined. *W. Whiteside.*

24,846. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A farmer.

24,847. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

24,848. Where do you live?—At Torrisholme.

24,849. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

24,850. Did you get anything from anybody else?—No.

24,851. Is that all you got?—Yes.

24,852. You call yourself a farmer. Do you farm your own land?—No, I farm it.

24,853. What is the rent?—50*l.*

ROBERT BOND sworn and examined. *R. Bond.*

24,854. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A farmer.

24,855. What rent do you pay?—30*l.*

24,856. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

24,857. What did they give you?—He gave me nothing. I got 4*l.*

24,858. From whom?—Robert Hodgson.

24,859. What Robert Hodgson?—Of China Lane.

24,860. Did you get anything more?—No.

24,861. When did Hodgson pay you?—On the election day.

24,862. Before or after you voted?—Before.

24,863. Hodgson says he gave you 5*l.*?—He did not.

24,864. That is not true?—No.

24,865. Will you swear you only got 4*l.*?—Yes there was another party in the room besides.

24,866. Who was that?—I cannot say; a stranger to me.

24,867. Did you get anything from the other side?—No, nothing.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

1 Sept. 1866.

J. Bond.

JOHN BOND sworn and examined.

24,868. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a land surveyor at Bare?—Yes.

24,869. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

24,870. What did you get?—10*l.*

24,871. You got it from Hodgson?—Yes, Robert Hodgson, of China Lane.

24,872. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get anything else?—No, nothing.

J. Dodgson.

JAMES DODGSON sworn and examined.

24,873. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live at Bare?—Yes.

24,874. Which way did you vote last time?—For Lawrence.

24,875. What did you get for your vote?—14*l.* Mrs. Willacy gave me 12*l.*, and Robert Hodgson 2*l.*

24,876. Did Robert Hodgson give you only 2*l.*?—That is all.

24,877. He says he gave you 15*l.*?—It is not true.

24,878. When did he pay you the 2*l.*?—On the election day, about 11 o'clock, I daresay.

24,879. How came he to pay you, and Mrs. Willacy also?—James Bond and me were together, and Robert Hodgson said, "You have got something, will 2*l.* do?" and I said "Yes." We did not ask for it, and never expected it. We were coming along the Green Area, and just going to vote. We never expected 2*l.* from him at all.

24,880. (*Mr. Hill.*) You would have been satisfied with the 12*l.*?—Yes.

T. Hodgson.

THOMAS HODGSON sworn and examined.

24,881. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

24,882. What did you get for your vote?—5*l.*

24,883. Is that all?—Yes.

24,884 Nothing more from anybody?—No.

24,885. On neither side?—No, not a fraction.

J. Hodgson.

JOHN HODGSON sworn and examined.

24,886. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you live at Bare?—No, Slyne.

24,887. You are a farmer?—Yes.

24,888. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

24,889. What did you get for your vote?—3*l.*

24,890. Who paid it to you?—Robert Hodgson, of China Lane.

24,891. If my note is correct, he put you down as having received 5*l.*?—It is not true, nothing of the kind.

24,892. Was 3*l.* all you got?—Yes.

T. Curwen.

THOMAS CURWEN sworn and examined.

24,893. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—Torrisholme.

24,894. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

24,895. What did you get for your vote?—2*l.*

24,896. Who paid you?—Robert Hodgson.

24,897. Where?—At his own house.

24,898. He says he gave you 5*l.*?—It is not true.

24,899. (*Mr. Hill to Thomas Hodgson.*) Are you father of Robert Hodgson, China Lane?—Yes.

24,900. Where is he?—I do not know anything about him.

24,901. You do not see him much?—No, not so much.

24,902. He does not seem to have been giving everybody what he ought to have given them?—I cannot help that. Some of them will tell the truth, and some will not. I do not think he was capable on the election day.

24,903. (*To the Witness.*) Are you sure you did not receive more than 2*l.*?—Yes.

24,904. You were rather tipsy, were you not?—No, I never got tipsy.

24,905. Are you quite sure you did not get more than 2*l.*?—Yes.

24,906. How came you to put up with having 2*l.*?—I was content with it. I thought it my duty to vote without anything, and I did not want anything.

24,907. Did Hodgson tell you that was all he had for you?—No; he had more for me.

24,908. Why did he not give it to you?—I did not ask for it.

24,909. He told you that he had got more for you?—I saw him get it.

24,910. What are you?—A farmer.

24,911. Or a labourer?—I farm land now. I have been a labourer.

24,912. How much do you farm now?—55*l.* a year.

24,913. And you were content to take 2*l.* for your vote?—Yes, I was.

J. Curwen.

JAMES CURWEN sworn and examined.

24,914. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A labourer.

24,915. Where do you live?—At Torrisholme.

24,916. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

24,917. What did you get for your vote?—I got 5*l.*

24,918. From whom?—Robert Hodgson.

24,919. Did you get anything else?—No.

24,920. You got no more than 5*l.*?—No.

24,921. Robert Hodgson says he gave you 6*l.*?—He did not.

24,922. That is not true?—No; 5*l.* was all I got.

R. Wadeson.

RICHARD WADESON sworn and examined.

24,923. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Hest Bank.

24,924. What are you?—The station-master.

24,925. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

24,926. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

24,927. Did you get nothing else?—No.

24,928. Who paid it to you?—Mr. Isaac Jackson.

24,929. Not Hodgson?—It was paid at Hodgson's house.

24,930. Hodgson did not pay you?—No.

T.W. Hodgson.

THOMAS WILKINSON HODGSON sworn and examined.

24,931. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—Slyne.

24,932. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

24,933. What did you get for your vote?—3*l.*

24,934. Who paid you?—Robert Hodgson.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

T. Shaw.

21 Sept. 1866.

THOMAS SHAW sworn and examined.

24,935. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you come from?—Slyne.

24,936. What are you?—A labourer.

24,937. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

24,938. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

24,939. From whom?—I got it at Robert Hodgson's, but I do not know who gave it to me.

24,940. You did not get it through his hands?—No.

24,941. Did you receive any other monies besides?—5*s.* before the election.

24,942. What else?—That is all.

24,943. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

24,944. 10*l.* 5*s.* was all you got?—Yes.

D. Edmondson.

DANIEL EDMONDSON sworn and examined.

24,945. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,946. How much did you receive?—I received 12*l.*

24,947. Did you receive anything else?—John Curwen brought 10*l.*, and wanted me to give one vote to Mr. Lawrence, and I told him I would not. He left the money, and after I came back to the house I sent it back to him. I would not vote for him.

24,948. You did not keep any of it?—No.

J. Thompson.

JOHN THOMPSON sworn and examined.

24,949. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Stonewell.

24,950. What are you?—A shoemaker.

24,951. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

24,952. What did you get for your vote?—9*l.*

24,953. Anything else?—No.

24,954. Were you on any committee?—No.

24,955. You got nothing for drinking money?—No, not a farthing.

J. Jackson.

JAMES JACKSON sworn and examined.

24,956. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You keep the "Spinners' Arms?"—Yes.

24,957. Was your house engaged by the Conservatives?—Nobody engaged it, but they held their committee meetings there.

24,958. What money did you receive at the last election?—I have on this paper (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*) what was spent.

24,959. "For 20 staff-men, engaged at about 5*s.* a "day, for two days, 9*l.* 10*s.*; use of house, 6*l.*; bill "for refreshments, 8*l.*; refreshments at the committee meetings, 6*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*; canvassing, 1*l.*?"—Yes.

24,960. Have you always voted the same?—I have.

R. Lamb.

ROBERT LAMB sworn and examined.

24,961. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I keep the "Slip Inn."

24,962. Who engaged your house at the last election?—Mr. Hatch and Mr. Cross.

24,963. What for?—They engaged it for 10*l.*

24,964. What bill did they pay?—5*l.* It was paid altogether. I had nothing paid besides.

24,965. Then am I to understand that 5*l.* was the gross sum you received, and that it was paid altogether?—Yes.

Adjourned to to-morrow 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Saturday, 22d September 1866.

PRESENT:

MR. BARSTOW. | MR. NEWTON. | MR. HILL.

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J. McCann.

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JOHN McCANN recalled and further examined.

24,966. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understand that you have some statement to make to the Commissioners?—Yes, I have.

24,967. (*Mr. Newton.*) You paid Edward Hoggarth 5*l.*?—I did.

24,968. That was for his vote?—It was.

24,969. You wish to state this morning that you received part back?—Yes; he gave me 1*l.* back.

24,970. You got 1*l.* for yourself?—I got 1*l.* and I spent it; and then there is Mr. Coupland; Mr. Coupland has booked 3*l.* against me and I never got 3*d.* I asked him why he had booked 3*l.* against me, and he said it was in his books. I said, "When did you give it to me?" and he could not recollect. I never got a farthing.

24,971. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is Mr. Coupland here now?—No.

24,972. Have you spoken to him about it?—Yes; he said it was in his book, but he could not tell anything about giving it to me; and there is 2*l.* from John Cross that I never received. I acknowledge to 2*l.*, but there is 4*l.* put against me.

24,973. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I must say that we have found these gentlemen's accounts very accurate.—I am positive that I never received that 3*l.* or the 2*l.* either.

24,974. (*Mr. Newton.*) I have it that you got 3*l.* from Cross?—4*l.*, is it not?

24,975. No, 3*l.*—I only got 2*l.* from Mr. Cross.

24,976. (*Mr. Newton.*) You say that in fact you only gave Hoggarth 4*l.* instead of 5*l.*, and that you spent the other 1*l.* in treating?—Yes.

H. Wolfendale.

RICHARD WOLFENDALE sworn and examined.

24,977. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a butcher?—Yes.

24,978. Where do you live?—In Damside Street.

24,979. Are you a householder?—Yes.

24,980. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

24,981. What money did you get?—8*l.*

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R. Wolfendale.

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24,982. Who gave it to you?—James Turner gave 5*l.* to my wife and another man as used to be with Mr. Welch; I forget his name.

24,983. Was it Alfred Tinker?—Yes; he gave me 3*l.*

24,984. Did you receive anything else?—No.

24,985. You were on the committee?—No.

24,986. Had you no money to spend in the town for drinking?—No.

24,987. Is 8*l.* all you received?—Yes.

T. Slinger.

THOMAS SLINGER sworn and examined.

24,988. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a householder?—Yes.

24,989. And you live in Market Street?—Yes.

24,990. How did you vote?—For Fenwick and Lawrence.

24,991. What did you get for your vote?—5*l.*

24,992. Who did you get it from?—John McCann.

24,993. How came John McCann to pay you?—I do not know.

24,994. Where did he pay you?—About their own place of business; somewhere about their own stables.

24,995. What are you?—I am a fruiterer.

24,996. Is that all you got for your vote?—That is all I got from any party in any shape.

24,997. Were you on any committee?—No.

24,998. McCann paid you 5*l.* to vote for Lawrence?—Yes.

24,999. (*Mr. Hill.*) He gave you 5*l.* for a split vote?—Yes.

25,000. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did Cross give you 5*l.*?—I got no more money.

25,001. Did Cross give you 5*l.*?—No.

25,002. Did he give your wife any money?—No.

25,003. (*Mr. Hill.*) Come, tell us at once?—I got nothing more; that is all the money I got.

25,004. (*Mr. Newton.*) When did you receive a summons to come here?—I believe on Wednesday night. I was away from home.

25,005. Then you got 5*l.* from Cross?—No, I got nothing from no one else, only from John McCann; I got 5*l.* from him; that is all the money I got, either in money or in anything else.

25,006. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did not any of your family get some money?—No.

25,007. Will you swear that none of your family got any money?—They did not.

25,008. (*To Mr. Mc Cann.*) Did you give this man 5*l.*?—Yes. I do not believe that Cross paid him a farthing.

(*Mr. Barstow to the witness.*) I believe you are right, you got nothing from Cross.

G. C. Hatton.

GEORGE COOPER HATTON sworn and examined.

25,009. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a painter, and you live in Cheapside?—Yes.

25,010. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Lawrence.

25,011. What money did you get?—10*l.*

25,012. From whom did you get it?—From John Cross.

25,013. What else did you get?—Nothing.

25,014. Were you not on any committee?—No.

25,015. Not on either side?—No.

25,016. Was that all you got?—Yes.

25,017. You got no more either directly or indirectly?—No, and that I did not ask for. I did not receive anything from Thomas Cross.

25,018. Did he say you did?—I saw it mentioned in the papers that he said so.

25,019. Who do you say you got the 10*l.* from?—John Cross.

25,020. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is it you say Thomas Cross said?—That he gave me 10*l.*

25,021. And you say that John Cross gave you 10*l.*?—Yes.

25,022. Then you both agree?—But Thomas Cross says that he gave me 10*l.* as well.

25,023. Did you receive no other money except this 10*l.*?—No.

25,024. From whose hand did you receive it?—A stranger I had never seen before.

25,025. Was John Cross there?—Yes.

25,026. And was Thomas Cross there?—Yes, I I believe so.

25,027. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did anybody else receive any money for you?—No.

25,028. Were you sober at the time?—Yes.

S. Pickard.

SAMUEL PICKARD affirmed.

25,029. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Vale Cottage now.

25,030. Vale Cottage, where?—Near Lancaster is the most certain direction by post.

25,031. Is that in Skerton?—It is; it is the farthest house I believe in Skerton, but to address a letter that way is wrong; letters so addressed get into the Skerton bag.

25,032. What are you by trade or profession?—I am nothing at present.

25,033. You are living on your own means?—Yes.

25,034. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

25,035. What money did you receive?—3*l.* 5*s.* at first, but I returned 2*l.*

25,036. We will have what you received in the first instance, if you please?—On the election day I did receive five guineas.

25,037. What was that for?—For expenses to come from the North, with an additional sum added, for what I was not aware, and which I returned.

25,038. You say you came to Lancaster from the North; did you come from John o' Groat's house?—No, from Cockermouth, in Cumberland; I started that morning, the 11th.

25,039. Are the fares very heavy on that line?—I travelled in the most heavy way. I had planned to come home by a roundabout way; I thought it was possible for me to accomplish it and I did so. I left the rail at Penrith and travelled by way of Patterdale and along the Kirkdale Pass to Bowness.

25,040. In fact you took a tour of the lakes at the expense of Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider?—But I did not start with that intention.

25,041. From whom did you receive this money?—From Henry Welch.

25,042. Is that all you received?—Yes, that is the amount in full.

25,043. That is all you received originally?—Yes.

25,044. Is it all you asked for?—It is more actually.

25,045. Is it all you asked for?—It is more.

25,046. Did you ask Henry Welch for any more than five guineas?—5*l.* was the amount I asked for. Charles Blades was present and suggested the idea of my going to William Jackson, and I did so.

25,047. Did you ask Henry Welch for more than five guineas is my question?—No, less. 5*l.* was what I asked before going to William Jackson; he fixed the amount of five guineas.

25,048. Did you ask from anyone for more than five guineas?—No. I was not aware what to ask, not knowing what my expenses would be to return.

25,049. Did you ask for more than five guineas from anyone?—No, not to my knowledge; it was only 5*l.*

25,050. That was all you asked for from anyone?—Yes.

25,051. You did not ask Mr. Blades or anyone else for any sum of money besides 5*l.*?—No; I stated at the time that I was not able to fix the amount, having to return the same day.

25,052. To whom did you state that?—To Henry Welch and Charles Blades, the only two persons who were present.

25,053. Then are we to understand that if it has been stated to us in evidence that you asked for more than 5*l.* that is a mistake?—It is quite a mistake.

25,054. You did not ask for more than 5*l.* from any person whatever?—No; I did not know what to ask for in fact.

25,055. You said just now that you returned a portion of what you received?—Yes, after I returned home after the election. I had to return to the north the same day. I had to post, in fact, from Windermere to where I went that night, which is near Hawkshead.

25,056. I suppose you went across the ferry?—No, I went by way of Ambleside.

25,057. Why did you do that?—I considered it was more direct to the place I was going to near Hawkshead; it is the usual way to go to our friends we find; it must be very tempting weather to induce us to go across the lake.

25,058. When did you return this money?—I believe the latter end of the week after the election.

25,059. Was it out of your own head that you returned it?—Yes.

25,060. Nobody suggested it to you?—No; I did it without the knowledge of anybody.

25,061. How much did you return?—2*l.*

25,062. To whom did you return it?—To Henry Welch.

25,063. Then you kept 3*l.* 5*s.* for your expenses?—I did.

25,064. I must ask you now what your expenses were?—I made as accurate a calculation as possible after returning home, and I made them out to be 3*l.* 5*s.*

25,065. You left home on the 12th July, I suppose?—No, I left home before. Do you mean returning after the election? I left home on the election day the second time.

25,066. You returned from Lancaster on the 12th of July?—No, I stayed several days.

25,067. I thought you said that you had left Lancaster on the day of the election?—I did, to go into the north again.

25,068. And I suppose you took at some point on the railway, a return ticket?—No, I did not.

25,069. Why not?—I was not able to do so. I believe I tried at the Windermere Station the night before. I took a first-class ticket both ways. I had to post from Windermere to near Hawkshead that night.

25,070. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you say you posted?—I did.

25,071. (*Mr. Barstow.*) There is a railway, is there not?—There is no railway station nearer than Braithwaite Station.

25,072. To post by Windermere the distance must be about 13 miles, whereas you might have gone across in a boat?—The expense to cross with the horses would be 2*s.* I believe.

25,073. You have not told us yet what your expenses were?—3*l.* 5*s.*

25,074. Do you mean to say that you spent 3*l.* 5*s.* in going from Cockermouth to Lancaster, and from Lancaster back to Hawkshead?—Yes, I did; I went to Cockermouth first.

25,075. There is a station at Cockermouth from which you might get by railway to Whitehaven, is there not?—Yes, but I came the contrary way towards Penrith instead of going by Whitehaven.

25,076. The Penrith route is as much used as the Whitehaven route, is it not?—Yes. I went by railway and made up my mind to return as I did return, having just the time to do it in, arriving at about 10 o'clock, I believe, on the 11th.

25,077. You have a paper in your hand; is that a memorandum of your expenses?—Yes.

25,078. Just let me look at it (*the paper is handed by the witness to the Commissioner*). You have another paper in your hand; what is that?—It is merely a piece of paper.

25,079. Let me look at it (*the paper is handed to the Commissioner*). Do you mean to say that you returned this money of your own accord?—I did.

25,080. Had you no conversation upon the subject with anybody before you returned it?—No.

25,081-2. You never mentioned it to anyone?—I daresay I named it to my wife; I believe I did. Finding that I had been overpaid I returned it.

25,083. What made you take five guineas to begin with?—Not knowing what the amount was in reality that I should be entitled to receive, having to return the same day into the north.

25,084. Was there any reason why returning should be more costly than coming?—No, it proved less costly, the distance was shorter.

25,085. You tell us seriously this morning that the money was not returned by you at the instigation of any other person whatever?—By no means.

25,086. (*Mr. Newton.*) You keep a carriage and horses, do you not?—Do you mean myself?

25,087. Yes?—No, I do not.

25,088. In order to get where you wanted was it necessary to go by carriage instead of by rail, or across the water?—I went by rail as far as possible.

25,089. My question is, was it necessary to go by carriage instead of by rail, or across the water?—It was quite necessary on that night in particular, having fixed to do so before.

25,090. How many miles had you to go by carriage?—I am not certain of the distance; I believe it is about the distance that one of the Commissioners has named.

25,091. I ask you to tell me the distance, for I know nothing about it myself?—I believe it is 20 or 30 miles going round.

25,092. What did you pay?—I fancy there are some figures on that paper which will show.

25,093. What did you pay?—You have the items on the back of that paper in pencil; you will see the amount exactly.

25,094. It strikes me that if you cared about voting you would have gone there without being paid, and you would have gone the cheapest way?—To tell you the truth I cared nothing about it; I should have been glad to have remained with my friends a little longer. It was 10 years since I had paid them a visit before, and I felt anxious, to tell you the truth, to remain longer with them. I went the night before nearly at midnight to get to Cockermouth, and I had to post that too.

25,095. There is a railway from Penrith?—To Penrith from Cockermouth?

25,096. From Penrith to Lancaster?—There is; but I did not consider myself bound, having fixed to return the way I did, to be prevented from doing so on account of coming home.

25,097. (*Mr. Hill.*) What would have been the expense if you had come by rail?—I have not ascertained.

25,098. What do you suppose the expense would have been? Would it have been about a 1*l.* there and back?—My object was not to go there and back.

25,099. But a return ticket from the place from which you came would have been about 1*l.* *viâ* Penrith; is not that so?—Not both ways.

25,100. Would it have been much more?—I should think it would have been nearer 2*l.* to travel in the manner I did, if not more than 2*l.*

25,101. Do I understand you really to say (and give me an accurate answer, if you please, upon this point) that you never asked for more money than 5*l.*?—I wish to do so.

25,102. Is that what you mean to say?—Most undoubtedly.

25,103. We have had a most accurate witness before us who has said this: "I paid Pickard, a Quaker, for "his expenses from Cockermouth, 5*l.*; he wanted 10*l.*,

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"and he brought me back afterwards 3*l*." Do you mean to say that that is untrue?—It is quite false.

25,104. Do you mean to say, then, that if Mr. Allinson stated that he stated that which was untrue?—I do not know the man.

25,105. Was he present when you received the money?—I do not know; there was some one.

25,106. Did you mention any specific sum of money to Mr. Welch?—Yes, I mentioned 5*l*.

25,107. When?—When first I called.

25,108. What did you say to him when first you asked for a specific sum of money? Just tell me exactly what took place between you?—There was so much said that I had no opportunity of saying anything or next to it. Charles Blades was there.

25,109. What was said about your expenses?—That I was not able to say what they would prove to be.

25,110. What did you ask for? You have told me that you asked for a specific sum. What was the specific sum that you asked for?—I consented to accept 5*l*.

25,111. That is not an answer to my question. What was the specific sum that you asked for?—Well I have no knowledge.

25,112. We shall keep you here, and shall have these witnesses back if necessary to find out the truth?—I should be glad to meet them face to face.

25,113. What was the specific sum you asked for?—5*l*. to the best of my knowledge was the only sum I named. That is true; that is what I said I should be willing to accept.

25,114. That, again, is not an answer to my question. My question is, what was the specific sum that you asked for? We have it all down here in print you know. Will you swear distinctly that you never asked for 10*l*.?—I have no desire to swear anything; but I will stand to what I have already said.

25,115. Do you say distinctly that you never asked for 10*l*.?—I do decidedly, and quite certainly.

25,116. Then you say that Mr. Henry Welch is mistaken when he gives this evidence: "I recollect now that I paid a man a few pounds, a Quaker, for his expenses in coming from Cockermouth." "What was his name, do you remember?"—"Pickard." "You paid him personally?"—"I did." "His expenses from Cockermouth?"—"Yes." "What was the amount?"—"I gave him five guineas; he wanted 10*l*." What do you say to that?—I say it is quite false. I must repeat that.

25,117. Then you state that both Mr. Henry Welch and Mr. Allinson have stated what is false?—Or anyone else who said that. It is certainly wrong.

25,118. Do I understand you to say that you never asked for a specific sum at all?—Not till the last.

25,119. Answer my question if you please. Did you or did you not ask for a specific sum of money?—No; I was not able to name the amount.

25,120. Tell us exactly what took place between you and Mr. Welch, and then we will take it down and hear what Mr. Welch has to say about it. At what time did you go to Welch's?—About 10 o'clock in the morning.

25,121. On the 12th of July?—Yes.

25,122. What did you say to him when you saw him?—I produced a letter which I had received, offering to pay my expenses.

25,123. Have you that letter here?—No.

25,124. From whom was that letter?—From William Jackson.

25,125. Of Lancaster?—Yes.

25,126. Is that the bank director?—No. I am told now that it is the same person.

25,127. You received a letter from Mr. William Jackson, the bank director, offering to pay you your expenses?—Yes.

25,128. What were the terms of that letter as nearly as you can recollect?—He seemed to be anxious.

25,129. I ask you to tell me as near as you possibly can what the terms of the letter were?—I do not remember the terms of it. I have not the letter to refer to.

25,130. Tell me as nearly as you can recollect what the terms of it were?—It was a pressing invitation.

25,131. Tell me as nearly as you can what the terms of the letter were. I suppose it began "Sir," or "Dear sir." Now, then, go on?—I do not recollect how it was worded.

25,132. What was said about expenses?—That if I came they would be refunded to me, or something to that effect.

25,133. Who did the letter say would refund them?—I believe it was not named.

25,134. Did it not say the committee or anybody else?—No, I think not.

25,135. You cannot tell me whether it did or not?—No, I cannot.

25,136. In consequence of that letter you came to Lancaster?—Yes.

25,137. What made you go to Henry Welch?—Henry Rawes advised me to go to him.

25,138. Who is Henry Rawes?—A draper, in Market Street.

25,139. Was he a personal friend of yours?—Yes.

25,140. When did Henry Rawes advise you to go to Henry Welch?—After I had voted that morning.

25,141. Did you show him the letter?—Yes, I think I did.

25,142. Was it a written or a printed letter?—A written one.

25,143. It was written by Mr. Jackson?—It was.

25,144. When you went to Henry Welch did Rawes go with you?—Not into the room. I believe he showed me where the room was.

25,145. Was that at Mr. Welch's house?—No, at the "Queen's" committee room.

25,146. Then you went up into the "Queen's" committee room?—I did.

25,147. How many persons were there present?—Only Henry Welch and Charles Blades.

25,148. Will you swear that Allinson was not there?—He was not there at first. I do not know who Allinson is.

25,149. What made you tell me that he was not there at first if you do not know him?—I do not know him. I noticed a third person after going again, after having been to William Jackson.

25,150. You first went there and found Henry Welch and Charles Blades there; what did you ask for then?—I produced the letter and expected to be paid.

25,151. What did you say? You produced the letter, and then of course you said something?—That I was not able to fix the amount.

25,152. You did not hold the letter in your hand and say at once, "I am not able to fix the amount." What did you say when you produced the letter?—I believe I had to be quiet, for Charles Blades had so much to say.

25,153. I suppose you asked for something; what was it that you asked for at that time?—5*l*. I consented to accept.

25,154. That is not an answer to my question. What did you ask for at that first interview? You understand my question. You are not like one of those people who do not understand questions that are put to them. What was the first sum you asked for at that first interview when you produced the letter from Mr. Jackson?—I do not remember naming any amount; it might be about 5*l*. I might have said that.

25,155. Or it might have been about 10*l*.?—No. I remember distinctly that it was nothing of the kind.

25,156. You might have asked for 5*l*.?—Yes.

25,157. And did they consent to pay you that then?—No.

25,158. Did they send you to Mr. Jackson?—Yes.

25,159. Did you go to him?—Yes.

25,160. And did you show him the letter?—I believe I did. I think that he put on the letter the amount.

25,161. Where was Mr. Jackson?—I believe he was in his office in Church Street.

25,162. What did you say to Mr. Jackson?—I said, "I have come." I told him of the interview I had had.

25,163. You began your answer by saying "I said, 'I have come.'" Now go on?—"To invite you to name the amount I am entitled to."

25,164. "To invite you to name the amount?"—Yes, something to that effect. I believe I requested it through other parties having come on purpose.

25,165. Was not what you said to Mr. Jackson this, "Please to give me an order for 10*l.* on the committee?"—No.

25,166. Do you affirm that solemnly?—I do certainly.

25,167. Did you mention 10*l.* to Mr. Jackson?—I did not.

25,168. You got the letter endorsed by Mr. Jackson?—Yes.

25,169. How much was it endorsed for?—Five guineas. He thought that would amply pay me, or something to that effect.

25,170. He thought that would amply pay you?—That was my impression.

25,171. And with that endorsed letter you went to the committee?—I did.

35,172. And they gave you the five guineas?—Yes, without difficulty.

35,173. And you still say that Welch and Allinson are both entirely mistaken in saying that you ever asked for 10*l.*?—I am quite certain about it.

25,174. And you further say that this evidence is altogether mistaken which my eye catches a little further down. In answer to a question put to him by me Mr. Welch said, "No, he wanted 10*l.*, but he only got 5*l.*, and he afterwards brought 3*l.* of it back again." That is altogether wrong is it? It is altogether wrong that you wanted 10*l.*?—Certainly, as far as that goes, it is quite wrong.

25,175. Did you answer that letter of Mr. Jackson's before you came?—No, I received it on the morning I started.

25,176. What was Mr. Charles Blades talking about all this time?—Nonsense, in reality, as I considered.

25,177. How do you mean "nonsense"?—Nothing that I cared anything about.

25,178. What was it that he said. He spoke in a grudging spirit, rather, to prevent me accepting anything.

25,179. He was talking to you in a "Grudging spirit"?—Yes, quite.

25,180. What were you asking for?—Nothing particular.

25,181. What was the "grudge" that Charles Blades had against you?—That is best known to himself.

25,182. What was he talking about?—Well, I think it was to induce me to to look over it without receiving anything. That was what he hinted at as much as anything.

25,183. Then you were sticking up strongly for your own rights?—Undoubtedly I was.

25,184. What did you think were your rights at that time?—I did not feel inclined to accept less than 5*l.*, believing that I might have to spend as much.

25,185. And Charles Blades said it was "nonsense"?—No, I thought what he said was nonsense.

25,186. What was the purport of what he said?—That was the construction that I put upon it.

25,187. Did Charles Blades say that a man in your position ought to come without being paid?—Something to that effect.

25,188. Did he mean by that being paid your expenses only, or being paid for your vote as well?—There was nothing alluded to as to anything being received for the vote. I had already voted then.

25,189. But money might be paid after you had voted as well as before?—I had no desire to receive anything of the kind.

25,190. Do you mean to say that there was no meeting of the society to which you belong as to your having received this money?—Not to my knowledge.

25,191. Is it entirely untrue that they threatened to turn you out of the society unless you refunded the money?—I am sure it is untrue.

25,192. There is not a word of truth in it?—There is not.

25,193. There has never been any meeting of any sort about it?—No, not to my knowledge, I have never heard of it.

25,194. Do you say distinctly on your affirmation that there never has been any such meeting?—Yes.

25,195. And that the subject has never been discussed in the society to which you belong, be careful?—I believe it has been noticed but not individually to me.

25,196. What has been noticed?—The affair altogether, the rumour; the false rumour in fact; they have never come to the fountain head (myself) to ascertain the truth.

25,197. Was there not a meeting of the society held to discuss it?—No.

25,198. Be careful?—There was not, so far as I am aware.

25,199. Would there be a meeting held without your being aware of it, do you think?—I think not. I was present at the meeting on other business.

25,200. What meeting was that?—At our own meeting house.

25,201. Was that the meeting at which it was discussed?—That was the meeting I allude to when it was hinted at.

25,202. Was that the meeting at which it was discussed?—Yes.

25,203. Who discussed it?—Richard Batt was the only one that I know of.

25,204. Who is Mr. Batt?—He lives at Yelland.

25,205. Did he bring it before the meeting?—Yes.

25,206. What was the point that he brought before the meeting?—It was rumoured in the town what you have already stated.

25,207. What was the question that Mr. Batt brought before the meeting?—I do not remember the words.

25,208. I do not care about the words; what was the subject of it?—That was the subject.

25,209. What was the question or the subject which Mr. Batt brought before the meeting?—That he had heard, and wished to be informed whether such a rumour was correct.

25,210. Whether what rumour was correct?—What you have alluded to.

25,211. He did not say "What Mr. Hill has alluded to?"—That one of our members had received the amount of 10*l.*, or had asked, or something of the kind, or had been——

25,212. He asked whether one of your members, (meaning you), had received the amount of 10*l.*, or had been—what? What was the word you were going to add when you said "or had been—— ?"—Something to that effect.

25,213. What was the other word you were going to use, which you say was to that effect; was it "whether one of our members had been—'bribed'?—I am not sure whether the word "bribed" was named or not.

25,214. But if what was said got as far as "had been," very probably the word that would follow would be the word "bribed." Was the subject then fully discussed?—No, it was not gone into; it was discouraged by other members present.

25,215. Who discouraged it?—I believe Charles Wilson of near Garstang.

25,216. And who encouraged it?—Not one besides myself.

25,217. Only Mr. Richard Batt?—He was the only one.

25,218. Has he any personal feeling against you?—I am afraid so, he used to have.

25,219. Then this was not brought forward in order to give you an opportunity of clearing yourself?—No, I think not.

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S. Pickard.

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25,220. It was brought forward in a "grudging "spirit?"—I think so.

25,221. How many persons were present at that meeting?—Perhaps 20.

25,222. For what purpose was that meeting called?—It was a meeting for discipline and the usual business.

25,223. Tell me what other topic was discussed at that meeting, except this one of your conduct?—I do not remember any particular subject besides.

25,224. Can you tell me whether, in point of fact, there was anything else discussed, or any other business matter dealt with except this one?—Yes, the usual business had to come before the meeting.

25,225. What is the usual business?—Generally what takes place monthly.

25,226. On what day was the meeting held?—I do not remember the date. I believe it might be the latter end of last year.

25,227. And was it after that that you returned the money?—No, by no means.

25,228. Do you say that certainly?—I am quite certain of it; I returned the money the week after the election, the week after arriving at home.

25,229. Did you not return the money after that meeting?—No.

25,230. You say the meeting was held at the end of the year; do you know at what time?—Every month a meeting of the kind takes place.

25,231. Was it at the July meeting?—No, it was after that.

25,232. Was it the August meeting?—It might have been the latter. I think it was.

25,233. But, as far as you recollect, it might have been the August meeting?—I cannot deny it; I cannot tell what meeting it was, it was not a monthly meeting; it occurred last year.

25,234. Did you make a speech in answer to Mr. Batt's accusation?—No.

25,235. Did you not say anything for yourself?—No, I had no opportunity of doing so.

25,236. How do you mean?—Other friends hastily stood up, and put him down very shortly.

25,237. And the subject then dropped?—Yes.

25,238. (*Mr. Barstow.*) All we can say of you is that you are a very dear traveller?—I do not know; I consider myself economical in most things.

R. Parker.

ROBERT PARKER sworn and examined.

25,239. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

25,240. You live in Alma Road, and are a tin-plate worker?—Yo, I live in Alfred Street, now.

25,241. What did you get for your vote?—13*l.*

25,242. Who paid you?—Knowles Allinson.

25,243. What did you get for being on the committee?—Nothing.

25,244. Is 13*l.* all you got?—Yes.

J. R. Raby.

JOHN RICHARD RABY sworn and examined.

25,245. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,246. How much did you receive?—5*l.* 10*s.*

25,247. What besides?—Nothing.

25,248. Did you get any payment before?—No.

25,249. Nor after?—No.

25,250. Nor anything from the other side?—No.

25,251. You received 5*l.* from Allinson, and 10*s.* from somebody else?—No, I received it all from Allinson.

E. Winder.

EDWARD WINDER sworn and examined.

25,252. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A painter.

25,253. Where do you live?—No. 19, Moor Street.

25,254. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,255. What did you get?—13*l.*

25,256. From whom?—From Allinson.

25,257. Is that all you got?—Yes.

25,258. Did you get a little something to drink?—No.

25,259. Were you on no committee?—No.

J. Winder.

JOHN WINDER sworn and examined.

25,260. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A joiner.

25,261. Where do you live?—In King Street.

25,262. For whom did you vote at the last election?—The railway company.

25,263. For whom did you vote?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,264. What did you get for doing that?—13*l.*

25,265. What did you get for voting for the railway Company?—I misunderstood you. I thought you asked me who did I work for.

25,266. You work on the railway?—Yes.

25,267. Who paid you?—Knowles Allinson.

25,268. (*Mr. Hill.*) You work on the railway and voted for the railway?—No.

25,269. Did you get a letter from Mr. William Jackson?—No.

R. Walsh.

RICHARD WALCH sworn and examined.

25,270. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

25,971. What did you receive?—I received 12*l.* 19*s.*

25,272. That is a very odd sum to receive. What did they do with the odd shilling?—I will just tell you. I received 7*l.* from Mr. Allinson—he had taken the house as a committee room—in the first place, and I received 4*l.* 19*s.* for refreshments from Mr. George Shaw, and 1*l.* from Mr. Harrison, Moor Lane, innkeeper.

25,273. Were you not on any committee?—No.

25,274. On neither side?—No.

25,275. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I am a mason by trade.

25,276. Do you not keep a beerhouse?—No, I do not.

25,277. What was the name of your house?—The "Freeholders' Arms."

25,278. Did you pay anybody?—No; my vote is included in that money.

25,279. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

25,280. From any person?—From any person.

25,281. You got no money from the other side?—No.

W. Gardener.

WILLIAM GARDENER sworn and examined.

25,282. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

25,283. You live in Spring Court?—Yes.

25,284. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I never voted at all.

25,285. What did you get for *not* voting?—Nothing.

25,286. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get no money at all?—Nothing at all.

25,287. No drink?—No, no drink.

25,288. Who did you vote for?—I have not voted

for a long while; I never vote when they give money for voting.

25,289. You are put down as voting; some one must have voted for you?—Very likely.

25,290. Are you sure you did not vote?—Yes.

25,291. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you "William Gardener, Spring Court, cordwainer?"—Yes.

25,292. On your oath, do you say that you did not vote at all?—I can swear all day that I did not, if that will do.

25,293. Once is enough. You are down as having voted?—I cannot help that.

25,294. Is this the first time you have heard that you had voted?—No.

25,295. When did you hear it before?—I see it in the paper.

25,296. What paper?—The *Observer*.

25,297. You saw that you had voted?—Aye.

25,298. Did they publish a list of voters?—Yes.

25,299. What did you do when you found it out?—I sent a note to Lawyer Clark to say that I had not voted.

25,300. Did Lawyer Clark try to make out who had voted?—I do not know.

25,301. Is that all the notice you took of it?—Yes.

25,302. Have you ever heard who it was who voted for you?—No.

25,303. Do you not know at all?—Only rumours, you know.

25,304. What rumours?—I heard last night that Mark Taylor knew who voted for me; but you know it is all foolish. He said he knew who voted for me.

25,305. Did Taylor tell you that he knew who had voted for you?—He told another man when they were fuddling.

25,306. Did you hear him say so?—No, not I.

25,307. What is Taylor's address?—I believe he lives at Brough's Court, Leonard Gate. It is all nonsense, he knows nothing about it.

25,308. (*Mr. Hill.*) At what booth was your vote given?—I believe St. Thomas's Schools. I think so. It is nine or ten years since I voted.

25,309. That is just the time when bribery began. You have never voted since?—I never voted when they paid money. I would not go near them.

25,310. (*Mr. Newton.*) When you did vote, which side did you vote, Yellow or Blue?—I voted for Stanley and Green, and I gave a vote once for Garnett.

25,311. You never voted for Yellow?—No, never.

25,312. Is Taylor a voter?—I think not.

25,313. (*Mr. Hill.*) You think it is all nonsense, his saying that he knows about it?—I think it will be.

25,314. You think he does not know?—I do not think he does.

25,315. You think it is all brag?—All chaff, you know, over the drink.

25,316. Who do you think does know about it?—I do not know. I should think Whiteside, shopkeeper Leonard Gate, is the likeliest chap. He was a Yellow captain. I told him particular I would not vote at all.

25,317. You told Robert Whiteside you would not vote at all?—Yes, I did.

25,318. Did he ask you for your vote?—No; I do not know that he asked for my vote, but he inquired if I was going to vote.

25,319. Who asked you for your vote; some people did, I suppose?—They came canvassing, both parties.

25,320. Did you tell both parties that you would not vote?—I told them both I would not.

25,321. Did you give them the reasons you have given us now, that you would never vote when there was bribery?—I told Lawrence I would never vote again till things were altered.

25,322. Did you tell the other party the same?—No.

25,323. (*Mr. Newton.*) When did you tell this to Lawrence?—When he came canvassing.

25,324. How many days was that before the polling?—I cannot say.

25,325. What made you tell it to Lawrence?—He wanted my vote, and I told him I would never vote till things were altered.

25,326. What do you mean by that?—I meant paying money for voting.

25,327. Was money going about then?—Like smelling on it. I partly guessed.

85,328. (*Mr. Hill.*) They were getting on the scent?—Aye, a good deal too, I thought.

25,329. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did Mr. Lawrence say, when you told him this?—He did not say anything.

25,330. Who was with him?—I think Danson was with him, but I do not know particular.

25,331. Mr. Lawrence made no remark?—No.

25,332. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We cannot put you down as bribed, at any rate?—No, I guess not.

25,333. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you think anybody knew better you were not going to vote than Whiteside?—I told Shackleton I would not vote if I could get a cart and horse; and he said it was not a cart and horse, it was 50*l*.

25,334. Would you have voted if you could have got a cart and horse?—No, I told him I would not.

25,335. What did Shackleton say?—He said it was not a cart and horse, it was 50*l*.

25,336. He promised you 50*l*.?—No; it was some speech about a cart and a horse at some contest he had been at before.

25,337. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I think you are a very honest fellow, and wish all the others were like you, that is, if your own account is true, which I can see no reason to doubt?—I never got anything for voting.

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Thomas Crane sworn and examined.

T. Crane.

25,338. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,339. What are you?—A railway clerk.

25,340. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

25,341. Are you quite sure about that?—Confident.

25,342. Who canvassed you?—All three candidates.

25,343. Did either one or the other promise you anything?—I never heard anything mentioned at all.

25,344. Did Mr. Welch come to you?—No, I never saw Mr. Welch.

25,345. Mr. Wilson Barker?—No, I never saw anyone.

25,346. Mr. Danson?—No; Mr. Danson was along with Mr. Lawrence.

25,347. Did Mr. William Jackson come?—No.

25,348. Did any of the directors canvass you?—No, not one.

25,349. Have you voted at previous elections?—Yes.

25,350. How have you voted?—I have voted for Fenwick before, and Gregson.

25,351. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you vote for Fenwick in the contest between Fenwick and Saunders?—Yes.

Ambrose Fox sworn and examined.

A. Fox

25,352. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A broken-down farmer, I think.

25,353. You do not look so broken down. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,354. What did you get?—Naught.

25,355. Did they not give you anything?—No, not a halfpenny.

25,356. What did they promise you?—Naught.

25,357. Did they not give you anything to drink?—No, I never had a bit nor sup with them.

25,358. From neither side?—No.

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25,359. Were you on no committee?—No, I was never on no committee.

25,360. Where were you working at the time of the election?—Gardening.

25,361. Who were you gardening for?—Richmond, and anybody who wanted me.

25,362. You did not garden for Mr. Hargreaves, did you?—No.

25,363. Do you really say that you never had anything?—No, I had not indeed. I never had in my life.

25,364. You have always voted pure?—They did give us 5*s.* a-piece at one time, but they have dropped that.

25,365. They have become more stingy?—I never let them give me anything.

25,366. Are you any relation of the other Foxes?—None at all.

25,367. Are you in Perry's Hospital?—Yes.

25,368. How do you generally vote, Blue or Yellow?—I always voted for the Yellows. I voted for Mr. Garnett, but he came up in false colours.

W. Lamb.

WILLIAM LAMB sworn and examined.

25,369. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—North Edward Street.

25,370. For whom did you vote at the last election? Fenwick and Schneider.

25,371. What did you get?—12*l.*

25,372. Who from?—That was paid into Wilson's hands by Mr. Towers.

25,373. Did you get any money for being on a committee?—No.

25,374. Did you get no other money besides 12*l.*?—Yes, 30*s.*

25,375. From whom did you get that?—From Mr. Danson.

25,376. You were on Mr. Lawrence's committee?—No, I was never on no committee that I know of.

25,377. Where did you get the money from Danson?—I had a note sent to our house when I was at work, saying I was to take it up to the committee room; so I took it up, and when I got there a man gave me 1*l.*, and another man 1*l.*, and he had to give me 10*s.* out of it.

25,378. You were never at any of these committee rooms of Lawrence's drinking?—Yes, I was, once or twice.

25,379. Then you were on the committee?—I never knew I was.

25,380. Is that all you received?—Yes, every farthing.

J. Lamb.

JOHN LAMB sworn and examined.

25,381. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A labourer.

25,382. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,383. What did you get for doing that?—15*l.*

25,384. You are described as a silk-comber on the register?—Yes, but I am a labourer at present.

25,385. Do you live in Moor Lane?—I live in Skerton at present.

25,386. What did you get for being on the committee?—4*l.* from the Yellows, and 30*s.* from the other side.

25,387. Is that all you got?—Yes.

25,388. Who paid you that 1*l.* 10*s.*?—It was from the Blues—Mr. Danson.

25,389. That is 17*l.* 10*s.* you got?—Yes.

J. Jackson.

JAMES JACKSON sworn and examined.

25,390. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A labourer.

25,391. Where do you live?—Skerton.

25,392. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,593. What did you get?—10*l.*

25,394. And how much for being on the committee?—30*s.*

25,395. That was the Yellow committee?—No, I got 1*l.* from them.

25,396. 30*s.* from the Blue, and 1*l.* from the Yellow?—Yes.

25,397. Was that all you got?—No, 30*s.* from Mr. Clark.

25,398. Was that all you got?—No, 10*s.* after the election.

25,399. From whom?—From Mr. Tilly's office.

25,400. What was that for?—That was for working on the election day.

25,401. Was 14*l.* 10*s.* all you got?—15*s.* from Carruthers.

25,402. What besides?—Nothing.

25,403. Is that all?—Yes.

25,405. 15*l.* 5*s.* altogether?—Yes.

25,405. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was it Mr. George Clark that paid you the 30*s.*?—Yes.

23,406. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who paid you the 1*l.* 10*s.* from the Blue committee?—George Danson.

G. Loxham.

GEORGE LOXHAM sworn and examined.

25,407. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A dyer.

25,408. You live in Captain's Row, Skerton?—Yes.

25,409. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,410. What did you get for your vote?—6*l.*

25,411. Did you get anything else?—No.

25,412. Were you not on any committee?—No.

25,413. That is the whole sum you received?—Yes.

25,414. Did you get that from Towers?—Yes, William Towers.

25,415. You did not get anything from the other side?—No.

J. Cowperthwaite.

JOHN COWPERTHWAITE sworn and examined.

25,416. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

25,417. Where do you live?—Lune Street, Skerton.

25,418. You came from Wolverhampton?—I came from West Bromwich.

25,419. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

25,420. And what for your expenses?—2*l.* 10*s.*

25,421. Is that all you got, 12*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

25,422. Did you take a return ticket from West Bromwich?—No. I came from West Bromwich to Wolverhampton on the Great Western, and from Wolverhampton here.

25,423. You took a return ticket?—No.

25,424. Have you not been back to Wolverhampton since?—Yes, I have been back. I was superintending a quantity of work going to New Zealand for Mr. McKewan and Company, of London.

25,425. At whose works?—At John and Samuel Roberts and the Horsley Iron Company.

25,426. That cost you 30*s.* coming up?—Better than that. It cost me 15*s.* here and 15*s.* back.

25,427. And you had to stop a day here?—My family was living here.

25,428. You are a householder?—I have lost my good lady 16 years back.

25,429. You were at the time?—Yes.

25,430. Are you working there now?—No. I am at home at present, but I am waiting a situation in the same company again.

JAMES PENNINGTON sworn and examined. *J. Pennington.*

25,431. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A mason.

25,432. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,433. What did you get?—10*l.*

25,434. How much besides?—1*l.* 10*s.*

25,435. For being on the Yellow committee?—Yes.

25,436. And how much from the Blue committee?—35*s.*

25,437. How much money to spend besides?—Nothing.

25,438. Is 13*l.* 5*s.* all you got?—I never reckoned it up.

25,439. Was there anything else besides?—No, nothing.

WILLIAM TURNER sworn and examined. *W. Turner.*

25,440. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—Penny Street.

25,441. What are you?—A shoemaker.

25,442. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

25,443. What money did you get?—8*l.*

25,444. Nothing more?—Yes, 30*s.* more.

25,445. Who did you get that from?—John Bleasdale.

25,446. Did you get anything from George Danson?—No.

25,447. Did you get anything at all from the other side?—No, nothing at all.

25,448. 9*l.* 10*s.* is the whole sum you received?—Yes.

RICHARD GARTH sworn and examined. *R. Garth.*

25,449. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you live at Galgate?—No.

25,450. Where do you live?—I live in Germany Street.

25,451. What are you?—A shoemaker.

25,452. What did you get for your vote?—I got 1*l.* 15*s.* for seven days' attendance at the "Queen's Hotel," and 4*l.* from Turner.

25,453. You voted Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

25,454. Who else paid you?—No one else.

25,455. The seven days' attendance at the "Queen's Hotel" was serving on the committee, I suppose?—Yes.

25,456. What did you do at the "Queen's?"—I attended at the door.

25,457. You got 1*l.* 15*s.* for standing at the door?—Yes.

25,458. What did you get for hallooing at the nomination?—Nothing.

25,459. You got nothing for that?—No, that was free gratis.

25,460. You hallooed for nothing?—Yes.

25,461. And stood at the door for 1*l.* 15*s.*?—Yes.

25,462. If I had been you I would have just exchanged. You only got 5*l.* 15*s.*?—Yes, that is all.

25,463. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not get anything from the other side?—No; I was not so much liked by the other side.

25,464. What did they dislike you for, you look pleasant enough?—They never axed me, however.

25,465. (*Mr. Newton.*) Towers paid you 10*l.*?—Nothing at all of the kind. He is here in court.

25,466. Did you go to Skerton?—No; it is my son.

25,467. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a shoemaker, in Germany Street?—Yes.

25,468. Turner tells us he gave you 5*l.*?—He gave me 4*l.* at three different times.

25,469. He says, "I gave Richard Garth 5*l.* He had received something from somewhere else?"—That was 1*l.* 15*s.* for seven days' attendance at the "Queen's Hotel."

25,470. You say he gave you only 4*l.*?—Yes. He asked me if I had voted, and I said, "Yes, long since;" and he said I ought to have something for my vote, and he gave me two sovereigns. He said he had no more in his pocket. He saw me afterwards and gave me another 1*l.*; and on the Saturday night following, coming up the street, he was just coming out of the door, and I saw a bag in his hand, and I said, "I am just in time." He said, "Only just. I am going to settle the business;" and he gave me 1*l.*

25,471. Is that all you got?—Yes.

RICHARD LEWIS GARTH sworn and examined. *R. L. Garth.*

25,472. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you the son of the last witness?—Yes.

25,473. What are you?—A labourer.

25,474. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,475. What did you get?—I got 10*l.* for my assistance.

25,476. Was that all you got?—Yes.

25,477. Did you get nothing else?—Barring 10*s.* from George Danson. He has put me down 30*s.* for it.

25,478. How do you mean, "put you down 30*s.* for it?"—I do not know how he has done it.

25,479. He says he gave you 30*s.*, and you say he only gave you 10*s.*?—Yes.

25,480. What did he give you that for?—To get something to sup, I suppose.

25,481. You got 10*l.* for expenses?—Yes, from Mr. Towers. He engaged me.

25,482. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you not touch any Blue money?—No, only that 10*s.*

JOHN IRELAND sworn and examined. *J. Ireland.*

25,483. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,484. You are a householder?—Yes.

25,485. Where do you live?—Stonewell.

25,486. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

25,487. What did you get for your services?—I assisted Mr. Towers at Skerton the same as I have always done for the last three elections.

25,488. How much did you get for that?—Three pounds.

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25,489. For your assistance?—Yes; it was paid about the Monday after the election.

25,490. What assistance did you render?—I frequently went with him to Skerton during the election.

25,491. What did you do when you got to Skerton?—I did what I was ordered to do.

25,492. You went to the "Black Bull," I suppose?—No, I did not.

25,493. The "Red Cross," at Skerton?—I was there once.

25,494. And I suppose you got as much to drink there as you could?—No, I am no drinker.

25,495. What else did you get besides the 3*l.*?—The night before the election I went over with him to Skerton the same as usual.

25,496. What did you get for that?—He left me at the "Black Horse," I think it is.

25,497. What did he give you; answer the question?—He left me there, and gave me a sovereign.

25,498. What else did you get?—Nothing.

25,499. What did you do?—I assisted the same as any other might do.

25,500. You assisted everybody to do nothing. What did you get from the other side?—Nothing.

25,501. Have you always voted "Yellow?"—Yes, the last 18 years.

25,502. And always got paid for your assistance? You got 4*l.*, you say, for assistance. I say you got 4*l.* for your vote?—You should not put it down as such. I spent the other 1*l.*

25,503. How much did you get in Fenwick's fight?—30*s.* for the same work that I did this time.

25,504. It was double this time?—There were two of them this time.

25,505. That is the reason why you got double?—I suppose so; I did not expect to get anything. I never took a bribe ever since I was a voter, and nobody can say so.

G. Wilson.

GEORGE WILSON sworn and examined.

25,506. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A cabinet-maker.

25,507. Where do you live?—At Skerton.

25,508. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

25,509. What money did you get?—12*l*' for my vote.

25,510. And there was 14 days doorkeeper, at 5*s.* a day?—No, I never was a doorkeeper.

25,511. Are you not the man that Mr. Wearing spoke about?—No. I was never under Wearing; Mr. Carruthers was the captain'

25,512. You worked under Carruthers?—Yes.

25,513. Do you know of any other George Wilson?—No.

25,514. How much did you get altogether?—I got 12*l.* for my vote, from Mr. Bakewell I think they call him, and 10*l.* from Hodgson, of China Lane. It was put down 13*l.*

25,515. How much besides?—1*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* from Mr. Carruthers.

25,516. What was that for?—I was three weeks assisting in Skerton.

25,517. Doing nothing else for three weeks?—I was at it a good bit.

25,518. What else did you get?—30*s.* from George Danson.

25,519. And what besides?—1*l.* from Mr. Coupland.

25,520. What else?—Nothing else.

25,521. What did you get from the other side?—Nothing.

25,522. Nothing at all?—No.

25,523. 26*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* was all you got?—Yes.

25,524. You do not consider yourself badly paid, do you?—No, very well paid. That 1*l.* I got from Mr. Coupland was to treat voters with.

25,525. You need not trouble about that. You want to make out that you only got 25*l.* You got 26*l.* odd for your vote?—I paid five voters through Mr. Bakewell.

25,526. Besides?—Yes.

25,527. Where did you get the money for that?—From Mr. Bakewell.

25,528. How much did you receive?—72*l.* altogether; that is including my own 12*l.*

25,529. For the five voters how much did you receive?—60*l.*

25,530. Did you pay them?—Yes. William Redhead, Robert Wilson, Edward Marshall, Christopher Gudgeon, and William Gudgeon. They were on the list that I gave in to get the money for.

25,531. Did you pay them?—Yes, every farthing; 12*l.* each.

25,532. Did you bargain with them?—They said they would go with me if I could get the money.

25,533. Who fixed the price?—I cannot say exactly to that.

25,534. Was it you?—I told them I would get as much as I could.

25,535. You did fix the price?—Yes.

25,536. With whom did you work it out?—Mr. Bakewell.

25,537. You fixed it at 12*l.* a head?—He said it was rather too much at first, and I said I thought it was not.

25,538. In fact you regularly bargained with Mr. Bakewell?—I went to get as much as I could.

25,539. You would not let your men vote under that?—No, not exactly; that was like the price going.

25,540. The current price?—Yes.

25,541. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What price had you asked before?—I do not know that I asked any price.

25,542. What price had you asked to vote before?—Who with?

25,543. With anybody?—I asked none that I know of.

25,544. Do you mean that you had not settled with anyone the price of your vote before that morning with Bakewell?—No.

25,545. Had no one made a bid before?—No, not with me.

25,546. Do you mean to tell us that seriously, that no one made a bid for your vote before this was fixed with Bakewell?—Not to me. No one named a sum to me.

25,547. No one made you an offer?—No.

25,548. What time was it when you fixed the price?—A little after 8 o'clock, I fancy.

25,549. After the poll was open?—Yes, as near as I can tell.

25,550. (*Mr. Hill.*) How came you to get 10*l.* from Jackson?—I considered that was for my time and services.

25,551. When were you paid that?—On the election day.

25,552. Was that before you voted?—Yes.

25,553. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a journeyman?—Yes.

25,554. How many days' work did you lose?—Before the election, it was three weeks, as near as I can tell.

25,555. You were on the drink, I suppose?—No.

25,556. You got yourself put on the committee and then asked to be paid 10*l.*?—That was what I got.

25,557. What did you do with all that money; it is more money than you are in the habit of getting?—I spent it in different ways.

25,558. You spent it in different public-houses?—No, not all.

25,559. You idled till it was gone?—No, I was off work a fortnight after the election. I was ill.

25,560. I should think so, I can fully believe it. How much do you say Hodgson paid you?—10*l.*

25,561. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He says he paid you 13*l.*?—It is false.

WILLIAM JACKSON sworn and examined. *W. Jackson.*

25,562. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Penny Street.
25,563. What are you?—A twine spinner.
25,564. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.
25,565. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*
25,566. Who paid you?—John Bleasdale.
25,567. Did you get anything else?—Yes, 1*l.* from the committee.
25,568. Anything else?—No.
25,569. Are you quite sure?—Yes.
25,570. Did you get anything from Lawrence's committee?—No.

HENRY STIRKAZER sworn and examined. *H. Stirkazer.*

25,571. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote?—I voted for Fenwick and Schneider.
25,572. How much did you get for your vote?—10*l.*
25,573. Who paid you?—I think it was Mr. Bleasdale.
25,574. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—No.
25,575. What did you get from the other side?—I did not get anything.
25,576. Were you not on the "Blue" committee?—No.
25,577. All you got from the election was 10*l.*?—Yes.
25,578. Are you any relation to another Stirkazer, the gardener?—I am the nephew.
25,579. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you up in London?—No.
25,580. You are a painter?—Yes.

JOHN MILLER WILSON is called, but does not answer.

ROBERT WILSON sworn and examined. *R. Wilson.*

25,581. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.
25,582. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.
25,583. What did you get?—10*l.*
25,584. Did you get anything else at all?—1*l.* for being on the committee.
25,585. Which committee was that?—Mr. Fenwick's.
25,586. The "Yellow" committee?—Yes.
25,587. Did you get anything else?—No.
25,588. Did you get anything from the "Blue" committee?—No.
25,589. Now as to your son: what is your son's name?—John Miller Wilson.
25,590. Where is he?—He is at work at Carlisle.
25,591. He cannot come down here?—No.
25,592. What did he get?—He got 11*l.* for his vote and expenses.
25,593. He got 1*l.* for his expenses?—Yes.
25,594. What else?—Nothing else.
25,595. Was he not on any committee?—No.
25,596. Is 11*l.* all he got?—Yes.
25,597. Did you see him get it?—Yes.
25,598. Where did he come from?—He came from Carlisle.
25,599. There is no doubt about it. You and your son are on good terms with one another?—Yes.

WILLIAM SPENCER BARROW sworn and examined. *W. S. Barrow.*

25,600. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Skerton?—Yes.
25,601. What are you?—I keep a shop there.
25,602. What sort of a shop?—A grocer's shop.
25,603. You are a householder?—Yes.
25,604. What is your rent?—10*l.* a year. I was in Common Garden Street, Lancaster, at the time of the election, and have moved now to Skerton.
25,605. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Lawrence.
25,606. What did you get?—I got 13*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* altogether.
25,607. How do you make that up?—It was not for my vote, it was for my services.
25,608. I have no doubt it was.—Yes, it was. I was busily engaged canvassing all the time for a month. I was as active as any of the canvassers.
25,609. How did you get this money?—First, I had half-a-crown from Mr. Clark, and then again 5*s.* from him; at least he gave it in the committee room while we were on committee. Then next I had 30*s.* from George Danson, then I had 30*s.* from Speight, and next I had 10*l.* from Mr. Clark. That was all I had, and it was for my services.
25,610. (*Mr. Hill.*) Your services were paid at 1*l.* a week for three weeks, and 10*l.*?—There is no excess whatever in what I had.
25,611. No, I think this was a very moderate demand.—13*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* covers all that I had for everything.
25,612. For whom did you vote the time before?—Mr. Saunders.

RICHARD SWAINSON sworn and examined. *R. Swainson.*

25,613. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.
25,614. You are a ship's carpenter, in Penny Street?—Yes.
25,615. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*
25,616. Who paid you?—John Bleasdale.
25,617. What did you get for being on the committee?—I never was on one.
25,618. Were you on no committee at all?—No.
25,619. Did you get anything from the "Blues?"—No.
25,620. All you got is 10*l.* for your vote?—Yes.
25,621. That is all the money you made out of the election?—That is all.

ROBERT CALVERT sworn and examined. *R. Calvert.*

25,622. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A railway signalman.
25,623. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.
25,624. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*
25,625. Did you get anything as committee-man?—No.
25,626. On neither side?—No.
25,627. Did you get no money besides 10*l.*?—No.
25,628. How did you vote at the election before?—I only polled the last election, I was not a freeman before.
25,629. Who took up your freedom?—I paid for it myself.

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JAMES WALKER sworn and examined.

J. Walker.

25,630. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A cotton spinner.

25,631. Where do you live?—At Skerton.

25,632. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

25,633. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.* from the "Yellows," from a stranger, Mr. Slater, I believe. I got it at the "Blue Bell," Mrs. Dixon's.

25,634. Was that all you got?—Yes.

25,635. Is it all you got altogether?—No; I got 30*s.* for being on the committee.

25,636. (*Mr. Hill.*) You got 12*s.* from William Towers?—I do not know.

25,637. Towers says you did.—I daresay it will be right; I do not know what I got. I did get something from Towers.

25,638. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Why did you not tell us so at once?—I was going to tell you.

25,639. (*Mr. Hill.*) Towers says he offered you 10*l.*, and he says that 10*l.* would not touch you on the morning of the election?—He did not.

25,640. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you get from the other side?—30*s.* for being on the committee, and 5*s.* from Mr. Carruthers.

25,641. Do you mean to tell me that you got no more than 30*s.* from Mr. Lawrence's side?—No; and 5*s.* from Mr. Carruthers.

25,642. Who paid it to you?—George Danson.

25,643. You had 10*l.* from the stranger at Mrs. Dixon's?—Yes.

25,644. And yet you voted for Lawrence. What made you vote for Lawrence?—I do not know.

25,645. Come, what made you vote for Lawrence?—It was best to my own mind. I had promised him one vote, and so I gave him one.

25,646. Is it true that Towers offered you 10*l.*?—No, it is not true; he offered me 7*l.*

25,647. You got 10*l.* from his side. Did you get nothing more than 30*s.* from the "Blues"?—Nothing, excepting 5*s.* from Mr. Carruthers.

25,648. Do you really mean to tell us that you got nothing more than 35*s.* from the "Blues"?—Yes.

25,649. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you not on any committee?—I was on both committees.

25,650. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you get from Fenwick and Schneider's committee?—30*s.*

25,651. And 30*s.* from George Danson?—Yes.

25,652. And 5*s.* from Mr. Carruthers?—Yes.

25,653. Was that all you got?—Yes, and what I got off Towers.

25,654. You got 12*s.* from Towers?—Yes.

25,655. Did you get anything else?—No, I think not.

25,656. An odd shilling I daresay you picked up of a morning?—No; that was what I got of Towers.

25,657. You got nothing more?—No.

25,658. Were you off work during the election time?—Yes.

25,659. On the drink?—Yes.

25,660. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you vote in 1864?—No.

25,661. Is this the first time you ever voted?—Yes.

25,662. Are you a married man?—Yes.

25,663. With children?—Yes.

25,664. Do you care about politics?—I do not know.

25,665. Can you read?—No.

25,666. Can you write?—No.

W. Barrow.

WILLIAM BARROW sworn and examined.

25,667. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A cabinet-maker.

25,668. How did you vote?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,669. Who paid you?—Turner paid me 1*l.*, and Long says he gave me 2*l.*, but he never did.

25,670. What did he give you?—30*s.*

25,671. What else did you get?—That is all.

25,672. Did you only get 2*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

25,673. What did you get 1*l.* for?—He wanted me to go out and have something to drink, but I never do drink, and he said I might treat myself out of it.

25,674. Long gave you 2*l.*?—No; he only gave me 30*s.* He came up two or three days after the election, and says, "Will that satisfy you?" It was a deal more than I expected; I expected 10*s.*, and that is all I did expect.

25,675. How did you vote in the election of 1864?—For Fenwick.

25,676. Had anybody canvassed you before this in 1865?—Only Mr. Schneider and Mr. Lawrence.

25,677. They canvassed you themselves?—Yes.

25,678. Did anybody of their people come to you?—No, not one.

25,679. Did they ask you to be on a committee?—Yes, I had two or three notes come to me, but I never went.

25,680. Who signed the notes?—Both sides.

25,681. By whom were they signed?—I do not remember.

25,682. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where did Turner give you 1*l.*?—He came in the afternoon to see if I had voted; and I voted the first thing in the morning.

25,683. He had arranged with you to vote?—No.

25,684. What did he give you 1*l.* for?—To treat me.

25,685. For having voted?—No, I do not know; I never do drink anything, and he said I might treat myself with it.

25,686. You knew which side Turner was?—Yes, of course I did.

25,687. You knew when you received the 1*l.* he was on the side for which you had voted?—Yes.

25,688. How much did you get from Long?—30*s.*

25,689. What was that for?—I expected 10*s.* for my two days' wages.

25,690. What had you been doing?—I expected 10*s.* for loss of time.

25,691. You expected to be paid 10*s.* by the side for which you voted, and you took 1*l.* 10*s.*?—He gave me 30*s.*

J. Townley.

JOHN TOWNLEY sworn and examined.

25,692. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A labouring man

25,693. Where do you live?—Henry Street.

25,694. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

25,695. And you received from John Bleasdale 10*l.*?—8*l.* 10*s.*

25,696. He says he gave you 10*l.*?—Then I have 30*s.* to come in yet.

25,697. Have you only had 8*l.* 10*s.*?—That is all I got of him.

25,698. What did you get of somebody else?—I got 1*l.* 2*s.* from George Danson a week before the election.

25,699. What else?—8*l.* 10*s.* of Bleasdale.

25,700. What did you get besides those two sums?—I got 20*s.* from Knowles Allinson a week before the election.

25,701. I see you are right; Bleasdale put you down for 8*l.* 10*s.* You were not on the "Blue" committee?—I got 1*l.* 2*s.* of George Danson a week before the election.

25,702. Did you get nothing besides for committee work?—No, that is all I got, 10*l.* 12*s.* altogether.

25,703. How came you to take money from the "Blues?"—He offered it to me, so I took it; I was not going to miss taking it.

SAMUEL TAYLOR sworn and examined. *S. Taylor.*

25,704. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a tinman ?—Yes.
25,705. Where do you live ?—Church Street.
25,706. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.
25,707. What did you get ?—5*l.*
25,708. Who paid you ?—Thomas Kirby, through Mr. Bradley.
25,709. Did you get anything else ?—No.
25,710. Nothing whatever ?—No.
25,711. Were you on no committee ?—No, none whatever.
25,712. You got no money to spend in drink ?—No.

ALLEN KIRK sworn and examined. *A. Kirk.*

25,713. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a cabinet-maker, in Church Street ?—Yes.
25,714. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.
25,715. What did you get ?—5*l.*
25,716. Who paid you ?—Thomas Bradley, Church Street.
25,717. Were you on any committee ?—Yes.
25,718. Which—the "Yellow" or "Blue ?"—The "Yellow."
25,719. What did you get for being on that committee ?—Nothing but that 5*l.*; it is included altogether.
25,720. Did you get nothing from the other side ?—No.
25,721. You only got 5*l.* ?—Yes, that is all.

HENRY BERRY sworn and examined. *H. Barry.*

25,722. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A stonemason.
25,723. You are a householder ?—Yes.
25,724. Where ?—In Church Street.
25,725. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.
25,726. You received from Bradley how much ?—5*l.*
25,727. What are you ?—A stonemason.
25,728. A day labourer ?—I work every day.
25,729. You know what I mean by a day labourer ?—I am not a master ; I am a journeyman.
25,730. What is the rent of your house ?—14*l.* 10*s.*
25,731. Did you get anything besides 5*l.* ?—10*s.* for being on the committee.
25,732. Which committee ?—Fenwick and Schneider's.
25,733. What else did you get ?—Nothing else.
25,734. Is 5*l.* 10*s.* all you got ?—Yes, all I got.
25,735. Did you get anything from the "Blues ?"—No.

DANIEL KITCHEN sworn and examined. *D. Kitchen.*

25,736. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—A tailor.
25,737. Where do you live ?—In Church Street.
25,738. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.
25,739. What did you get for your vote ?—Nothing.
25,740. What did you get during the election ?—2*l.*
25,741. From whom did you get that ?—Mr. Thomas Bradley.
25,742. When did he give you that ?—Some few weeks after the election ; I do not remember the day.
25,743. What should he give you 2*l.* for after the election ?—For assistance, and anything I might have been out of pocket.
25,744. What assistance did you render—the same as everybody else, I suppose ?—Going with the voters to poll, and such like.
25,745. You assisted them and they assisted you, is that so ?—Nobody assisted me to go.
25,746. (*Mr. Hill.*) How long after the election did you get the 2*l.* ?—I do not know ; about three weeks perhaps.
25,747. How much did you expect to get ?—Nothing.
25,748. You went and asked for the money, I suppose ?—No, I did not.
25,749. He came to you and gave it to you ?—Yes.
25,750. Is it returned in the list of legal expenses ?—I do not know.
25,751. (*Mr. Newton.*) Had you been canvassed before by Bradley ?—No, he never canvassed me.
25,752. For whom did you vote in 1864 ?—Mr. Fenwick.
25,753. Who canvassed you ?—Only the members.
25,754. Who came with the members ?—The solicitor.
25,755. Who was he ?—Mr. Maxsted, I believe.
25,756. What did they say to you ?—Merely solicited my vote.
25,757. And what did you tell them ?—I promised that I should vote for them.
25,758. Why should they pay you 2*l.* afterwards ?—I do not know what the reason was ; they gave me 2*l.*
25,759. Was it because you voted ?—I daresay that would be one amongst the rest.
25,760. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are any of the other Kitchens your relations ?—No.
25,761. They are not related to you at all ?—No.
25,762. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is the rental of your house ?—10*l.*, I believe.
25,763. You are a freeman ?—Yes.
25,764. And live in a 10*l.* house ?—Yes.

NATHAN WHITE sworn and examined. *N. White.*

25,765. (*Mr. Newton.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.
25,766. What did you get for your vote ?—5*l.*
25,767. From whom did you get it ?—From Mansergh Bell.
25,768. Did you get nothing else ?—No ; I was offered 10*l.*
25,769. Did you serve on any committee ?—No, I had nothing to do with it at all.
25,770. You only got 5*l.* ?—Yes.
25,771. Did you not get any "Blue" money ?—No ; I was offered 10*l.* by the opposite party, but I would not have it.
25,772. Who offered it to you ?—Lawrence's party.
25,773. Who was the man that offered it ?—He was on the committee but I do not know their names. I know the men by sight, but I do not know their names.
25,774. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get nothing beyond the 5*l.* ?—No, not a farthing ; I never interfered in no way. Money was flying about, and I thought I might as well have a bit ; I have voted for many years, and never got nothing for it.

JOSEPH SMITH GORRILL sworn and examined. *J. S. Gorrill.*

25,775. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.
25,776. What are you ?—A currier.
25,777. Are you a householder ?—Yes.

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25,778. What is the rental of your house?—16 guineas.

25,779. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*, left by Mr. Stephen Wright Wearing, I suppose.

25,780. What do you mean by "left?" It was not a legacy?—Left in the house, placed on the chimney-piece, I suppose.

25,781. What did you get besides?—A new hat, the result of a wager a few weeks before the election that the Liberals were returned, a bottle of ginger beer and half a glass of brandy; that is all I got, directly or indirectly.

25,782. 10*l.* was the real consideration for your vote?—Yes.

25,783. You got a new hat, and drank the members' health in ginger beer?—Yes.

G. Waters.

GEORGE WATERS sworn and examined.

25,784. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A white-smith.

25,785. Where do you live?—In Damside Street.

25,786. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

25,787. What is the rent of your house?—12*l.*

25,788. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

25,789. What money did you get?—I got 10*l.* from Mr. Welch for services.

25,790. Anything else?—Yes, I got 5*l.* 10*s.* to spend among the voters. I was on the committee, and I went canvassing and such like with them, about three weeks altogether; and this was to treat voters with refreshments and such like.

25,791. You got 10*l.* for your vote and 5*l.* 10*s.* to spend?—Yes.

25,792. Did you get anything from Mr. Lawrence's people?—No.

25,793. 15*l.* 10*s.* was all you got?—Yes; Mr. Welch paid me 10*l.*

25,794. But 15*l.* 10*s.* was all you got?—Yes, that was all.

J. Sharples.

JOHN SHARPLES sworn and examined.

25,795. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are John Sharples, of Slyne labourer?—Yes.

25,796. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

25,797. What did you get for voting for Mr. Lawrence?—10*l.*

25,798. Where were you paid?—At Hodgson's, in China Lane.

25,799. By a stranger?—No, Hodgson gave it to me.

25,800. You got something besides, did you not?—I got 35*s.* besides.

25,801. What for?—For assistance.

25,802. Who paid you that?—Hodgson.

25,803. Is that all you got?—Yes.

25,804. Are you a farmer?—Well, yes, I am a small farmer; I have a little bit of land, and a cow or two.

25,805. How many acres do you farm?—About one, perhaps, and some garden ground; that is all.

25,806. (*Mr. Hill.*) You received altogether 11*l.* 15*s.*?—Yes.

J. Sharples.

JOSEPH SHARPLES sworn and examined.

25,807. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are Joseph Sharples, of Slyne with Hest, husbandman; for whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

25,808. What did you get?—10*l.*

25,809. That was for your vote; how much did you get besides?—Nothing.

25,810. Did you not get anything for being on the committee?—No.

25,811. 10*l.* was all you received?—Yes.

R. Sharples.

RICHARD SHARPLES sworn and examined.

25,812. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A labourer.

25,813. Where do you live?—At Slyne.

25,814. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

25,815. What did you get?—10*l.*

25,816. Who paid it to you?—It was paid at Hodgson's.

25,817. Did you get anything besides 10*l.*?—No.

25,818. Nothing whatever?—No.

RICHARD SHARPLES, jun., is called, but does not answer.

25,819. Is Richard Sharples, junior, your son?—Yes.

25,820. Is he here?—I have not seen him.

25,821. Did you see him the morning of the election?—Yes.

25,822. When you were paid?—Yes.

25,823. How much did he get for his vote?—He got 10*l.*

25,824. Did you see him paid?—I was in the room; I know he got 10*l.*

25,825. How do you know that?—Because he said so.

J. Clark.

JOHN CLARK sworn and examined.

25,826. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Lodge Street, Lancaster, silk piecer?—Yes.

25,827. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

25,828. How much did you get?—8*l.*

25,829. What else did you get?—1*l.*

25,830. And what else?—And 30*s.*

25,831. What else?—That is all, I believe.

25,832. Did you not get anything from the other side; how much did you get from the Blue side?—I got 10*s.* I do not know whether he was Blue or what; he did not say what it was for. There was a man stated that he gave me 30*s.* to take a man out of the town, and he never gave me a penny.

25,833. Did you help to bottle a man?—Yes.

25,834. And did you get nothing for it?—Yes, Mr. King gave me 1*l.*; I got 30*s.*, and 8*l.*, and that 1*l.*

25,835. Did you keep your man away from the poll?—I did not stay with him.

25,836. Who was the man?—Croft; there was two men stayed along with him.

25,837. Did he vote?—Yes, he voted.

25,838. On which side did he vote?—For Lawrence, I believe.

25,839. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where did you take him to?—I took him to Bolton.

25,840. Did Speight go after him?—I do not know who went after him; I left him there, and came home right away.

25,841. You are not an alderman?—No.

25,842. (*Mr. Newton.*) Or a prize fighter?—No, neither

25,843. What made you come here to-day; you have not been summoned, have you?—No, I have not.

25,844. Then what made you come?—I came for pleasure.

25,845. Did you know that you were going to be summoned?—No, I did not know it, but I was told in Barrow that I should be summoned.

25,846. (*Mr. Hill.*) You knew that if you had received some money you were likely to hear of it?—Yes; I cannot get off any day, and so I thought I might give my evidence when I was here.

EDWARD BARROW is called, but does not answer.

25,847. (*To Spencer Barrow.*) Is Edward Barrow your brother?—Yes.

25,848. Do you know what he got?—He told me he got nothing; he would not take anything at all, and I do not know that he was employed.

25,849. (*Mr. Newton.*) He might assist you know?—Yes, he might.

25,850. And he would get paid for that?—I cannot answer for that; he told me he got nothing.

RICHARD BURTON sworn and examined.

25,851. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A publican.

25,852. In Market Street?—Yes.

25,853. At the "Golden Cross?"—The "Golden Ball."

25,854. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

25,855. Your house was engaged by Mr. Lawrence's party?—Yes.

25,856. What money did they pay you for it?—They paid me 10*l.* for the house—three rooms.

25,857. What did they pay you for refreshments?—4*l.* for refreshments—breakfasts and refreshments.

25,858. There would be some bills paid from night to night, would there not?—Yes; there was a trifle two or three nights.

25,859. How much would that amount to?—I should think between 2*l.* and 3*l.* altogether.

25,860. More than that, was it not?—No.

25,861. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

25,862. Tell us what it was; it cannot matter to you?—I cannot tell; it might be 3*l.*, no more than that.

25,863. Did you receive any other money besides?—Yes, John Cross gave me 2*l.* to spend; he said he was going to send out a man, and he would give me 2*l.*

25,864. Was that all, 19*l.*?—Yes.

25,865. Was that every farthing you received?—Yes.

25,866. We have heard a great deal about you, Upon your oath is 19*l.* the whole money you received from Mr. Lawrence's party at the last election?—Yes; I have taken my oath.

25,867. Do you remember Allinson coming to you to take your house?—Yes; he came to try to take it, but never did take it.

25,868. What did he offer you?—He never offered me nothing.

25,869. Did you decline to let him take it?—I would not let it to him at all.

25,870. You refused at once?—Yes.

25,871. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you always voted Blue?—No; I have only voted twice. I voted for Fenwick the time before.

25,872. Was your house taken by Fenwick then?—Yes.

25,873. How much did they give you?—5*l.* for the house.

25,874. How was it that it came to be taken by the Blues this time?—I do not know.

25,875. It was a case of the highest bidder?—No; I could have got more, I daresay, from the other side.

25,876. How came you to let your house to those who gave you the least money?—Because I did not feel inclined to vote for the other side again.

25,877. Why?—Because they did not pay up well the time before.

JOHN COLLINSON sworn and examined.

25,878. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A plumber.

25,879. Of St. George's Quay, Lancaster?—Yes.

25,880. How did you vote?—For Lawrence.

25,881. How much did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

25,882. Who paid you?—A stranger at the "Sun Inn."

25,883. What did you get for being on the committee?—Nothing; I was not on.

25,884. What did you get for being on the other committee?—I was on neither committee.

25,885. Did you get no money to spend?—No.

25,886. Nothing but the 12*l.*?—Nothing.

ROBERT HOWSON sworn and examined.

25,887. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A joiner.

25,888. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

25,889. What did they give you?—5*l.*

25,890. Was that all?—That was all.

25,891. Did you get nothing for being on the committee?—No.

25,892. And nothing to spend?—No.

25,893. Did you get anything on the Yellow side?—No.

25,894. 5*l.* was all you got?—Yes, 5*l.* was all I got.

25,895. When did you fix your price?—I fixed no price at all.

25,896. When did they give you the money?—It was after I had voted.

25,897. Did you go to them for it?—No, they brought it to me.

25,898. Into your house?—No, not into my house.

25,899. Where?—I got it in Market Street.

JOHN BEELEY sworn and examined.

25,900. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—An upholsterer.

25,901. Where do you live?—In Cheapside.

25,902. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

25,903. What did you get?—10*l.*

25,904. Was that all?—Yes.

25,905. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—No.

25,906. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

25,907. Where were you paid?—At the "Boar's Head."

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W. Hodgson.

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WILLIAM HODGSON sworn and examined.

25,908. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you keep the "Black Bull?"—I did at the time of the election.

25,909. How did you vote?—For Mr. Lawrence.

25,910. You are a householder?—Yes.

25,911. What did you get for the use of the committee room in your house?—Nothing at all.

25,912. Was not your house taken by the Conservatives?—It was.

25,913. What did you get for it?—Nothing at all.

25,914. How was that?—They did not pay me the bill let alone the use of the house.

25,915. What did they pay you?—They paid me 18*l.*

25,916. Have you got your bill there?—I have not got the bill; Mr. Storey has got the bill. Mr. Storey said in his evidence, if I remember right, that he did not take the house. After I had taken the 18*l.* I burnt, as I thought, everything I had belonging to the concern, but I have found this letter since which will convince you, gentlemen, I think, that he did take the house (*handing a letter to the Commissioners*). I would rather you did not read it aloud. I think it will be tried in another court, but if you wish to do so I do not fear.

25,917. Was this the only bill that was paid you?—No, I was paid 4*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*; he says it was 4*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.*, but I think I am right in that. I have no account of it.

25,918. When was that?—I think the week before the election, but they will have the date no doubt, and the amount.

25,919. How much were you paid before the election?—4*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*

25,920. And besides that you got 18*l.*?—Yes.

25,921. According to that you got 22*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*?—Yes.

25,922. (*Mr. Hill.*) When did you get your 18*l.* bill paid?—Perhaps six or eight weeks after the election.

25,923. Was it 18*l.* exactly?—Yes.

25,924. What bill did you send in?—I sent a bill in for refreshments.

25,925. To what amount?—For refreshments in the house.

25,926. What was the amount of the bill?—39*l.*, with the 10*l.* I should have had for the house.

25,927. Did it include the 10*l.* for the house?—No, it would not.

25,928. Then it was 49*l.*?—Yes, I think it was.

25,929. To whom did you send in that bill?—To William Storey.

25,930. And he sent you back 18*l.*?—He did not send it back just then.

25,931. But he did afterwards?—I went to Mr. Stanton's for it.

25,932. You got 18*l.*?—Yes, I did.

25,933. And did you give him a receipt in full for it?—I did.

25,934. In the 18*l.* how much did they count to have allowed for the house?—Nothing at all.

25,935. They said it was all for refreshments?—Yes; they said nothing about the house at all.

25,936. Did you make out a separate bill?—I did not, but I sent in a second bill and put the house, and left it to his honour whether he would give me anything for it or not.

25,937. Was that after you had received the 18*l.*?—No; that (*handing another letter to the Commissioners*) is the answer to his letter; it is the original one. The one that he got was copied from it.

25,938. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Besides this, had you any money paid day by day by Stanton?—Nothing at all.

25,939. And nothing paid by Mr. Storey?—No, nothing.

25,940. Do you mean to say that in the evening of each day neither Mr. Stanton nor Mr. Storey paid you anything for the use of the house?—No.

25,941. Nor any other person?—Nor any other person.

25,942. Nor for any refreshments received in the house?—No, not concerning the election. The only two amounts I got was the 4*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* and the 18*l.*

25,943. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you mean to say that there was no allowance at all for the house in this 18*l.*?—Nothing at all.

25,944. Was there not 15*l.* for refreshments and 3*l.* for the house?—No.

25,945. Is yours a beerhouse or a licensed house?—It is a licensed house.

25,946. When did you agree that the Blues should have your house?—It would be perhaps ten days or a fortnight before the election; I am not exactly sure.

25,947. With whom did you agree?—With William Storey. But at the first commencement they sent for me to the "Sun Inn," and I went there, and then they agreed with me afterwards to have the house.

25,948. Was there any agreement made as to what should be paid?—There was. When he came to my house he went upstairs, and when we got to the top of the stairs I said, "Other parties I understand is going to have 10*l.*" He said he thought that was more than they were likely to give, but whatever other parties had I was to have the same.

25,949. And in consequence of that you made your house a Blue house?—I always was that way, but I did not vote for Mr. Saunders; I could have done so, but I did not.

25,950. You voted for Fenwick?—No.

25,951. Your house was engaged for Fenwick?—No, it was engaged for Mr. Saunders. I was summoned on the day when Mr. Maddock gave his evidence, but I could not leave very well. I do not know whether you want to know anything about him; I do not know anything about the man.

25,952. Did you see him pay anybody?—I did not. I was never out of the house more than half an hour, and that was when I went to vote. I did not see anyone paid that day, and I do not believe he was there. I am quite sure he did not pay ten men upstairs; I was sitting down there close to him when I heard his evidence.

25,953. Why did you not mention this at the time?—I should have got into trouble, I think, if I had done so. Mr. Wilson, when I met him on the platform afterwards, told me that I should have my bill paid, everything that was owed to me.

J. Dean.

JOHN DEAN sworn and examined.

25,954. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are of Torrisholme?—Yes,

25,955. What are you?—A labourer.

25,956. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

25,957. What did you get?—10*l.*

25,958. Anything else?—2*l.* 10*s.* for committee.

25,959. Anything else?—No.

W. Ralph.

WILLIAM RALPH sworn and examined.

25,960. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you of Castle Hill, Lancaster?—Yes.

25,961. And are you a painter?—Yes.

25,962. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

25,963. What did you get?—12*l.*

25,964. Who paid it to you?—Stanton, the painter.

25,965. Did you get anything else?—Yes, I got 3*l.* from Mr. Wearing before the election; 2*l.* at one time and 1*l.* at another.

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W. Ralph.

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25,966. What did you get that money from Mr. Wearing for?—For assisting.

25,967. For assisting Fenwick and Schneider's people?—Well, sir, I do not know.

25,968. Which Wearing was it, the shoemaker?—Yes.

25,969. Wright Wearing?—Yes.

25,970. How came you to get that?—He gave me a sovereign first and then 2*l.* I intended to have split my vote, to give Fenwick one and Lawrence the other; but I understood that they did not want split votes.

25,971. Did you promise Mr. Wearing to vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—No.

25,972. Did you promise to vote for the Liberal candidates at all?—I told him that I would give him a vote, that I would split my vote.

25,973. How much did you get from Stanton?—12*l.*

25,974. Did you get anything else?—No.

25,975. Are you a master painter?—No, I work for Shrigley.

25,976. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you know anything about the other Ralphs?—No.

25,977. You do not know what they got?—No, I do not indeed.

25,978. What relation is the other William Ralph of yours?—Half cousin, or something of that sort.

J. Metcalfe.

JOHN METCALFE sworn and examined.

25,979. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Brewery Lane.

25,980. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you John Metcalfe, who is described on the register as of Ann Street, Lancaster, labourer?—Yes.

25,981. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

25,982. What did you get for voting for Lawrence?—10*l.*

25,983. Who paid you?—John Speight's son.

25,984. What did you get for being on the committee?—Nothing.

25,985. What are you?—A labourer.

25,986. How do you work?—I work at the quarries.

25,987. Is all you got 10*l.*?—Yes.

25,988. Did you get nothing from the other side?—No.

T. Woodman, sen.

THOMAS WOODMAN, sen., sworn and examined.

25,989. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—In Germany Street, Lancaster.

25,990. Are you a wool-comber?—I used to be.

25,991. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

25,992. What money did you get?—10*l.*

25,993. Did you get anything besides that?—No.

25,994. Were you not on any committee?—No.

25,995. Did you not get any money to spend?—No.

25,996. 10*l.* was all you got?—Yes.

25,997. Did you get nothing from the other side?—No.

25,998. Are there any other of the Woodmans here?—I have a son at Barrow.

25,999. What is his name?—Thomas.

26,000. What did Thomas get?—He got the same as me.

26,001. Is he a labourer?—Yes.

26,002. A stonemason?—No, that is a cousin of mine.

26,003. Is he a fisherman?—No, he is a labourer.

26,004. Where does he live?—At Barrow.

26,005. Did he live with you in Lancaster?—Yes, he lived with me when he took his freedom up and long after.

26,006. Did he ever live at Heysham?—No, he lived at Overton.

26,007. Did he live at Heaton with Oxcliffe?—No.

26,008. He lived at Overton, did he?—Yes, he was on the list for Heysham the last time.

26,009. He is not a stonemason?—No, a labourer.

26,010. He is at work at Barrow you say?—Yes.

26,011. Did you see him paid for his vote?—I did not see him paid.

26,012. But did you hear him say he had been paid?—I heard him say that he got the same as I did.

26,013. And that was 12*l.*?—Yes.

26,014. Is there any other Woodman that you are capable of speaking to? Do you know Michael?—Michael is my brother, but he is not here, and I cannot speak for him.

26,015. Which other can you speak for?—A summons was brought for James, in Germany Street, and I was here all day yesterday, and so he altered it for me when he could not find James.

26,016. What has become of James?—He is either at Overton or Sunderland; he is down in that neighbourhood somewhere. He is my cousin, but he is not in Lancaster.

26,017. What did your cousin get; did he get the same as you?—I do not know; he was on the other side.

26,018. But have you not discussed as to which side it was best to be on?—No, not I. I keep to one side, and they suit themselves.

26,019. You do not know what James got then?—No, I do not.

26,020. Has that James got any other relative on the list?—Oh, yes; he is brother to Thomas, the stonemason, that you mentioned.

26,021. Then Thomas will be able to tell us what James got?—I cannot say I am sure.

26,022. Is Thomas on the other side?—Well, I do not know.

26,023. Where is Thomas, the stonemason?—He lives in Middleton, about a mile from Overton.

J. Sharples.

JAMES SHARPLES sworn and examined.

26,024. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you of Ullswater Road?—Yes.

26,025. What are you?—A cabinet-maker.

26,026. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

26,027. What did you get?—I received 35*s.* from Mr. Danson and Mr. William Storey a few days before the election to spend among the voters, and 6*l.* on the day of the election from Mr. Stanton for three weeks services.

26,028. That would be before you voted?—No, after I had voted.

26,029. Is that all you received?—That is all the money I received.

26,030. 7*l.* 15*s.*?—Yes.

26,031. Did you receive nothing from the Liberal side?—No, nothing whatever.

26,032. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say you got 6*l.* for three weeks; what did you suppose you were doing?—I was taking bills out and assisting Mr. Danson.

26,033. On which side?—Mr. Lawrence's.

26,034. Did you not do anything for the Fenwick side?—No, not anything whatever.

Adjourned to Monday 12 o'clock.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

24 Sept. 1866.

Lancaster Castle, Monday, 24th September 1866.

PRESENT:

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON.

Mr. HILL.

(*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Patteson.*) You wrote a letter, by our directions, to Mr. Fenwick; will you be good enough to read it?

(*Mr. Patteson.*) It is dated September 18th. I believe it was wrongly dated the 8th, "Judges' Lodgings, Lancaster, September 18th, 1866," and it is addressed "E. M. Fenwick, Esqre., Burrow Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale."—"Sir,—The Commissioners desire me to inform "you that having considered the evidence that has "been brought before them they are of opinion that "it has been sufficiently proved that the part you "have taken in the recent election brings you within "the provisions of the Acts of Parliament. The "Commissioners, however, have instructed me to say "that they are quite willing to hear any statement "that you may wish to make upon the evidence that "has been given, and that such statement will be "taken down as part of their proceedings. I am "further desired to inform you that whatever you "may think fit to state before them will be entirely "voluntary on your part, and that you must not expect by any such statement to entitle yourself to "any certificate of indemnity against future proceedings. The Commissioners will be ready to hear "you on Monday next at 12 o'clock, if you will kindly "communicate with me before that time.—I am, sir, "your obedient servant, J. H. PATTESON, Secretary "to the Commissioners."

(*Mr. Barstow.*) I believe that Mr. Fenwick replied to that letter.

(*Mr. Patteson.*) He did.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) Will you have the goodness to read his reply?

(*Mr. Patteson.*) It is dated Burrow Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, Thursday, 20th September, 1866, and is addressed J. H. Patteson, Esqre., Secretary to the Lancaster Election Commissioners, Judges' Lodgings, Lancaster.—"Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge "the receipt of your letter, dated the 8th instant, "though probably intended to be 18th inst., acquainting me with the opinion formed by the Commissioners upon the evidence which has been "brought before them; and further informing me "that they are willing to hear any statement I may "wish to make, but that I must not expect any such "statement to entitle me to a certificate of indemnity "against future proceedings, also adding that they "will be prepared to hear me at 12 o'clock on Monday next. I beg therefore to say that I shall readily "avail myself of the opportunity thus afforded to me "in order that I may give the fullest contradiction to "many of the statements which have been made respecting myself in connection with the late election "for the borough of Lancaster.—I have the honor to "be your most obedient, E. M. FENWICK."

(*Mr. Barstow.*) Is Mr. Fenwick in court?

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) Yes.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) We shall be glad to hear you if you desire to make any statement to us.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) If any other letter of the same kind as that which has been read has been addressed to anybody else, perhaps the Commissioners will think it right that that letter should be read also.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) I think not at present.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) I apprehend, then, that I must deal entirely now with the letter that has been addressed by your secretary to myself, but I should tell the Court that I am aware that a similar letter has been addressed to Mr. Schneider, and therefore I thought the Commissioners would probably think it right to have that letter read also.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) If you wish it, it shall be read.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) I should desire it to be read.

(*Mr. Patteson.*) It is in the same terms as the letter (*to Mr. Fenwick*) which I have read; shall I read it over again?

(*Mr. Barstow.*) Perhaps you had better do so.

(*Mr. Patteson.*) It is a letter from me, dated Judges' Lodgings, Lancaster, September 18th, 1866, and is addressed to H.W. Schneider, Esqre., Lightburne House, Ulverstone. "Sir,—The Commissioners desire me to inform you that having considered the evidence that "has been brought before them, they are of opinion "that it has been sufficiently proved that the part you "have taken in the recent election brings you within "the provisions of the Acts of Parliament. The "Commissioners, however, have instructed me to say "that they are quite willing to hear any statement "that you may wish to make upon the evidence that "has been given, and that such statement will be "taken down as part of their proceedings. I am "further desired to inform you that whatever you "may think fit to state before them will be entirely "voluntary on your part, and that you must not expect by any such statement to entitle yourself to "any certificate of indemnity against future proceedings. The Commissioners will be ready to hear "you on Monday next at 12 o'clock, if you will "kindly communicate with me before that time.—I "am, sir, your obedient servant, J. H. PATTESON, "Secretary to the Commissioners."

(*Mr. Barstow.*) Now read, if you please, Mr. Schneider's reply.

(*Mr. Patteson.*) It is dated Lightburne House, Ulverstone, 20th September, 1866. "Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th "inst., and to express my great surprise at its contents. The conclusion referred to by the Commissioners in the first paragraph of your letter leads "me to infer that reliance has been placed upon the "volunteered evidence of Mr. H. T. Wilson, more "particularly with reference to the alleged conversation between me and Mr. Starkie as to an expenditure of 10,000*l.* I distinctly deny (and am ready "to do so upon my oath) any conversation with Mr. "Starkie on the 10th July 1865 (Monday), or at "any time during the election, except after the nomination. I differ with Mr. Starkie as to the exact "words used on that occasion, but at the present "time I need not do more than refer to the evidence "given by Mr. Starkie before the election committee. "Mr. Wilson grounds his course of proceeding upon "this alleged converation on the 10th. There can be "no difficulty in the way of ascertaining the facts correctly. Mr. Starkie would, if called, speak to them. "The provision of 10,000*l.* in gold by the Lancaster "Banking Company has already received explanation, "and every other point volunteered by Mr. Wilson "is capable of explanation to an extent which would "remove the erroneous impression he has evidently "conveyed to the minds of the Commissioners, and "that explanation I am prepared to give. Since the "commencement of the sitting of the Commissioners "I have remained at home in readiness to obey their "summons, and I ought not (in fact I should decline) "to give evidence except as a summoned witness. I "am much obliged by the offer of the Commissioners "to meet my convenience. Monday next, at 12 "o'clock, will suit me, and I can be in Lancaster "early on that day. If I receive a summons I will "attend the Commissioners.—I have the honor to "remain, sir, your very obedient servant, H. W. "SCHNEIDER.—J. H. Patteson, Esqre., Secretary to "the Royal Commissioners, Judges' Chambers, Lancaster.—P.S. I send this by special messenger, who "will await reply. H. W. S."

(*Mr. Barstow.*) I believe there was a reply sent to that letter.

(*Mr. Patteson.*) Yes.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) Will you have the goodness to read that?

(*Mr. Patteson.*) It is dated September 21st, 1866. Judges' lodgings, Lancaster. "Sir, the Commissioners desire me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, and to inform you that they intend to adhere to the course pointed out in my letter of the 18th instant. The Commissioners desire me further to inform you that they have not been led to the conclusion at which they have arrived by the evidence to which you allude in your letter. I am also directed to inform you that this correspondence will be read in Court, and will be taken down as a part of the proceedings of the Commission. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, J. H. Patteson, Secretary to the Commissioners."

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) The Court I am sure will forgive me if I ask whether a similar letter to that which has been addressed to myself and my late colleague, Mr. Schneider, has been addressed to Mr. Lawrence?

(*Mr. Barstow.*) No; we have sent a summons in the usual form to Mr. Lawrence.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) Well now, sir, I will submit, with very great deference, to this Court one or two subjects for their consideration. In consequence of the letter which has been read by your secretary I have come here quite prepared to make a statement to you, and I have also come prepared to give the fullest contradiction to many of the statements which have been made with reference to myself; but I am rather startled when I hear from you that Mr. Lawrence is to be dealt with in a different manner from my colleague and myself. I must speak, of course, more particularly with reference to my own case, but I submit to you that mine is a particularly hard case, under the circumstances. Mr. Lawrence took a very active part in the proceedings at the election; he was not elected, but he was a candidate at the election with ourselves, and I venture to think that if Mr. Lawrence is summoned, that is putting Mr. Schneider and myself certainly in a very disadvantageous position before this Court.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) It would not become us to enter into any altercation with you upon the subject. We shall justify ourselves, I have no doubt, fully to those who have sent us here as regards the course we have taken. I will merely say that the evidence against Mr. Lawrence is, in our opinion, very different from that against you and your late colleague.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) I do not presume, of course, nor do I desire to have any altercation with the Court, but still I do feel that, supposing we appear before the Court to make our statements now, we are called upon to do so under very considerable disadvantages. I need not trouble this Court by pointing out that Mr. Lawrence will have a great advantage over us. I need not trouble this Court with any opinion upon the Act of Parliament, but I do think that Mr. Lawrence will come before this Court, if he comes here under a summons from the Commissioners, under very advantageous circumstances as compared with us. It is very true that statements have been made affecting myself very materially, but as yet the Commissioners have not heard me. I shall be able to give the flattest contradiction to a great deal of that which has been said, particularly in the evidence of Mr. Wilson, and surely I shall labour under a very great disadvantage if I have not the same privilege extended to me as is extended to Mr. Lawrence. There is another point that I have to submit to the Court with great confidence, and it is this:—you are about to extend this privilege to Mr. Lawrence, and I am called upon to make a voluntary statement as to the part I took in the election. That I shall be quite ready to do at the proper time, but you call upon me to do so without extending to me the privilege which you extend to Mr. Lawrence, and that without knowing the effect of the whole of the evidence that has been laid before this Court. How do I know that Mr. Lawrence may not add material facts or make material statements that may cast an additional appearance of guilt upon myself and my colleague? How do I know that other witnesses may not be called who may or may not add considerably to the weight of your opinion one way or the other? You will pardon me if I remind you that by the letter which you have directed your secretary to address to me you distinctly affix the stigma of guilt upon myself. I assure the Commissioners that the fact of the position in which Mr. Lawrence will be placed has come upon me quite by surprise this morning since I arrived in the town, and by it you place me in a position in which you would not place the humblest criminal in the land; and I submit to you that I ought not to be asked to make any statement until the whole of the case has been completed, and until substantially and literally the whole of the case in support of the prosecution (to use a figure of speech) has been heard by the Commissioners.

(*Mr. Newton.*) We are of opinion that if you think justice to you will be furthered by your deferring your statement until Mr. Lawrence has been heard, or even until Mr. Schneider has been heard, if he wishes to make a statement to us, you may be allowed to make your statement at the end.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) In the first place, it must be understood that any statement that may be made by you must be perfectly voluntary, and we have mentioned that at this time thinking that it would be convenient to you. It was not done in such a manner as could lead you possibly to suppose that we wished to pin you to this particular time. If you think that Mr. Lawrence is likely to say anything on which you may desire to reply we will defer hearing you until after we have heard him.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) What I really feel is this—that upon coming into the town this morning I have heard for the first time that Mr. Lawrence is put avowedly in a different position from my colleague and myself.

(*Mr Newton.*) What of that? You have no business to throw that at our heads.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) It has come upon me by surprise, and I have had no time to confer with anybody, or to consider what course I shall pursue.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) You have had a considerable time. The letter was written to you on the 18th, and this is the 24th, but if you desire further delay we are quite willing that you should have it.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) I do submit, sir, that until the whole of the case is closed the Court cannot, I think, reasonably ask me to make any statement.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) We cannot promise to wait until the case is closed. That is quite out of the question.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) But how am I to answer the charges made in a part heard case?

(*Mr. Barstow.*) I should think that, as far as you are concerned, the case has been closed for a very long time. Of course there is a possibility of something else cropping up, but I should think that practically for a fortnight everything likely to be known about you has been known.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) The fact is that I wrote that letter under the full impression that we were all to be dealt with in the same manner, and I should certainly like to reserve to myself the right further to consider what course I shall take when the case has been fully heard by the Commissioners.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) Do we understand that you wish to withdraw your letter?

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) Yes, I will withdraw my letter—that is, I beg leave to ask for further time to comply with your request when the case is completed.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) That is not our offer; we wish to know whether you withdraw your letter.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) I have no objection to withdraw it, but the letter may remain on the records of the Court.

(*Mr. Hill.*) The matter stands thus: we are not bound to hear any more witnesses than we consider sufficient to make out the case into which we have to inquire; but it was thought fair, as your name and the

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name of Mr. Schneider had been mentioned a good deal, that you should have the opportunity now of putting yourselves right before the public if you should be so pleased, and that opportunity we are willing to give you if you voluntarily avail yourself of it. Our desire was to do that which in fairness ought to be done towards you.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) I am much obliged to Mr. Hill for so kindly explaining the matter. I follow you entirely, but I submit that the opportunity you are good enough to afford me ought to be afforded after the whole case has been heard.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) It is impossible for us to say that.

(*Mr. Newton.*) Probably we may not close the case until the last week in January.

(*Mr. Hill.*) Until the close of the Lancaster evidence.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) I should have thought that if you had any statement that you desired to make you would have wished to make it in the presence of the audience before whom you had been accused.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) I am much obliged to you, sir, for the suggestion, but this is a very grave matter, and we are to be dealt with in a different manner from Mr. Lawrence. I should like, therefore, to have time allowed me to consider the course that we may be advised to take. If I were to go into the box and make a full statement, how do I know that other witnesses may not be called who may make further accusations against me without my having an opportunity of answering them.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) In that respect you would not be in a different position from that of other witnesses. We have had witnesses come before us three times already to supplement their previous statements.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) I daresay that may have been the case.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) I think that in all probability we should agree that if there should be anything omitted by you we should be glad to hear you on a further occasion; but you must bear in mind that if you come and make a statement at the end of the case you will not have an opportunity of supplementing it, or of supplying any omission you may have made.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) Then with submission to the Court I will take time to consider the course I shall pursue.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) There is one thing that I still do not entirely understand, and that is whether we are to take that letter of yours as withdrawn.

(*Mr Fenwick.*) No, I do not think it is necessary for me to withdraw the letter, but I will do so if you desire it.

(*Mr. Hill.*) May we take it in this way, that you wish to come before us upon the terms of the letter, only that instead of coming this morning you wish to come at a later period of the evidence?

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) I wish, under the new state of circumstances.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) There is no new state of circumstances. We cannot say that we will receive your statement at the close of the case—that is quite impossible. There will be many little points to fill up after the bulk of the evidence has been gone through, and after you have made your statement.

(*Mr. Hill.*) The evidence will be of a kind that cannot possibly affect Mr. Fenwick; it will be the same sort of evidence that we have been going through the last three or four days.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) I do not think that for the last fortnight there has been a single statement made to us affecting Mr. Fenwick, and I do not think that if we were to sit here for another fortnight we should hear any further statement affecting him.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) As to one statement that has been made before you, I shall give it a flat contradiction; but I may say generally that the whole of my case lies in a very short compass. How do I know what further evidence may be given in this court by Mr. Lawrence?

(*Mr. Barstow.*) We will say that we will take your statement on Friday morning, if that will suit you.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) I desire to deal most candidly with the Commissioners, and I shall ask that my attendance may be deferred till Friday morning, and in the meantime I shall take advice by which I shall be governed as to the course I shall take.

(*Mr. Hill.*) Of course you are not at all bound by anything that has been said to-day.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) I hope the Commissioners do not think that there is anything unreasonable in my application.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) No, not at all. Is Mr. Schneider here?

(*Mr. Schneider.*) Yes.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you wish to make any statement to us?

(*Mr. Schneider.*) No, I am prepared to go into the box when I am summoned in the ordinary course; but until I have received a summons I decline to make any statement of any sort or kind. I shall most respectfully attend any summons I may receive, if you shall feel disposed to change the determination at which you have arrived, and I shall take care to be in the way to receive such summons in the event of your altering your determination.

(*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Fenwick.*) I am reminded that Mr. Lawrence will be here at noon to-morrow. I mention that in case you should wish to attend.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) No, I do not suppose that I shall be present.

E. Gaffney.

EDWARD GAFFNEY sworn and examined.

26,035. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

26,036. Where do you live?—In Moor Street, the north end of Edward Street.

26,037. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,038. What money did you get at the election?—10*l.* for assisting.

26,039. Who paid it to you?—Mr. Allinson.

26,040. Did you get anything besides?—No.

26,041. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

26,042. Were you on any committee?—I was assisting Mr. Allinson, but that was all the money I got.

26,043. That was all the money you got in any way whatever?—Yes.

W. Gill.

WILLIAM GILL sworn and examined.

26,044. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Penny Street.

26,045. You are a butcher?—Yes.

26,046. How did you vote?—I voted for Lawrence.

26,047. What did you get for your vote?—20*l.*

26,048. Who paid you?—I do not know.

26,049. Where did he pay you?—At Mr. Hodgson's house.

26,050. In China Lane?—No.

26,051. Which Hodgson was it?—Septimus Hodgson.

26,052. How came you to get 20*l.*?—Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Wilson and Backhouse came up the market and said they had agreed to get 20*l.* each, and that if I would ask the committee I should get 20*l.*

26,053. What Wilson was this?—Henry Wilson.

26,054. And you went into the conspiracy and got your 20*l.*?—Yes.

26,055. Were you on the committee?—No.

26,056. What did you get at the last election?—Nothing.

26,057. What made you run up to 20*l.*?—They came to me, and said that they had agreed for 20*l.*, and that I could get the same.

W. Gill.

26,058. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who came to you?—Mr. Septimus Hodgson.

26,059. Who first mentioned the price to you?—Them.

26,060. Which of them?—Septimus Hodgson, Wilson, and Backhouse.

26,061. All three together?—All three together.

THOMAS GREENALL sworn and examined. 24 Sept. 1866.

T. Greenall.

26,062. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are of Damside Street and are a whitesmith?—Yes.

26,063. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,064. What did you receive?—5*l.*

26,065. From whom did you receive it?—From Turner.

26,066. Was that all you got?—No, I was five or six days on the committee. I had 2*l.* 10*s.*

26,067. Were you on the other committee as well?—No.

26,068. Only on one committee?—No.

WILLIAM FOBER sworn and examined.

W. Fober.

26,069. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

26,070. Where do you live?—In Damside Street.

26,071. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,072. What did you get?—5*l.*

26,073. Who paid it to you?—Turner.

26,074. Was that all you got?—I was on the committee.

26,075. How much did you get for being on the committee?—2*l.*

26,076. Were you on Lawrence's committee?—No.

26,077. Was 7*l.* the whole money you got altogether at the last election?—Yes.

26,078. You got nothing else whatever?—No.

ISAAC WILKINSON sworn and examined.

I. Wilkinson.

26,079. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

26,080. How much did you get?—10*l.*

26,081. That was for your vote?—Yes.

26,082. What did you get for being on the committee?—I was not on the committee.

26,083. Were you not on any committee at all?—No.

26,084. What did you get to spend?—Nothing.

26,085. Who came and canvassed you?—Mr. Carruthers and Mr. Clark.

26,086. Who else?—The two candidates.

26,087. Did Mr. Jackson come?—No.

26,088. Did you see Mr. Jackson there at all?—No.

26,089. Did he canvass you?—No.

26,090. Did you ever get a letter written to you by anybody connected with the railway about your vote?—No.

26,091. You are on the Lancaster and Carlisle Railway?—Yes.

26,092. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did any of your superiors on the railway canvass you?—No, not at all; not one.

26,093. Did you ever promise to vote for Lawrence?—No.

26,094. (*Mr. Hill.*) How long have you been in the company's service?—13 years.

26,095. What wages do you get?—19*s.*

26,096. Are you a porter?—No, I am a pointsman.

26,097. You get something besides the 19*s.*, do you not; do you get a house—No, only 19*s.*

26,098. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you get your freedom by birth or by apprenticeship?—By apprenticeship.

26,099. Can you tell us who paid you?—Allinson.

GEORGE KITCHEN sworn and examined.

G. Kitchen.

26,100. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A stonemason.

26,101. Of King Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

26,102. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

26,103. What did you receive?—I received 10*l.* for my vote.

26,104. How much besides?—3*l.* for assisting Mr. Allinson.

26,105. On the committee?—Yes, for assisting Mr. Allinson to canvass.

26,106. What else did you receive?—That is all.

26,107. Was 13*l.* the whole that you got?—Yes.

26,108. Did you not get another sovereign?—No.

26,109. Had you not anything on the other side?—No.

26,110. Were you not on the Blue committee?—No.

26,111. 13*l.* was all you got?—Yes.

26,112. Are you a master mason?—No.

GEORGE JACKSON sworn and examined.

G. Jackson.

26,113. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A blacksmith.

26,114. Where do you live?—At Scotforth.

26,115. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

26,116. What did you get?—I got 8*l.*; at least my wife did. I did not get it. I never saw it.

26,117. Did you get nothing?—Yes, I got a trifle for my work.

26,118. What did you get besides?—I got 3*l.* for being on the committee for working.

26,119. Is that all you got?—Yes, every farthing.

26,120. Who paid your wife?—My own son that was on for Scotforth, but not till after the election; I did not see it and never heard of it till after. I never took any bribe, and took nothing but what I wrought for.

WILLIAM BLEASDALE sworn and examined.

W. Bleasdale.

26,121. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A joiner.

26,122. You are a master man?—A journeyman.

26,123. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

26,124. What did you get for your vote?—I got 8*l.* from Mr. Bradley.

26,125. Who paid you?—Mr. Bradley; and 10*s.* from Isaac Vickers for assisting.

26,126. What did you assist in?—I was under him all the time.

26,127. Under Vickers?—Yes.

26,128. What did you do under Vickers?—I took circulars out in the first place, and was under him on the election day.

26,129. Do you live in your own house?—Yes, I have a house of my own.

26,130. Can you read?—Yes.

26,131. And write?—Yes.

26,132. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was 8*l.* all you got?—8*l.* from Mr. Bradley and 10*s.* from Isaac Vickers.

26,133. That was all you got?—That was all I got.

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B. Cumpsty.

BRYAN CUMPSTY sworn and examined.

26,134. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A tailor.

26,135. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,136. What did you receive?—10*l.*

26,137. Did you receive anything else at all?—Not a halfpenny.

26,138. Were you not on any committee?—No.

26,139. Nor did any work?—No.

26,140. Who paid you?—Mr. Bradley, a tinplate worker.

26,141. And you did not get on to the other committee either?—No.

26,142. 10*l.* was all you got?—Yes.

26,143. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know Richard R. Cumpsty, of Leonardgate?—Yes, he is my nephew.

26,144. Do you know what he got?—No, I have no acquaintance with him. There is William Cumpsty.

26,145. Of Leonardgate, a tailor?—No, he is a tinplate worker; he got 8*l.*

26,146. From Kirby?—Yes, and then Thomas Cumpsty 10*l.*

26,147. By Bradley?—Yes.

R. Gardner.

RICHARD GARDNER sworn and examined.

26,148. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—I live in Union Street.

26,149. What are you?—A labourer.

26,150. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

26,151. What did they give you?—10*l.*

26,152. Did you get that from Stanton?—No, I got 10*l.* for my vote.

26,153. But who gave it to you?—George Danson.

26,154. Was that all you got?—No, I got 15*s.* and 30*s.*

26,155. What did you get that for?—On the committee.

26,156. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

26,157. 12*l.* 5*s.* is all you got altogether?—Yes.

26,158. You got nothing to spend in drink?—No.

J. Birkett.

JAMES BIRKETT sworn and examined.

26,159. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a woolcomber?—Yes.

26,160. You live in Scotforth?—Yes.

26,161. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,162. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

26,163. Who paid you?—Anthony Downham.

26,164. Is Anthony Downham a voter?—No.

26,165. How came he to pay you?—He got it from William Jackson.

26,166. Who is William Jackson?—He is a blacksmith at Scotforth.

26,167. What did you get for being on the committee?—Nothing.

26,168. Are you a master man or journeyman?—A labourer.

26,169. What wages do you earn?—17*s.* and 18*s.* a week.

26,170. Can you read?—Some little.

26,171. Can you write?—Yes.

26,172. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not get 3*l.* from Burchell?—No.

R. Gudgeon.

RICHARD GUDGEON sworn and examined.

26,173. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A farm labourer.

26,174. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,175. What did you receive?—10*l.*

26,176. Did you get anything besides?—No.

26,177. Were you not on any committee?—No.

26,178. You received only 10*l.*?—Yes.

26,179. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who paid you the 10*l.*?—Robert Blades.

W. Hartley.

WILLIAM HARTLEY sworn and examined.

26,180. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A silk spinner.

26,181. Where do you live?—Quernmore.

26,182. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,183. What did you get?—10*l.*

26,184. Who paid it to you?—Robert Blades.

26,185. Did you get anything else?—Yes.

26,186. How much?—30*s.*

26,187. Did you get that from Allinson?—Yes.

26,188. Anything else?—No.

26,189. Nothing?—No, nothing.

E. Hartley.

EDWARD HARTLEY sworn and examined.

26,190. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A silk comber.

26,191. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,192. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

26,193. Who paid you?—Mr. Robert Blades.

26,194. Were you on the committee?—No.

26,195. On neither side?—No.

26,196. Did you get anything to drink?—Nothing.

26,197. No money to treat?—I cannot say anything about that.

26,198. What did you get to treat voters with?—I might get a few glasses.

26,199. Did you get any money to treat voters with?—No, nothing of that sort.

26,200. You only got 10*l.* for your vote?—That is all.

26,201. Can you read?—No.

26,202. Or write?—No.

C. Hartley.

CHRISTOPHER HARTLEY sworn and examined.

26,203. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A wheelwright.

26,204. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,205. What did you get?—10*l.*

26,206. Did you receive anything for being on the committee?—No.

26,207. Were you not on the other committee?—No; I was not in at all.

26,208. Was 10*l.* all you got?—Yes.

26,209. By whom were you paid?—Robert Blades.

GEORGE MARSHALL sworn and examined. *G. Marshall*

26,210. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I have always been in the gardening line.

26,211. Where do you live?—In Scotforth. I have been there all my life.

26,212. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I polled for the two Yellows.

26,213. What did you get?—They made my old woman a present of 6*l.*, but I never knew what she got. Mine was a free vote.

26,214. Who gave it to her?—Anthony Downham.

26,215. Did you get anything else?—Not a farthing piece.

26,216. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get this after the election?—Yes; I did not hear of it until after I had voted.

26,217. Did you not know that you were going to get something?—No; I always give a free vote.

26,218. When did your missus tell you what she got?—When I got to the public-house, after I had polled. I do not come here to tell lies.

26,219. (*Mr. Newton.*—Did you vote at the last election of 1864. The Fenwick and Saunders fight?—Yes.

26,220. Which one did you vote for?—I cannot say now.

26,221. Did you vote Blue or Yellow?—I voted for the Yellow, and I polled for Mr. Green 11 times.

EDMUND MASHEDER sworn and examined. *E. Masheder*

26,222. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—At present I have a little farm.

26,223. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Schneider.

26,224. What did you get for your vote?—I believe 11*l.* for both.

26,225. Who paid you?—I think, for Mr. Schneider, Robert Blades.

26,226. What did he pay you?—5*l.*

26,227. Who paid you for Lawrence?—I cannot say the man that did pay me for Lawrence. I never saw him before nor since and do not know his name.

26,228. Where were you paid?—I cannot tell whether it was in a private room or public-house. It was in the new market, at the bottom of the new market.

26,229. Who took you there?—I believe Mr. Edmondson's footman or butler.

26,230. Was it at a public-house in the market-place?—I think so. I can take you to the room, but whether it is a public-house or not I cannot say.

26,231. You know how much you got?—Yes; I have told you that.

26,232. How much did you get?—11*l.*

26,233. 5*l.* from Robert Blades?—Yes.

26,234. You say you could take me to the house, but you do not know whether it is a public-house?—I could take you to the room, but I do not know whether it is a public-house or not.

26,235. What nonsense. What street is it in?—That I do not know. It is in the new market, and that is all I can tell you.

26,236. Where do you live?—I live at Caton.

26,237. What are you?—I am a farmer at present.

26,238. You come in here every week to market, do you not?—No.

26,239. What did you get for voting for Fenwick?—I did not vote for Fenwick.

26,240. What did you get for voting for Fenwick? I tell you I did not vote for him.

26,241. What did you get for voting for Fenwick?—I did not vote for Fenwick.

26,242. You were to vote for Fenwick. What did you get for it?—I did not get anything.

26,243. That you swear to?—Yes.

26,244. Who came to you first, Blades or the butler?—Blades, I think.

26,245. What did Blades tell you?—He did not tell me anything, no further than that he asked me whether I would give Mr. Schneider or Mr. Fenwick a vote.

26,246. What did the butler ask you?—He did not ask me anything connected with these things.

26,247. What did he say to you?—He told me that Mr. Edmondson wished me to give Mr. Lawrence a vote, and I told him I should be obliged so to do.

26,248. You obliged Mr. Edmondson's butler by giving Mr. Lawrence a vote?—Yes.

26,249. Did you know Mr. Edmondson?—Yes.

26,250. Did the butler take you to this room?—Yes, he took me there.

26,251. Why should you like to oblige Mr. Edmondson?—On account that I farm under Mr. Edmondson.

26,252. He is your landlord?—Yes.

26,253. The butler knew where to take you to?—It was at the bottom of the new market, but I do not know whether it was a private room or a public-house. It was a place where I had never been before and never been since.

THOMAS PARKER sworn and examined. *T. Parker.*

26,254. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A joiner.

26,255. You come from Dolphinholme?—Yes.

26,256. And for whom did you vote?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

26,257. What did you receive for your vote?—I got 10*l.*

26,258. From whom?—Richard Davis.

26,259. What is he?—A farmer in Ellel.

26,260. Whereabouts in Ellel is his farm?—Not so far off the "Fleece Inn."

26,261. How much did you receive from him?—10*l.*

26,262. Was that all you got?—Yes.

26,263. Did you not get 7*l.* 10*s.* from a woman who came to you from Henry Rawes?—No.

26,264. Did you know that Henry Rawes sent you 7*l.* 10*s.*?—No.

26,265. Do you know a man of the name of James Towers?—Yes.

26,266. Did not you and James Towers get 15*l.* between you?—No, I did not.

26,267. Do you know about James Towers getting it?—No, I do not.

26,268. What did you get from the other side?—Nothing.

26,269. Did you have any conversation with Rawes?—No.

26,270. Did you not tell Rawes that you had not been paid by the Conservatives when you had voted for them before, and would not vote for them again?—Never, as I recollect.

26,271. May you have said it and forgotten it?—If I have said it I have forgotten it.

26,272. Did you not say to Rawes, "You must pay "as well as the other side?"—No, I never did.

26,273. (*Mr. Hill, to Mr. Henry Rawes.*) What do you say to this?—There was something to that effect.

26,274. Something to that effect. I am reading from your own evidence?—I was so confused at the time that I did not know what I said when I was here before.

26,275. This was your own voluntary statement. Do you mean to say it was not true?—I do not remember.

26,276. Do you mean to say it was not true?—I do not know, I am sure. I forget what I said.

26,277. I am reading what you said from my note of it. We take down all the things that are said, so

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that people should be careful what they say?—I am very sorry that ever I said it.

26,278. Is it untrue?—I do not remember. I am in that state of mind I scarcely know what to say.

26,279. What did you do with this 15*l.*?—I returned it to Mr. Welch.

26,280. When did you take back the money?—I forget the date. It is on that paper (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

26,281. This is somewhat of a serious matter. What day were you examined before us?—I forget the date of the month. It was Friday, I think.

26,282. On August the 31st you stated to us that you had given a woman who was with you for James Towers, and Parker, of Dolphinholme, joiner, 15*l.*?—I beg to contradict that statement. I was so confused that I did not know what I said, scarcely.

26,283. Do you mean to say that that is all untrue?—I am afraid it is.

26,284. You had kept the money for yourself all the time, and on the 7th of September you took it back to Mr. Welch after you had given your evidence?—Yes; I have suffered most acutely since. I do not know what made me say such a thing.

26,285. You embezzled the money, committed perjury about it, and then go and return the money afterwards?—I am very sorry.

26,286. Now tell us what other of your evidence is untrue?—No other part of it.

26,287. I suppose you have been thinking it over?—I have thought of it till I cannot think any longer.

26,288. Is there any other untruth in your evidence that you wish to correct?—Not the slightest; it is all true.

26,289. Is it true that on July the 22nd you paid back to Mr. Welch the balance of 24*l.* 6*s.*?—Yes, I did, in his own office.

26,290. Then why did you not pay him back this 15*l.*?—I do not know why I did not do it.

26,291. Had you some urgent necessity in your trade?—I sustained a great loss in trade through voting on the Liberal side.

26,292. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you mean to say that the whole story of the giving this money to a woman is an invention?—I was with some women. I scarcely know why I said it.

26,293. You gave a long and detailed story of putting 15*l.* in her hand. Was the whole thing an invention?—I beg to contradict it.

26,294. I hope you have got a conscience?—I do not think it will occur again.

26,295. (*To Thomas Parker.*) We hear you did not get 7*l.* 10*s.* from Rawes?—No.

26,296. Was 7*l.* 10*s.* all you received?—Yes.

26,297. Were you on no committee?—No.

(*Mr. Hill, to Henry Rawes.*) The Commissioners will refuse you your certificate and your expenses.

(*After an interval.*)

(*Mr. Hill, to Henry Rawes.*) As you have made the best amends in your power by coming here at once to tell us the truth, the Commissioners will not proceed any further in the matter.

R. Richmond.

RICHARD RICHMOND sworn and examined.

26,298. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A co-operative storekeeper.

26,299. Where do you live?—At Dolphinholme.

26,300. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,301. What did you get for your vote?—6*l.*

26,302. Did you get nothing else?—No, nothing else.

26,303. 6*l.* is all you touched?—Yes.

26,304. Who paid you?—John Burchell.

J. Sherson.

JOHN SHERSON sworn and examined.

26,305. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A cart driver.

26,306. Do you live at Caton?—Yes.

26,307. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

26,308. What did you get paid for it?—10*l.*

26,309. Who paid you?—Mr. Blades.

26,310. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

26,311. What did you get paid for that?—18*s.*

26,312. By whom?—By Robert Blades.

26,313. Were you on any other committee?—No.

M. Woodman.

MICHAEL WOODMAN sworn and examined.

26,314. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A pointsman on the London and North-western Railway.

26,315. For whom did you vote?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,316. What did you get?—5*l.*

26,317. Did you get anything else besides?—No.

26,318. Nothing to spend in drink?—No.

26,319. Was 5*l.* all you got?—Yes.

26,320. How long have you been in the employment of the company?—About 18 years.

26,321. What are your wages?—Half-a-crown a day are my wages on the works.

26,322. You got nothing from the other side?—No, not a farthing.

26,323. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Towers gave me the 5*l.*

26,324. Who canvassed you?—Nobody; never nobody.

26,325. Did not anybody come and ask you for your vote?—No.

26,326. Did you get no letter from Mr. Jackson?—No.

J. Harrison.

JOHN HARRISON sworn and examined.

26,327. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A farm servant.

26,328. Where do you live?—At Middleton.

26,329. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

26,330. What did you get?—19*l.*

26,331. How did you manage to get that?—I got 10*l.* for my vote of George Danson.

26,332. And how did you get the other 9*l.*?—I got 1*l.* for my expenses.

26,333. From whom?—I think it was at Mr. Tilly's office, in Sun Street.

26,334. Was that before or after the election?—Before.

26,335. What else did you get?—8*l.*

26,336. From whom did you get that?—I think it would be from Proctor Hutchinson in the "White Lion."

26,337. Is that Knowles Allinson's house?—No, Peter Moore's.

26,338. For what did you get that?—I do not know, I am sure.

26,339. You must not make that answer, you know well enough what you got it for?—To vote for them, very like.

26,340. To vote for whom?—For Fenwick, very like.

26,341. Were you on Fenwick and Schneider's committee?—Yes.

26,342. Is 8*l.* all you got from Fenwick and Schneider's people?—Yes.

26,343. Did you get no more from Mr. Lawrence's side?—No.

26,344. You got 11*l.* from Lawrence's side and 8*l.* from Schneider?—No; 10*l.* from Mr. Lawrence, and 9*l.* from Fenwick and Schneider.

26,345. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you an agricultural labourer?—Yes.

26,346. Can you read?—Yes.

26,347. Can you write?—Yes.

JAMES DICKENSON YATES sworn and examined. *J. D. Yates*

26,348. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A small farmer.

26,349. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,350. What did you get paid for your vote?—5*l.* 10*s.*

26,351. By whom?—Mr. John Burchell gave it to my wife on the afternoon of the election without my knowledge or consent. I gave a free vote.

26,352. Go on.—That is all I have got to say.

26,353. Who came canvassing you?—Mr. John Burchell.

26,354. How long before the election?—I cannot say, perhaps a week. I do not remember exactly, but it was only a short time before the election.

26,355. What did he say then?—He asked me for my vote, and I promised him Mr. Fenwick without any hesitation.

26,356. What did he say about Schneider?—I said I would consider it, but before I left I promised it to him.

26,357. For what consideration;—None whatever.

26,358. Come, come, what was the consideration to be?—He was a stranger, and I made no hesitation.

26,359. I daresay there was no hesitation; but you said, "I must be paid for it?"—No, never.

26,360. Come, tell me the truth?—I have told you the truth.

26,361. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where was it?—In my yard.

26,362. You went away, and left him to discuss it with your wife?—No.

26,363. You do not know who fixed the price?—There was no price fixed.

26,364. You did not send the money back?—No.

JOHN BLEASDALE recalled and further examined. *J. Bleasdale*

26,365. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you wish to make some statement?—Yes. In addition to the names I gave before, there are three other names I have since thought of—Edward Barrow——

26,366. Where does he live?—In Penny Street, mariner. I gave him 13*l.*; and John Blezard, tinman, 10*l.*, through William Jackson of the "Malt Shovel," and Thomas Parkinson, shoemaker, Penny Street, 12*l.* Marsden says he paid him, but it is a mistake, I paid him.

26,367. Who was it that he paid?—Two Talbots, Richard and Joseph Talbot. Then I would say I got 150*l.* from Mr. Welch instead of 125*l.* The names I have given you come to 152*l.*, and I think I got 3*l.* or 4*l.* from John Marsden.

26,368. (*Mr. Hill.*) You told us that you got 50*l.*, 50*l.*, and 25*l.* That last 25*l.* ought to be 50*l.*?—Yes.

26,369. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say you got 3*l.* or 4*l.* from Marsden?—Yes, once during the day when I was short. I think it was 4*l.* Then 2*l.* I gave to James Cornthwaite for a voter named Kelsall."

26,370. Marsden says he paid him?—It will be another.

26,371. What is Kelsall's christian name?—I do not know. Cornthwaite came to me and said, "I want 2*l.* for Kelsall."

26,372. How do you know it is not the same Kelsall that Marsden says he paid?—Well, I think it will not be.

26,373. Is that the same James Cornthwaite to whom you paid the 10*l.*?—Yes.

(Adjourned for a short time.)

JOHN RICHMOND sworn and examined. *J. Richmond*

26,374. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Wyresdale.

26,375. What are you?—I am a servant man.

26,376. A farm servant?—Yes.

26,377. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,378. What money did you receive?—6*l.*

26,379. Anything else?—No.

26,380. That is the whole sum?—Yes.

26,381. Do you know anything of William Richmond?—He is dead.

26,382. Did you know anything of him when he was alive?—Yes.

26,383. Do you know what he got?—6*l.*

26,384. From whom did he get it?—From John Birchell.

26,385. Were you both paid together?—We were both in one room, and he was paid the same as I was I think.

26,386. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was he your brother?—No, cousin.

RICHARD RICHMOND sworn and examined. *R. Richmond*

26,387. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Forton.

26,388. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,389. What did you get for your vote?—6*l.*

26,390. Are you a day labourer?—Yes.

26,391. What wages do you earn?—About 2*s.* a day.

26,392. Who paid you the 6*l.*?—John Birchell.

HENRY COTTAM sworn and examined. *H. Cottam*

26,393. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A farmer.

26,394. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,395. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

26,396. Who paid you?—William Welch.

26,397. What else did you get?—Nothing.

26,398. Were you not on any committee?—No.

26,399. Was 10*l.* all you got?—Yes.

26,400. (*Mr. Newton.*) How many acres do you farm?—30 acres.

26,401. What rent do you pay?—82*l.*

26,402. And you got 10*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

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John Armer sworn and examined.

J. Armer.

26,403. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Cockerham.

26,404. What are you?—A labourer.

26,405. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Fenwick and Schneider.

26,406. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*; at least I did not, but my wife did.

26,407. Who gave it to your wife?—William Welch.

26,408. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get nothing beyond the 10*l.*?—No.

26,409. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who asked you for your vote?—Henry Simpson.

26,410. Anyone else?—No.

26,411. Did no one else see you about your vote at that time?—No, not of that party.

26,412. Do you know young Mr. Preston of Ellel Grange?—No, I do not.

26,413. Did you never see him?—I never saw him with my eyes that I know of, and I do not know him.

26,414. Did he come and canvass you?—No.

26,415. Are you sure that no one except Mr. Simpson canvassed you on behalf of Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider?—No.

26,416. Come, think, did no one else canvass you?—No, no one.

26,417. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

26,418. Did you not see either of the candidates?—No.

26,419. Nor Mr. Lawrence?—No, Mr. Lawrence sent for me. I was mowing some grass, but I would not go. He sent for me to go to Mr. Atkinson's, the vicarage, at Cockerham. I would not go, and did not go, and never went near.

26,420. Have you always voted "Yellow?"—Except once.

26,421. When was that?—It was the time Mr. Greene was put up after he had been out one year, I think.

26,422. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A labourer.

26,423. What sort of wages do you earn?—*7s.* a week with my meat at the house, or *2s.* or *2s. 6d.* a day.

26,424. You thought 10*l.* a good wage?—I thought nothing about it.

26,425. Who paid you?—William Welch.

26,426. You got nothing but this 10*l.*?—No.

26,427. Were you paid before you voted?—Yes.

26,428. You took care of that?—Yes.

William Armer sworn and examined.

W. Armer.

26,429. (*Mr. Newton.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,430. Who paid you?—William Welch.

26,431. How much did you get for your vote?—He paid my mother 10*l.* and she gave it to me.

26,432. When did William Welch promise you the 10*l.* for voting?—I don't know.

26,433. Was it the morning before you voted, or when was it?—I think it was the nomination day. He asked me if I would give him a vote and I said "Yes."

26,434. When did he promise to pay you the 10*l.*?—I don't know.

26,435. I think you do.—No, I don't.

26,436. Just try and recollect; was it the morning you voted?—I don't know; he said I should get the same as the rest.

26,437. Who came and canvassed you?—Henry Simpson and William Welch, I think.

26,438. Did Mr. Fenwick come and canvass you?—No, I never saw him.

26,439. Did Mr. Schneider come and canvass you?—No, I never saw him.

26,440. Did Mr. Lawrence?—No, I never saw Mr. Lawrence.

26,441. Did you see the other two?—No, I saw Jacob Nelson.

26,442. Did you see Mr. Fenwick or Mr. Schneider?—No, not that I can recollect.

26,443. Did you go up to the rectory, the clergyman's house?—Mr. Atkinson's?

26,444. Yes?—No.

26,445. Were you sent for to go up there?—Mr. Rothwell sent for me to go up there when I was mowing.

26,446. What did you do?—They asked me for a vote and I would not promise it.

26,447. Who was to ask for your vote there, was it Mr. Lawrence?—Yes.

26,448. You are sure it was Lawrence?—It was Rothwell that asked me to go.

26,449. But was it Mr. Lawrence who was to ask you for your vote?—Yes.

26,450. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know Anthony Armer of Cockerham?—Yes.

26,451. Do you know what he got for his vote?—No.

26,452. Do you know Thomas Armer?—Yes.

26,453. Are they relations of yours?—Yes, my uncles.

26,454. Do you know anything about what they got for their votes?—No.

26,455. They never talked to you about it?—No.

26,456. (*To John Armer.*) Do you know Richard Armer?—Yes.

26,457. Is he your brother?—Yes.

26,458. Do you know what he got?—My wife took 10*l.* for him at the same time as she took mine.

26,459. Do you know what Anthony Armer got?—No.

James Parker sworn and examined.

J. Parker.

26,460. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A clog maker.

26,461. Where?—In Nicholas Street. I am on the register for James Street.

26,462. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

26,463. What did you get?—Nothing.

26,464. Nothing at all?—No.

26,465. Were you not on any committee?—No.

26,466. How came you to get nothing?—That is very soon answered; I never took no part in the election.

26,467. You voted?—Yes, of course I did.

26,468. Did not anybody offer you anything?—Yes, I could have had money if I had chosen.

26,469. Who offered it to you?—Mr. Cross.

26,470. What did he offer to you?—It was on the nomination day.

26,471. I do not care when it was, what was it that he offered?—He did not state any sum.

26,472. What did he say?—He asked me if I was going to take part in the election on the polling day, and he asked would I take a sovereign or two for expenses, and I said, "No, I was not going to take any part."

26,473. Did you have any offer from the other side?—No.

26,474. You did not get on any committee?—No.

26,475. Do you really tell us that you received nothing?—Yes.

26,476. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say Mr. Cross made you the offer?—I simply met him in the street and he asked me if I would take a sovereign or two for expenses.

26,477. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you quite sure that you got nothing?—Yes.

26,478. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Most likely the summons has miscarried. It was meant for another James Parker.—There is only one James Parker, clog

maker; there is a William Shepherd Parker, Penny Street, but he took no part in the election.

26,479. You cannot say whether he got anything or not?—Yes, I am sure he got nothing.

26,480. What makes you sure about it?—Because I was with him all the polling day and a good part of the day before.

26,481. How did you vote at Fenwick and Saunders's election?—Fenwick and Saunders.

26,482. Did you get anything?—No, except I came from Bolton Moors and got second-class fare.

26,483. You never got anything for your vote?—No.

26,484. How many times have you voted?—I voted at Greene, Gregson, and Ellis's elections.

26,485. That was in July 1852?—Yes.

JOHN MARSDEN recalled and further examined. *J. Marsden.*

26,486. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understand you wish to make some statement?—Yes. I mentioned in my evidence before the names of two parties whom I did not pay.

26,487. Which are those?—Parkinson was one and Reuben Pimm the other.

26,488. Those are your sins of omission. You have some of commission I suppose?—Yes, the two Talbots.

26,489. Parkinson and Reuben Pimm were paid by Bleasdale?—No; Parkinson was paid by Bleasdale, and Reuben Pimm by Mr. Welch.

26,490. Mr. Henry Welch?—Yes. Richard and Joseph Talbot I paid, but did not account for them; I believe also I gave Mr. Bleasdale 3*l.*

26,491. What did you pay the Talbots?—10*l.*

26,492. You gave them each 10*l.*?—Yes.

JOHN DICKENSON sworn and examined. *J. Dickenson.*

26,493. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

26,494. Where do you live?—Spring Garden Street.

26,495. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,496. Did you get anything for your vote?—5*l.* 15*s.* altogether.

26,497. Who gave it to you?—Roger Wright gave me 5*l.*, and 15*s.* I got at Mr. Tilly's office the Saturday night before the election.

26,498. Have you anything else to tell us?—No, that is all.

26,499. Are you a journeyman shoemaker?—Yes.

JOHN ELLERSHAW sworn and examined. *J. Ellershaw.*

26,500. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A grocer and farmer.

26,501. Where do you live?—At Skerton.

26,502. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

26,503. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

26,504. Were you on any committee?—I was one of the captains of Skerton.

26,505. What did you get for being captain of Skerton?—Nothing.

26,506. Come, come?—You will see I have told you the truth.

26,507. Then tell me the truth?—I tell you I got nothing.

26,508. Nothing at all?—No.

26,509. No thanks?—No, no thanks.

26,510. Are you anything else besides a grocer?—Yes, I am a farmer.

26,511. Are you a freeman?—No, a householder, and have been ever since Salisbury's election. I have voted for the same side ever since.

26,512. You are mayor of Skerton, too, are you not?—I do not know.

26,513. But I want to know.—We have no mayor there.

26,514. Did you take an active part in the election?—Yes.

26,515. What part did you take?—I canvassed Skerton.

26,516. Did you get any money to canvass with?—No.

26,517. You are an exception to the rule?—I never tried for money; I could have got it if I wanted it, I daresay.

26,518. You thought smooth words would do better?—I did not try for any money.

26,519. Do you know a man of the name of Aldren?—Yes.

26,520. Did you see him about the election time?—Yes.

26,521. Where?—At the "Black Bull."

26,522. What was he doing there?—Helping, the same as me, I suppose.

26,523. What were you doing, helping to do what Aldren was doing?—I will tell you all about it; I know what you mean by Aldren.

26,524. I want to know what you were doing.—Ask me a question and I will tell you.

26,525. It will not do, there is no use in your trying to shuffle.—We canvassed Skerton along with Bakewell the night before.

26,526. Have you anything more to say?—No, nothing particular about that.

26,527. Have you anything more to say?—No, nothing more than that Robert Aldren and me each had 5*l.* for expenses. You will be so kind as to look at that paper (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*) and see how much I was out of pocket.

26,528. Then you did get 5*l.*; why did you tell me a deliberate falsehood?—I am not telling a falsehood.

26,529. I asked you what you got and you said "Nothing?"—You asked me what I got for voting.

26,530. I asked you for any purpose?—If that was the meaning I beg your pardon, I did not understand you. 3*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* was for expenses for treating at Skerton. Mr. Bakewell was there at the time when they were eating the stuff.

26,531. To whom did you sell these goods?—It went to the "Hand and Heart" beershop you will see; Mrs. Winder fetched it herself.

26,532. Where from?—From me.

26,533. From your own house?—Yes.

26,534. You being a grocer sold them these things?—Yes, or rather my sister did. I was not at home then; she is manager of the shop.

26,535. 1*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.*?—Yes, there was 1*s.* I let Richard Willacy, a voter, have.

26,536. To whom did you send in this bill?—I never sent it to no person because I knew I was paid when I had 5*l.* for expenses.

26,537. You were paid at the time?—Yes.

26,538. How did you spend the 5*l.*?—There is 3*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* for expenses in Skerton.

26,539. What sort of expenses?—For drink.

26,540. You did go drinking with these people?—Treating men and women, and such like.

26,541. You did go treating?—Yes, I did, a week before the election. I kept company with many of the working men.

26,542. About this bill of 1*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.*, how much of it was for your vote?—Nothing. It is a true bill that. I never had a penny in my life for voting.

26,543. Whose goods are these?—My sister and me keeps the shop together. My sister served them out.

26,544. This is your handwriting?—Yes, I made the bill out this morning from a little ticket she had.

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26,545. You made it out this morning ?—Yes, I did, and it is correct. It was ordered by William Atkinson, and he will not deny it, you will see.

26,546. I suppose the houses in Skerton were open during the whole of the time ?—There were only two belonging to our party. Mr. Bakewell, Mr. Carruthers, and me called at the "Millstone," "Royal Oak," and the "Blue Anchor," and we paid for everything as we got it. Mr. Carruthers paid for what was got there.

26,547. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much did Mr. Carruthers pay ?—Carruthers lent Bakewell a pound.

26,548. And that was to pay for treating while you three were together ?—He threw 30*s.* away at the "Blue Anchor" where there was no call for it.

26,549. What do you call throwing it away ?—He gave it to the landlady to treat people with where there was no chance of getting a vote.

26,550. That is nothing to do with you. You gave him a pound ?—No, Mr. Carruthers lent Bakewell a pound.

26,551. Neither Bakewell nor Carruthers got any money out of you ?—No, only what I spent.

26,552. When did you get the 5*l.* ?—The afternoon after the election.

26,553. When did you begin to spend money of your own ?—A week before the time.

26,554. Who gave you the order to do it ?—Well, I have always done so at every election.

26,555. Who gave you the order ?—I had different notes from the committee to help them.

26,556. Have you got any of the notes here ?—I had no orders to spend money.

26,557. Were you in the habit of spending money out of your own pocket without having an order ?—I have done so.

26,558. Is it your custom to spend money without having an order ?—I am not particular about spending a few shillings at any time.

26,559. Did you know from where you were to get it back again ?—I did not care whether I got it back or not.

26,560. Am I to understand from you that you were willing to spend 4*l.* or 5*l.* without knowing where you were to get it back again ?—I would rather do that than take 4*l.* or 5*l.* from the side I belong to.

26,561. Were you willing to be laying out 4*l.* or 5*l.* out of your own pocket without knowing where to get it back from ?—I never thought about it.

26,562. Tell me when you spent 10*s.*?—I spent 15*s.* on the nomination day.

26,563. Where at ?—At Skerton and Lancaster.

26,564. On yourself ?—I could not drink 15*s.* worth in one day.

26,565. I do not know that. How much did you spend on yourself ?—Perhaps 3*d.* or 6*d.* I should get a glass along with the rest.

26,566. Every house was open that you went to on the nomination night ?—Not for us.

26,567. How do you mean not for you ? You cannot tell me where you spent anything beyond that? —In Skerton, at the "Royal Oak."

26,568. Tell me another place ?—I was at the "Old Sir Simon's" for another place.

26,569. You did not spend much there ?—Not above a shilling or so.

26,570. Why did you not tell them to put it to the account ?—I do not think they were on our side.

26,571. Do you mean to say you could not have had whatever you liked at the "Old Sir Simon's ?"—I do not think so.

26,572. Out of the 5*l.* that is a shilling we have got to. Now give me another shilling you spent ?—There is a man of the name of William Helme, a sawyer at Skerton, who has cost me three or four shillings.

26,573. Has he been called ?—No, I think not.

26,574. How much has he cost you ?—I really cannot say, not to come to particulars.

26,575. What did Helme get, do you know ?—I believe he got 8*l.*, but I believe Mr. Bakewell says 10*l.*

26,576. And he got 4*s.* or 5*s.* from you ?—Yes, I should think so, at different times.

26,577. Not to go further with that, when did you get the 5*l.* paid to you ?—On the election day in the afternoon.

26,578. After you had voted ?—Yes, I voted in good time in the forenoon.

26,579. You knew you were coming up this morning ?—Yes.

26,580. Were you summoned ?—No.

26,581. You came here of your own accord ?—No, I heard that my name was called on on Saturday, but I have never received any summons.

26,582. You came here without being summoned, and before coming you took the precaution of making out this bill ?—Yes, I copied it from a little ticket of my sister's.

26,583. I see 15*s.* 8*d.* is for your own ham ; 5*s.* 2*d.* for your own cheese ; 4*s.* 6*d.* for your own eggs ; 1*s.* 5*d.* for your own butter; 3*d.* for your own biscuits, and 6*d.* for milk ?—Yes, that was for the breakfast.

26,584. At the "Heart and Hand ?"—Yes.

26,585. You supplied it ?—Yes.

26,586. Did the "Heart and Hand" send in a bill for it ?—I do not know. They never asked me.

26,587. Did the "Heart and Hand" get paid for it ?—I believe not.

26,588. From what did you make out this bill ?—From a strip of paper.

26,589. Why did you not bring the strip?—Because my sister is not a very good writer.

26,590. Can you read her writing ?—No, I scarcely can.

26,591. Who wrote this ?—I did.

26,592. Yours is not the very best of writing. We do not generally spell cheese "ches ?"—The bill is correct, if it is not rightly spelt.

26,593. Why did you not bring the strip of paper ? —If I had thought you wanted it I would have brought it.

26,594. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What do you farm?—I do not farm any land. It is my own.

26,595. How many acres ?—I occupy about 11 and let five.

26,596. You have 16 acres of freehold ?—Yes.

26,597. By whom were you paid the 5*l.* ?—By Mr. Bakewell.

26,598. Did Mr. Bakewell know what you had spent ?—Yes, he knew about the stuff I have mentioned.

26,599. Did he know how much you had spent ?—I suppose so. He saw the frying pan going at work the night before.

R. Watkinson.

RICHARD WATKINSON sworn and examined.

26,600. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

26,601. What did you get for your vote ?—10*l.*

26,602. From whom ?—Mr. Slater. I suppose it was Mr. Slater, but I did not know him then.

26,603. Were you on any committee ?—I got 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for being on Fenwick and Schneider's committee.

26,604. Did you get anything else ?—No ; there is 30*s.* put down to me for George Danson, but he never gave me a halfpenny in his life. I see it in the supplement.

26,605. (*Mr. Newton.*) How do you know George Danson said so ?—It is in his statement.

26,606. You read it in the paper ?—Yes.

26,607. What are you ?—A brushmaker.

26,608. A journeyman ?—Yes.

JOHN JOHNSON sworn and examined. *J. Johnson.*

23,609. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—A cabinet maker.

26,610. Where do you live ?—I lived in Southport during the election.

26,611. For whom did you vote at the last election? —For Mr. Lawrence.

26,612. What did you get ?—*5l.*

26,613. Altogether ?—Yes.

26,614. Including your expenses from Southport ? —That is what I got altogether.

26,615. Of course your expenses from Southport would be nothing like *5l.* ?—No.

26,616. You got nothing but *5l.* ?—No.

JOHN HARTLEY sworn and examined. *J. Hartley.*

26,617. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live ?—In St. Leonard Gate.

26,618. You are a householder ?—Yes.

26,619. How did you vote at the last election ?— For Mr. Lawrence.

26,620. How much did you get for your vote ?— Nothing.

26,621. How many committees were you upon ?— None.

26,622. You were on no committee, either for Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Fenwick, or Mr. Schneider ?—No.

26,623. What did you get for your assistance ?— Nothing. I gave no assistance.

26,624. Did you help anybody ?—I did not.

26,625. Did anybody come to you to ask you for your vote ?—Well, they did. Mr. Lawrence did, and the other parties also, Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

26,626. Did George Danson ever come to you ?— No, not without he came along with theparties.

26,627. Did he ever ask you to be put upon the committee ?—No; no person ever asked me anything of the sort.

26,628. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get nothing at all ? —Nothing whatever, and I would not have taken anything if I had been offered it.

WILLIAM PROCTER sworn and examined. *W. Procter.*

26,629. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A smith.

26,630. You are not a householder, are you ?—No, not at present.

26,631. For whom did you vote at the last election ? —For Fenwick and Schneider.

26,632. What did you get ?—*8l.*

26,633. Did you get anything on any committee ?— No.

26,634. Was *8l.* all that you got ?—Yes.

26,635. From whom did you get it ?—A man at the "White Lion." I cannot say who he was.

WILLIAM IRELAND sworn and examined. *W. Ireland.*

26,636. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live ?—In Common Garden.

26,637. What are you ?—A labourer.

26,638. For whom did you vote at the last election ? —Mr. Lawrence.

26,639. What did you get ? — 12*l.*, and 1*l.* from Mr. Danson.

WILLIAM TROUT sworn and examined. *W. Trout.*

26,640. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live ?—On Castle Hill.

26,641. For whom did you vote at the last election ? —Mr. Lawrence.

26,642. What did you get for your vote ?—10*l.*

26,643. Who paid you ?—I do not know.

26,644. Where was the money paid ? — At the "Black Bull" at Skerton.

26,645. Were you on any committee ?—Yes.

26,646. What did you get for that ?—1*l.*

26,647. Who paid you that ?—Mr. Danson.

26,648. You got 11*l.* altogether ?—Yes.

26,649. Are you a twine spinner ?—Yes, and I got 10*s.* from Mr. Cross.

26,650. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you been a clerk ?— No.

EDWARD BARROW sworn and examined. *E. Barrow.*

26,651. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ? — A master mariner.

26,652. There is one of your name a mariner and the other a master mariner; are you the master mariner ?—Yes.

26,653. Living in Borrowdale Road, Lancaster ?— Yes.

26,654. For whom did you vote at the last election ? —Lawrence.

26,655. What did you get ?—Nothing.

26,656. Did you get nothing at all ?—No, nothing.

26,657. Were you not on any committee ?—No.

26,658. Were you never spoken to about receiving money for your vote ?—No.

26,659. You have not been summoned here, have you ?—No.

JOSIAH TIMMIS SMITH sworn and examined. *J. T. Smith.*

26,660. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Barrow ?—Yes.

26,661. Are you in the employment of the Hæmatite Steel Iron Company ?—Yes.

26,662. In 1865 were you in the employ of Schneider, Hanney, and Co. ?—Yes.

26,663. We have been told by Mr. Milner that at some time previous to the election of 1865 you brought some money to his shop ?—Yes.

26,664. How many times have you brought money to Lancaster ?—Only that once.

26,665. Are we to understand that that is the only occasion upon which you brought money from Barrow to Lancaster ?—That was the only time that I was in Lancaster during the election period

26,666. That answers my question inferentially ; but I wish to have it answered specifically. Have you never except at that one time brought money from Barrow to Lancaster ?—No.

26,667. From whom did you receive that money?— I got it from our office.

26,668. The office did not give it to you ; from whose hand did you receive it ?—From the cashier's hand.

26,669. What is his name ?—Bigg ; part of it I got from him, and part I had of my own money.

26,670. What is Bigg's christian name ?—James.

26,671. Is he still in the employment of the Hæmatite Steel Iron Company ?—Yes.

26,672. In the same employment of cashier ?—Yes.

26,673. How much money did you receive from him ?—I do not know how much I received from him. I know the entire amount I brought.

26,674. How did you receive it from him ?—In gold.

26,675. But in what manner did you receive it ?—I asked him to give me what money he had by him and to charge me with it.

26,676. What authority had you to ask him to give you what money he had by him ?—I was the responsible agent of the company, and I got anything that I asked for.

26,677. You say you are the responsible agent of

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the company. What was your employment?—I was general manager of the company.

26,678. Had you authority to direct the cashier to pay you whatever sums you chose?—Yes.

26,679. Was this money given to you openly into your own hand, or was it given to you wrapped up in any manner?—Some of it, I daresay, was open, and some of it I recollect was wrapped up in the usual way in which we received gold from the bank in 50*l.* packets.

26,680. In rouleaux?—Yes.

26,681. How much of it was in rouleaux?—I have no idea. I know accurately the amount that I took from the office; but I do not know in what shape it came.

26,682. Was it in a bag, or was it put into your pocket loose?—I cannot recollect. I got it at several times.

26,683. Did you take any account of it at the time you got it?—No more than to make a memorandum.

26,684. Have you that memorandum here?—No. I have it not in existence. I did not keep it; I simply took a memorandum of the amounts I received, and when I had got the amount that Mr. Schneider desired me to get I charged him with it, and there was an end, as far as I was concerned, of the transaction.

26,685. Why did you get this amount at several times?—Because we had not the amount that I had to get at the office at any one time, and I collected it during two or three weeks from the spare cash that we had and the spare cash that we received.

26,686. In what sort of sums did you collect it?—I do not recollect, perhaps I got it at four or five times.

26,687. But in what sort of sums?—100*l.* or 200*l.* at a time.

26,688. Till it amounted to what sum?—1,000*l.*

26,689. Was that the sum that you told us Mr. Schneider desired you to collect?—Yes.

26,690. Please to tell us, as near as you can remember them, what Mr. Schneider's directions were to you?—He told me to get him 1,000*l.*

26,691. When was this?—Perhaps a month before the election. It might be more, about a month.

26,692. Give us the time as nearly as you can remember?—I cannot remember the time nearer than that.

26,693. You say "about a month before the election Mr. Schneider desired me to get him 1,000*l.*?"—Yes, in gold.

26,694. Was that all that he said to you?—Yes.

26,695. Was it really all. Did you ask him how you were to get it?—No, he knew how I should get it.

26,696. I presume it would have been quite possible for you to have got on Mr. Schneider's credit 1,000*l.* in a quarter of an hour, would it not?—Yes, if it had been necessary.

26,697. Did he give you any directions as to how you were to get it?—No, none whatever.

26,698. How did it happen that you got it in these comparatively small sums?—Because they were such sums as we could spare out of our usual transactions at the office.

26,699. Why did you adopt that mode of collecting the 1,000*l.*?—Because it was the easiest way that presented itself to me of getting that amount in gold.

26,700. There are many mysteries in business matters. That would not have presented itself to my mind as being the easiest mode of getting it. You might have gone to the bank and got it, might you not?—Yes, but there was no necessity for that. I had plenty of time to get it. Mr. Schneider wanted it in about a fortnight.

26,701. How did you know that?—He told me so.

26,702. And then you collected it as you have told us?—Yes.

26,703. In a fortnight?—Yes, about a fortnight.

26,704. You have told us that you added a sum of money of your own to it?—Yes.

26,705. How much of your own did you add to it?—I do not know the proportion.

27,706. Tell us about how much.—I have no idea. The full amount that I had to get was 1,000*l.* I collected it in the most convenient way I could, and as soon as I had paid it away I charged it to Mr. Schneider and got my portion of it back.

26,707. You tell us now that Mr. Schneider said he wanted 1,000*l.* in a fortnight. Did he tell you what he wanted it for?—I cannot say what he said about that. It is possible that he would say something to me with respect to the purpose for which it was to be used. He might say it was for the general purposes of the election, but as to any particular expenditure he never named it to me in any way.

26,708. Did he say that it was for the general purposes of the election?—I am not sure, but I daresay he did.

26,709. Did he mention the election at the time he gave you the order to get the money?—I cannot tell indeed. These conversations were not impressed upon my mind. I took no interest in the matter.

26,710. Is it so common a thing for you to be required to get 1,000*l.* in gold for the purposes of the election, as you knew that to be, that you would let it slip from your memory?—I do not quite understand the question.

26,711. Is it so common a thing with you to get 1,000*l.* in gold, for the purposes of an election, that you have let all the conversation relating to it slip from your memory?—I never got any for an election before.

26,712. Then is it a thing which would be likely to impress itself upon your memory?—Not the details of the conversation. I was not in Mr. Schneider's confidence in any way respecting the election.

26,713. Surely you were in his confidence so far that he desired you to get him 1,000*l.* in a fortnight for the purpose of the election?—I daresay he did, but I cannot recollect the conversation that occurred. When he asked me to get this money he must have told me that it was for the purpose of the election, because I knew it was for that purpose.

26,714. You say he must have told you that it was for the purpose of the election. Why must he have told you that it was for the purpose of the election?—I knew it was for the purpose of the election, and I must have known it in that way.

26,715. That answer I confess I do not understand?—Mr. Schneider told me to get him this money.

26,716. You knew that it was for the purpose of the election, and you could not have known that it was for the purpose of the election unless Mr. Schneider had told you so?—I think not.

26,717. What direction did Mr. Schneider give you with reference to this sum of money?—To keep it until he asked me for it. At least I believe that was it, but I am not certain as to that.

26,718. How long did you keep it before you gave it to him?—I think it was ten days or a fortnight.

26,719. Before I go into this part of the subject I will ask you whether you have given the conversation between Mr. Schneider and yourself as accurately as you can remember it?—I have.

26,720. You kept this money for ten days or a fortnight?—Yes.

26,721. And then we may take it that Mr. Schneider gave you some directions with reference to it?—He asked me to bring the amount that I had to Lancaster, which I took to Mr. Milner's.

26,722. Do you remember the date?—I do not. I had not time to turn up my diary this morning. I only got the summons at 11 o'clock, and came away directly.

26,723. You kept a diary of these transactions, did you?—I should have a diary as to when I came to Lancaster, that will be all.

26,724. What did he say to you when he desired you to bring the money to Lancaster?—He told me to meet him at Lancaster.

26,725. Do you remember his words?—No.

26,726. Where were you to meet him?—At the station.

26,727. At the Lancaster station?—Yes.

26,728. Did you meet him there?—Yes.

26,729. At what time in the day did you meet him?—I think it was 3 o'clock.

26,730. Had you any conversation with him then?—Not much.

26,731. Had you any?—I had some, because I was with him a few minutes.

26,732. What was the conversation that you had with him?—I do not recollect anything more of the conversation than his directing me to take it to Mr. Milner's house, to leave that parcel there and say it was for Mr. Welch.

26,733. Did you take it to Milner's house?—Yes.

26,734. Did you go to Milner's house before you went to Welch's?—I did not go to Welch's.

26,735. When you went to Milner's did you see anyone there?—Only Mr. Milner.

26,736. And you delivered the parcel to him?—Yes.

26,737. In what shape did you deliver the parcel to him? How was it wrapped up, or what was the outward form of it?—I think it was a paper parcel.

26,738. Do you know what the contents of that parcel were?—Yes.

26,739. What were they?—710*l.*

26,740. What had become of the difference?—I gave it to Mr. Schneider.

26,741. You say the sum was 710*l.* exactly?—I believe so. I saw in the paper the other day that it was 710*l.* 10*s.*, but I thought it was 710*l.*

26,742. How much money do you remember you gave to Mr. Schneider?—290*l.*

26,743. Where did you give it to him?—I do not recollect where I gave it to him. It was two or three days before that time.

26,744. You gave him 290*l.* Where was it, in London or in Lancaster, or where?—I do not recollect where it was. He was often at the works, and sometime I saw him at Ulverston. I do not recollect whether it was in Ulverston or at Barrow, that I gave it to him.

26,745. Was it north of the sands that you gave it to him?—Yes. I do not recollect the circumstances attending my giving him that amount, and I only know it was 290*l.*, because the 710*l.* that was in the bag at Milner's I considered to be the balance of the 1,000*l.*

26,746. Did he ask you for no specific sum when you gave him this 290*l.*?—No, it was what I happened to have. I had collected that much in gold then, and gave him what I happened to have with me.

26,747. How long would that be before you brought this parcel of 710*l.* to Lancaster?—I do not recollect how many days it was before, but it was some time between the time of his asking me to get the money and coming to Lancaster. Perhaps it was a week before.

26,748. It was some time between the time when he had asked you to collect the sum of 1,000*l.* and the time when you came to Lancaster?—Yes. I had no more than 290*l.* when I gave it him first.

26,749. You gave Mr. Schneider all that you had then?—Yes.

26,750. How long was it after you gave Mr. Schneider this 290*l.* that you collected the balance of the 1,000*l.*, that is, the 710*l.* making up the gross sum of 1,000*l.*?—It might be a week.

26,751. (*Mr. Hill.*) It might be a week?—It was a month before the election when I was told to collect it, and I gave it all up about a fortnight before.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) In point of fact you are wrong about that.

26,752. (*Mr. Hill.*) It was about a month before the election that you began to collect, you say?—Yes.

26,753. And you had given it all up within a fortnight?—The day I went to Milner's was about a fortnight before the election, I believe.

26,754. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And we may say that it was between a month and a fortnight before the election that Mr. Schneider asked you for whatever you had collected?—Yes.

26,755. Was it nearer a week, or was it only a few days after you had begun to collect?—It was only a fortnight in the whole.

26,756. Did you collect this money in pretty even sums?—No, I think not. I do not recollect. 200*l.* or 300*l.*, as I said before, I might get from the office, and 50*l.* at another time, and so on just as it happened.

26,757. But at what time did you give this 290*l.* to Mr. Schneider?—I do not recollect.

26,758. Was it a very short time before you came to Lancaster?—It must have been some days before, because I collected the larger amount on the day I went there.

26,759. I asked you if you had collected it in pretty even sums. Was the collection of it spread evenly over the time of a fortnight?—No, it could not be.

26,760. I do not see why not?—Because I gave 290*l.* to Mr. Schneider a week after he asked me, and in a week after I found the 710*l.*

26,761. That is what I asked you some time ago?—I did not understand it in that way.

26,762. What did Mr. Schneider do with this 290*l.*?—I do not know.

26,763. So far as you saw, what did he do with it?—I do not recollect the time of my giving it him or anything about it.

26,764. Do you really mean to say that you do not recollect any of the circumstances?—I have not the slightest idea when I gave him that amount.

26,765. How do you know that you gave it to him then?—Only by knowing that I took the balance to Lancaster, and the exact amount was 1,000*l.*

26,766. Did you examine the amount that you took to Lancaster?—Yes. I put in the exact amount to make up the 1,000*l.* that I charged him with.

26,767. Then you only know that that was the 290*l.* by knowing that the balance was 710*l.*?—Yes, I only know it in that way now, I knew it at that time by my memorandum.

26,768. You have a memorandum then?—I had at that time.

26,769. Did you enter this in your diary?—No, I did not make any entries or memorandums sufficient to account for my charging him with 1,000*l.*

26,770. What was your reason for not making a memorandum of this in your diary?—It is a travelling diary in which I should make a memorandum of my coming to Lancaster, but not of what I did in Lancaster.

26,771. The memorandum would be that you went on such a day to Lightburne House, and that on such a day you went to Ulverstone?—Yes.

26,772. Would you not go on to say, "and gave "290*l.* to Mr. Schneider?"—No.

26,773. You would put down a memorandum that you went to the place, but the object of your going there you would omit to mention?—I should not have thought it worth while to put it down at the time.

26,774. Do you really mean to say that you thought it so immaterial a thing that you would not mention it in your diary?—It was perfectly immaterial to me when I got it back again; I took no particle of interest in the matter.

26,775. You say that part of this sum was furnished by yourself to Mr. Schneider?—Yes.

26,776. How much was that?—I do not know the proportion, but I know that I got 100*l.* or 200*l.* or so in gold out of the bank on my own account, as part of that 1,000*l.*

26,777. Out of what bank?—The Lancaster Bank.

26,778. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which branch?—At Barrow.

26,779. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then this money was repaid to you by Mr. Schneider. When was it repaid to you?—Immediately after the 1,000*l.* was completed, I believe.

26,780. Before the election?—I think so; I am not sure of the day; but the moment the transaction was complete I charged it to him, and the matter was put straight in our office.

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26,781. Where were you repaid?—I was repaid in the office.

26,782. (*Mr. Hill.*) By whom?—I received it in money from the office, the amount that I found for Mr. Schneider, and when the amount came up to 1,000*l.* it was charged to him.

26,783. (*Mr. Barstow.*) But you advanced some of your own money, and that you say was repaid by Mr. Schneider shortly before the election?—No, excuse me. It was not paid to me direct; the only transaction that appeared on the books with Mr. Schneider was 1,000*l.* The gold that I found myself I repaid out of my own cash.

26,784. (*Mr. Hill.*) You said you got 100*l.* or 200*l.* from your own account in the bank. How was that repaid to you?—Out of the office.

26,785. By cheque or in cash, or in what way?—In cash.

26,786. And you paid it back into the bank to your account?—I do not know.

26,787. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It was repaid in the office?—Yes.

26,788. Who repaid you?—The cashier, Mr. Bigg.

26,789. When was it repaid you?—I do not know, immediately after the transaction was completed. I do not know how many days.

26,790. Surely you must know how it was repaid to you?—It was repaid to me, my own amount was repaid in the way I have just stated.

26,791. You have not stated any way except that it was repaid by Bigg the cashier?—By cash that we had in the office.

26,792. Do you mean that this money was repaid you out of the cash box?—Yes.

26,793. (*Mr. Hill.*) And no entry made of it in the books?—There was nothing but a memorandum kept between him and me of the amounts that I took.

26,794. Between whom and yourself?—The cashier.

26,795. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When you lent this money to Mr. Schneider did you take any security from him?—No.

26,796. No memorandum?—No.

26,797. No I O U?—No.

26,798. What did you do with the money when it was repaid to you?—The money was not mine.

26,799. I cannot make myself understood. You have just answered me, "I was repaid in our office by "Bigg the cashier. I was repaid by cash?"—To the extent of the money I got on my own account out of the Lancaster Bank.

26,800. That is exactly what I ask you?—I really do not know what I did with it when I got it back.

26,801. Did you put it in your pocket and spend it?—No.

26,802. What did you do with it?—I believe I sent it to the bank again, but I have no knowledge or recollection whether I did or not, in all probability I should.

26,803. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you got your bank book here?—No, I have not.

26,804. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You really do not know what you did with it?—No, I do not.

26,805. When you took this money to Lancaster you took it to Mr. Milner's; what did you then say to him?—I said I had been desired to leave this parcel for Mr. Welch.

26,806. You had known Milner before, had you not?—I had seen him once.

26,807. That was on the occasion of Mr. Schneider entertaining some Lancaster people, was it not?—Yes.

26,808. Where?—At Barrow, the Barrow works.

26,809. What was the conversation?—Mr. Milner rather objected to receive it.

26,810. Well?—I left it on the table and said that those were my instructions, and then walked away.

26,811. That was all that passed?—I believe so.

26,812. Are you quite sure that that was all that passed between you and Milner?—I believe I said nothing else.

26,813. Then I suppose you reported what you had done?—I did not see Mr. Schneider again afterwards that day, I came home.

26,814. When did you see Mr. Schneider again?—I am not sure whether I saw him at all before the election, I think not.

26,815. Then did you give no account to anyone what you had done with the money?—No, I left it there by his directions, that was enough for me.

26,816. And you did not think it necessary to say what you had done with it?—I had no one else to tell.

26,817. You had Mr. Schneider to tell?—He knew that I went by his directions.

26,818. Did you tell him that you had complied with his directions?—I did not see him afterwards.

26,819. But you might have written to him?—I did not write to him.

26,820. I forgot to ask you how long you have been in the employ of Schneider, Hannay, and Company, and the Hæmatite Steel Iron Company?—Seven years.

26,821. Did you come here on the election day?—No.

26,822. Was the visit you have told us of (I mean your own visit to Lancaster) during the election time?—I believe so, I believe I have not been in Lancaster since until to-day, unless it has been coming through by the train.

26,823. When you say you believe, do you know?—I believe I have not been here since; if I have been I do not recollect it. The only possibility of my having been in Lancaster would be getting here by the last train at night, and sleeping here and going away the next morning.

26,824. You must excuse me for saying that your evidence is very minute in some things and very diffuse in others?—I cannot help that.

26,825. Do you really mean to say that you cannot tell us?—My firm impression is that I have never been in Lancaster till to-day since then.

26,826. That does not answer my question, which is, whether that was the only occasion on which you came to Lancaster on business connected with the election?—It certainly was the only time.

26,827. Have you ever given any sums of money to anyone to bring to Lancaster?—No.

26,828. During the election time?—No.

26,829. Is this sum of 1,000*l.* which you have just told us of the only sum of which you are cognisant as having come to Lancaster for election purposes?—It is the only sum that came from our office that I know of, or from anywhere else that I know of.

26,830. Should you have the means of knowing if any other sum had left your office for election purposes?—I should.

26,831. Is it your habit from time to time to examine the books of your firm?—No.

26,832. It is not part of your business to do so?—It is not part of my business.

26,833. And you never do so?—I never do so. I have nothing to do with the private ledgers of the firm.

26,834. Have you nothing to do with the money matters of your firm?—Not the money matters between the partners.

26,835. I did not ask you as to that.—All the money matters as between the partners and the customers.

26,836. Have you access to all the books of the firm?—To all except their private books.

26,837. What do you mean by the private books?—Books that would be kept between the partners.

26,838. I suppose every entry as between the firm and the partners must appear in the books of the firm?—No, not the entries as between the partners; they do not appear in the books of the firm, except in one sum.

26,839. But as between the firm and the partners?—Yes.

26,840. Drawings by any partner?—Drawings by any partner appear.

26,841. But you answered just now that you had not access to the private books of the partners, which

I did not ask you about; have you access to all the books of the firm?—All except the private books which relate to the private transactions between the partners. When the balance is struck at the end of the year, and the amount is divided between the partners, I do not know how it is divided or what becomes of it.

26,842. Do you from time to time make an examination of those books, which I must call the books of the firm?—Not the books which would relate to the cash transactions; the only cash that I know anything about is the cash that is paid by people who receive our goods, and the cash that we pay for things that we buy.

26,843. Then I suppose it would be possible for money to be paid for other purposes (as for instance the purpose of an election) out of the funds of the firm and you know nothing about it?—It would have been possible to do so.

26,844. When you say it would have been possible to do so, you mean it would have been possible at the time of the election?—Yes, it could have been done.

26,845. Can you tell us who would know? Is there any clerk or any person in the employ of the company who would know of any payment made for the purpose of the election?—No.

26,846. Would the cashier, for instance?—No, Mr. Schneider drew it out so that we should not know what he did with it.

26,847. May I say, then, "If Mr. Schneider drew "money from the funds of the firm we should not "know what he did with it?"—Yes.

26,848. Would you know that he had drawn so much?—No.

26,849. Would the cashier?—Yes, the cashier would, but not Mr. Bigg; Mr. Hannay acted as cashier between themselves.

26,850. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was not Mr. Hannay a partner at that time?—Yes.

26,851. But he acted as the cashier partner?—Yes, as cashier.

26,852. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was Mr. Bigg under Mr. Hannay entirely?—No, not entirely.

26,853. Was he sub-cashier then?—Yes.

26,854. And Mr. Hannay would know of this money having been paid out to you?—No, he did not know till the 1,000*l.* was complete.

26,855. How was that?—Because he was not told.

26,856. You say Mr. Hannay was cashier?—Yes; when the 1,000*l.* transaction was complete Mr. Hannay was told about it, and he then charged Mr. Schneider with 1,000*l.*

26,857. Then it is charged in the books to Mr. Schneider alone?—Entirely.

26,858. You say it is entered in the books to Mr. Schneider alone?—Yes.

26,859. In what ledger would it appear?—In their private cash account.

26,860. What book would you call it?—It is called the private cash book.

26,861. (*Mr. Hill.*) This item of 1,000*l.* would appear in this private cash book?—Yes.

26,862. (*Mr. Newton.*) When was that known to Mr. Hannay?—It was known when I was repaid.

26,863. When was that?—It was immediately I had given up the money.

26,864. It was then known to Mr. Hannay?—Yes.

26,865. Was that previous to the election?—I am not sure to two or three days when I was repaid; I should think it was about the time of the election, within a day or two, but I do not know exactly when it was.

26,866. You told Mr. Barstow just now that you were quite sure that no money was sent out of the firm for the purposes of the election, because if there had been you would have known of it; will you explain that, if you please?—I only know of it because I have been told by both partners that it was so.

26,867. Then you do not know it of your own knowledge?—No.

26,868. Would it be possible for money to be paid by the firm without your knowing it?—Yes, it is competent for Mr. Schneider to draw money, but for what purpose it was drawn no one would know.

26,869. Then what do you mean by saying that it would be impossible for money to be paid without your knowing it?—I am not aware that I did know it.

26,870. You said it was impossible for money to be paid out of the partnership without your knowing it?—Then I did not understand the question in that way.

26,871. Then it is perfectly possible for money to be paid out of the firm without your knowing it?—Perfectly.

26,872. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You said, "I know this is "the only sum that came to Lancaster for the purposes "of the election?"—Yes.

26,873. And you said, "I have means of knowing "I have access to all the books of the firm except the "private books of the firm?"—I did not understand the question in that way; no doubt it is perfectly competent to Mr. Schneider to draw a cheque and take any money he likes.

26,874. You say there was only 100*l.* of this 1,000*l.* your own?—I do not know the amount.

26,875. Was Mr. Schneider in the habit of borrowing money from you?—No, I did not consider it was in the way of borrowing.

26,876. Answer my question, if you please, yes or no, was he in the habit of borrowing money from you?—Certainly not.

26,877. How came he on this occasion to borrow money from you?—He asked me to get this 1,000*l.* in gold.

26,878. How came he to borrow money from you?—He asked me to get 1,000*l.* in gold.

26,879. That is no answer to my question; my question is how came he to borrow money from you?—This that I got in gold on my own account was part of the 1,000*l.*

26,880. That is no answer to my question, how came he to borrow money from you?—I do not know.

26,881. Then why did you not say so at first? Why was it that Mr. Schneider borrowed money from you?—Mr. Schneider would not call it borrowing money, nor do I.

26,882. What do you call it then?—Certainly it is borrowed in a certain way, but I am repaid immediately I find it.

26,883. Is not that borrowing it?—It is.

26,884. How was it that this transaction took place?—It took place because I had 1,000*l.* to find in gold, and we had not 1,000*l.* in the office.

26,885. Why did you not say at once "We had not "1,000*l.* in the office." This is the first time we have heard of that. Now go on and tell the story?—A part of it I got from the Lancaster Bank.

26,886. Have you an account of your own with the Lancaster Bank?—Yes.

26,887. Are you in the habit of lending Mr. Schneider money?—No.

26,888. Or the firm?—No.

26,889. This was the only transaction of the sort?—The only one.

26,890. And you are not able to tell us within 100*l.* how much it was?—Not now.

26,891. What is the memorandum that you have got of this?—I have none.

26,892. I thought you said that you have a diary?—I have no memorandum of these money transactions whatever.

26,893. I thought you excused yourself for not having brought it by saying that you came away from home in a hurry?—That was with reference to the day that I was at Lancaster.

26,894. What made you destroy that memorandum?—I have not destroyed my diary as to the day when

I was in Lancaster. The memorandum that I made with respect to this money was of no further use when the 1,000*l.* was charged to Mr. Schneider and the transaction completed.

26,895. What made you destroy it?—Because it was of no use.

26,896. When did you destroy it?—I daresay the moment the transaction was ended.

26,897. When did you destroy it?—I cannot say any nearer than that.

26,898. Are you prepared to swear that you did destroy it then?—No, not at this moment; I am prepared to say that it was destroyed.

26,899. That is very likely to be the case; but the question is, when was it destroyed?—Immediately the transaction was completed.

26,900. Was it destroyed then?—Whether it was on that day or at that minute I cannot recllect.

26,901. You know perfectly well what I mean, was it destroyed then, or was it destroyed lately?—Then, of course.

26,902. Were not your suspicions very much aroused by Mr. Schneider having said he wanted 1,000*l.* in gold? Could he not have got that money within a fortnight in gold without asking his managing man to help him?—That was not my business; he asked me, and I did what he asked me to do.

26,903. You said that the firm had not 1,000*l.*?—Not in gold.

26,904. Were not your suspicions aroused?—In what way?

26,905. Do not ask me in what way; however, I will answer your question by putting to you whether it was a very unusual thing for Mr. Schneider to want 1,000*l.* in gold?—I knew that it was wanted for the purposes of the election.

26,906. It was commonly talked about?—You mean money being spent.

26,907. It was certainly talked about this money being wanted for the purposes of the election?—Yes, this 1,000*l.*, no one knew it but myself until it was given up.

26,908. Then it was talked about?—I do not know.

26,909. I ask you the question.—I think not; it was not known.

26,910. Will you swear positively that it was not known?—As far as I am concerned I swear that it was not known, except to our cashier and Mr. Hannay; he knew because the 1,000*l.* had to be paid by him, at least in the private ledger.

26,911. Are you prepared to swear that, so far as you know, nobody but the cashier and Mr. Hannay knew?—Yes, until it was given up.

26,912. Was it commonly known then?—No; I believe not. I never spoke about it.

26,913. (*Mr. Hill.*) You tell us that Mr. Hannay knew this because the amount had to be placed against Mr. Schneider in the private ledger?—Yes.

26,914. Then do I understand from you that whatever amounts are placed against Mr. Schneider in the private ledger are known to Mr. Hannay, or were known at that time?—Yes.

26,915. So that Mr. Hannay can give us a full account of all amounts placed at that time against Mr. Schneider in the private ledger?—Yes.

26,916. And the private ledger ought to show that?—Yes.

26,917. By the "private ledger" you mean the same thing as the private cash book?—It will be in both.

26,918. Which will it be entered into first? Will it be entered first into the private cash book and then posted into the ledger?—Yes.

26,919. This matter was arranged according to Mr. Schneider's orders between you and Mr. Bigg at the office?—No, not between me and Mr. Bigg at the office. It was arranged between Mr. Schneider and me that I should get the money.

26,920. And then you and Mr. Bigg arranged in what way it should be got?—Mr. Bigg did not know of the amount of 1,000*l.*

26,921. I do not ask that; but I presume you went to Mr. Bigg and told him you wanted some money, and that you wanted it for Mr. Schneider?—I am not sure that I did tell him I wanted it for Mr. Schneider. I do not think I did. I told Mr. Bigg to get me so much money in gold if he could.

26,922. Did Mr. Bigg, the first time you went to him, give you some money?—Yes.

26,923. Was that in gold?—Yes.

26,924. And did you tell Mr. Bigg to keep any gold he might have to spare and to hand it to you?—I did.

26,925. Do you mean to tell us that it was a fortnight before you could succeed in getting 800*l.* in gold from Mr. Bigg?—I did not get it all from Mr. Bigg. It was a fortnight before I succeeded in getting it because I had time to procure it. I could have got it in a day if I had wanted it.

26,926. Did not Mr. Schneider tell you to get it as soon as you could?—No; he said he should want it in a fortnight.

26,927. Did you arrange with Mr. Bigg to draw it out only in small sums at a time?—I told him to get more money on pay days than he required and to let me have the balance.

26,928. That, of course, was to prevent the bank from knowing that large advances in gold were being drawn out for any other purpose than the pay?—I took it in a way to prevent anyone knowing it.

26,929. Can you tell us then what amount of money is usually drawn out for the purposes of pay, or what was the usual amount at that time at the works?—Yes, I should think about 800*l.*

26,930. And how much of that would be wanted in gold?—I do not know the proportions that are got in gold.

26,931. Half?—More than that, I should think.

26,932. Five eighths?—More than that. I should say seven eighths. We pay all in gold and silver.

26,933. Some would be paid in notes, would they not?—No, none would be paid in notes. The entire wages are paid in gold and silver.

26,934. Do you mean, when you say 700*l.* or 800*l.*, per week or per fortnight?—It would be per fortnight.

26,935. Then you would require for the purposes of payment 800*l.* every fortnight in gold?—Yes.

26,936. Not much more than that?—Sometimes there were considerable amounts to pay besides the wages, perhaps 300*l.* or 400*l.*

26,937. But that would not require payment in gold?—No, not necessarily.

26,938. Generally would 800*l.* worth of gold be the amount required at the works per fortnight?—It depends on the men who have their accounts paid on pay days. We might have a contractor who wanted 200*l.* or 300*l.*, and to save him the trouble of getting it from the bank we should get it for him.

26,939. 1,000*l.* would be the outside?—Yes.

26,940. And if you wanted more than that you would tell Mr. Bigg of it?—Yes.

26,941. And Mr. Bigg no doubt would tell the bank?—Mr. Bigg would get a cheque to represent the amount we wanted.

26,942. And if he required any greater sum than that he would send to the bank, and say, "Please to "have a few hundred pounds more than usual in "sovereigns?"—No.

26,943. You do not know what takes place between Mr. Bigg and the bank?—Nothing takes place. All he does is to place the cheque in the bag and send it to the bank, and the money comes back.

26,944. Do you really mean to tell me that it took you a fortnight to collect this money at the office in spare gold?—In the office, and what I got.

26,945. I am speaking of the 800*l.*, apart from your own money. Was Mr. Bigg perfectly conscious of the purpose for which you were collecting this money?—I never told him.

26,946. Was he conscious of it?—He must have had an idea of it, I think.

26,947. Did you collect this money pretty well every day, or every other day, or every third day, or how?—Only three or four times.

26,948. You went to Mr. Bigg and asked him how much money he had got for you?—Yes.

26,949. Now just direct your attention, if you please, to this answer that you gave. You said that Mr. Schneider must have told you that it was for the purpose of the election. Tell us distinctly why you say he must have told you that it was for the purpose of the election?—I think it would have appeared to me an extraordinary request, if he had not said what he wanted it for.

26,950. You had never known him do such a thing for any other purpose?—No.

26,951. He would not have told you to collect gold in that way if it had been wanted for the purpose of buying a horse or a picture?—No.

26,952. Can you recollect what he said about the election, or why he wanted gold?—He did not say anything to me that I recollect about it.

26,953. He said nothing to lead you at all to the subject of the election?—No.

26,954. Do you mean to say that?—I do.

26,955. Did he call you apart privately and tell you to collect it?—I do not know that he called me apart. He had often an opportunity of seeing me without anybody else being by.

26,956. And it was some such opportunity as that he took?—I believe so.

26,957. You say you had never been engaged in any transaction of this nature before the period of the election?—Yes.

26,958. Were you with Mr. Schneider at the time when he stood for Norwich?—Yes, I was doing something for him. Yes, I must have been there during the time. It is seven years since I came to them.

26,959. Do you recollect his standing for Norwich?—Yes.

26,960. And were you in his employment at that time?—Yes.

26,961. Had you been engaged for him in any of the matters connected with the Norwich election?—In none whatever.

26,962. That you are certain of?—Certain.

26,963. Do you know which of the persons at your works had been so engaged?—None that I know of.

26,964. Do you not remember?—I am not aware that anyone connected with our concern was engaged with him at that election.

26,965. Now, calling that to mind, do you still say that you had never had anything to do with Mr. Schneider in election matters before?—Yes, I do.

26,966. You tell us that Mr. Schneider met you at the station at the 3 o'clock train?—Yes.

26,967. Can you tell us when it was that the arrangement had been made for you to meet him?—I do not recollect one. He had sent me word to come to meet him.

26,968. You must tell us, if you please, whether you repaid this money into your own account at the bank?—I could tell you if I had my pass-book here.

26,969. If you had been told to bring your pass-book you could have told us?—I believe so. I should have seen the entries that I had at that time.

26,970. Who brought the 300*l.* for Mr. Schneider to Lancaster?—The 290*l.*?

26,971. Yes?—I do not recollect how I gave it to him, but it was not at Lancaster.

26,972. You have heard the matter discussed since, and can tell, I think, who brought the 290*l.* over to Lancaster?—I have never seen it mentioned.

26,973. I do not ask you whether you have seen it or not?—I never read it then.

26,974. I ask you who brought that parcel over to Lancaster?—I do not think it was brought over. I believe I paid it myself, but I do not recollect where.

26,975. Do you believe that Mr. Schneider brought it over himself?—I suppose so. I believe I gave it to him myself.

26,976. Then, so far as you know, no person brought it from the works?—I am sure that no person brought it from the works.

26,977. Mr. Schneider was coming over to Lancaster at that time?—Of course he would be.

26,978. And to the best of your belief Mr. Schneider would have brought that money over himself, from what you recollect?—Yes.

26,979. How far is Mr. Schneider's house from the works?—Ten miles.

26,980. Do you often go to his house?—No.

26,981. I forget the name of it?—Lightburne House.

26,982. Do you think you should have recollected it if you had gone and taken the money to him at his house?—I do not think I should.

26,983. Did he when he was coming to Lancaster from his house come to the works first?—Yes; the works are between his house and Lancaster.

26,984. Then to the best of your belief would Mr. Schneider have taken the money from you at the works?—I have no recollection how I paid him that money.

26,985. Do you live at the works?—I live two miles from them.

26,986. You would not carry 290*l.* in gold about you in all probability?—No, I should not.

26,987. You would either have taken it to Mr. Schneider, or Mr. Schneider would have called at your house for it?—No clue, that I have, would enable me to recollect that transaction. I have no doubt that I gave him the money, but whether I gave it to him at Ulverston or at Barrow I do not know. He certainly did not come to my house for it.

26,988. Can you say as certainly that you did not go to his house with it?—I think I can.

26,989. Can you say as certainly that you did not give it him in the office?—I do not recollect where I gave it to him.

26,990. Wherever you gave it to him it would be just in passing for him to take on somewhere?—I suppose so.

26,991. And I understand you to say that you only know that it was 290*l.* and not 300*l.* on account of reading in the papers or hearing that the other sum was 710*l.*?—Not from reading it, but from knowing that 710*l.* was the balance of the 1,000*l.* that I brought to Lancaster.

26,992. You do not recollect that it was 710*l.*?—Yes, I do; but I saw it stated in the paper that it was 710*l.* 10*s.*

26,993. Have you a recollection of giving him 710*l.*?—I know it was 710*l.*; at least I counted it for 710*l.* I want to correct an answer that I gave before about getting money back from the office. I believe that I did get part of it back in a cheque. I stated that I got it back in cash. I am not at all sure about it.

26,994. You have said that you do not know of any other money coming from Barrow to Lancaster. Have you known of any money coming to Lancaster for the purposes of the election at all?—No, I have not.

26,995. Nothing coming "over sands" in any way?—No, not in any way.

26,996. And you have not brought any as far as Carnforth?—No.

26,997. There is no equivocation or reservation of that sort, I hope?—No, none whatever.

26,998. There is none?—I have given you the extent of my knowledge as far as the money to Lancaster is concerned.

26,999. Sometimes people excuse themselves by saying, "But you did not ask me if I brought it as far "as Carnforth." I ask you and you say that you have no reservation of that sort?—No, none whatever.

WENTY-FOURTH DAY.

C. Roberts.

Sept. 1866.

CHARLES ROBERTS sworn and examined.

27,000. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—I am barman at Mr. Rowcliffe's, of the "Hartington Hotel," at Barrow.

27,001. You are a voter for the borough of Lancaster?—Yes.

27,002. A freeman?—Yes.

27,003. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

27,004. How much did you get for your vote?—I got 8*l.* for my vote and 10*s.* for my expenses from Barrow.

27,005. Who paid you?—Mr. Moser for the expenses and Mr. Johnson for the vote.

W. Slater.

WILLIAM SLATER recalled and further examined.

27,006. (*Mr. Hill.*) You were over here at the election and were connected with Mr. Hoskins and another?—Yes.

27,007. What do you know of any money coming over from Barrow to Lancaster?—I know nothing of it.

27,008. What do you know of any money being brought from Barrow to Carnforth?—Not a word; not a single syllable about it in any way.

27,009. Was there no money over which you had any control at any time?—Not a farthing, only what I got here at Lancaster, the same as I told you before, not a farthing.

27,010. Do you pledge your oath distinctly to that?—I will, a hundred thousand times if you like.

27,011. I do not want you to do it a hundred thousand times; once is enough. I understand you to pledge your oath that there was no money at all that you know of that came from Barrow at all?—Not a farthing that I am aware of.

27,012. Or brought into Lancaster for the purposes of the election?—Mr. Hosking will have something to tell you about 100*l.*, but what it is I do not know. I had nothing to do with it.

27,013. How do you mean he will have something to say about it?—He will tell you something about it when he comes.

27,014. Have you not said to some persons since you were examined here by us that there was one point upon which you had not given your evidence?—Not that I know of.

27,015. You could not have said it and forgotten it?—No.

27,016. Did you not say to one person, "The Com-"missioners did not ask me one question; if they had "I should not have known how to answer it," or something to that effect?—Not that I am aware of.

27,017. Come.—I do not know that I did.

27,018. Do you mean to tell me that I am to write down that you did not say that, or words to that effect, to any person?—Not that I am aware of.

27,019. Did you not, after you left this court, say that there was one point on which you had not been questioned, or words to that effect?—No; I made two or three little discrepancies in my evidence which I wish to correct to-day. I told you that one John Case came with me in the railway carriage over the sands. He did not come, but he came by the train following.

27,020. Why do you draw that distinction?—By seeing him since, and he drew my attention to it. I said I could not swear whether he did or did not, but he said he did not. He says it was not as I said.

27,021. Is that really a point that has troubled your conscience very much?—No, not particularly, but I wished to right it as I was here. I also said that he slept in the same room at the "Old Sir Simon's," with Captain Hoskins and me, and he did not do that either; he slept in the room adjoining.

27,022. Had John Case anything to do with any money?—I believe not. He said, "Not a farthing." He told me so in my own house since I was examined. Then about Moser; I was sitting in court when he was called the second time. I could not account for 23*l.* and 12*l.* that you questioned me about, and if that memorandum of mine had not been destroyed, which I did destroy, it would have been shown to have been given to the voters and not to Moser, and the names of the voters would have appeared.

27,023. Give us the names of the voters.—I cannot do that; I have destroyed the lists.

27,024. Then I understand you to say that those sums of money, 23*l.* and 12*l.*, were paid to voters?—I knew when I heard Mr. Moser's explanation how it had occurred. It would be put down to each voter and not to him. I mentioned at the commencement of my examination before, having given Moser a sovereign, and I think you would not let me proceed with that. I know I mentioned it. You might not take a note of it, but I know I mentioned it particularly.

27,025. Was it at the beginning of your evidence?—Yes; I paid him another account which he gave me, a sort of bill, but what that was I cannot speak to positively.

27,026. Do you not recollect how many voters you paid with this 35*l.*?—No, I do not.

27,027. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You mentioned that you paid him other sums?—Yes; but I paid him 1*l.* and a bill besides. When I got home I had the bill in my pocket and sent it to Mr. Blades in a letter, wishing him to give it to Moser, thinking it might be of use.

27,028. Would that 35*l.* be to three or to two voters?—I do not know, but Moser said it was to several; 6*l.*, 7*l.*, 5*l.*, and on in that way.

27,029. Have you had any talk about this matter with "Jenkins" Baines since you were examined?—I have seen him.

27,030. You have talked it over, of course?—Yes; but he did not know what I did, and I did not know what he did.

27,031. But you did talk the matter over with him?—Yes, at my own house.

27,032. Have you not spoken to him about something that you did not tell the Commissioners?—Not that I am aware of.

27,033. It is only a fortnight since you were examined; now just tell me what it was?—I do not know.

27,034. Yes, we shall be sure to hear of it somehow or other.—I would gladly answer if I knew what it was.

27,035. What is the topic upon which we have not ouched? It will come better from your lips than from us?—I do not know of any.

27,036. What makes you say to the best of your recollection you did not say so?—I say I do not know of anything that was left untouched.

27,037. Why you have said that to Mr. Baines; may you have said to him that there was one point that you had not told the Commissioners about?—I do not think I could.

27,038. Is it possible that you may have said so?—I cannot give you the slightest answer to that question, not in that way.

27,039. Cannot you say whether it is possible or not?—I do not know that there is anything that was left untouched.

27,040. Is it possible that you may have said, "There is one thing that I did not tell the Commis-"sioners, and I am very glad that they did not ask me "about it?"—I do not know that I did say so.

27,041. May you have said the thing and forgotten it?—I think I should not have forgotten it if I had said it.

27,042. Do you think you may have said it and have forgotten it?—No.

27,043. Generally did you make such a reply to Mr. Baines?—I do not know that I did; he was in

our house, and we had a long talk for half an hour; I do not know what passed particularly.

27,044. Did Baines say anything about what had been omitted to be asked him?—Not a syllable; not that I recollect.

27,045. You say distinctly as to Baines that he did not, but you cannot say that distinctly as to yourself?—I do not recollect either positively, but I do not think he said so, nor do I think that I made the remark; but if you will ask me what it was I will answer you.

27,046. You talked to Baines the day after your examination?—No; it was a good bit after it, a week perhaps after it; I do not know the day, but it was several days after.

27,047. Therefore it was all the less time ago from the present time?—Yes.

27,048. And therefore you can recollect all the better whether you said such a thing or not?—I really do not remember, but if you will please to ask me I will answer you.

27,049. That would be very little credit to yourself?—Yes, it would, because if you can remind me of anything I have said I can tell you whether I said it or not.

27,050. What I ask you is solemnly and distinctly to tell me, as a person of truth and integrity, whether you have or have not said to Baines or to any other person since you were examined here that there was some one point on which the Commissioners did not examine you?—There is not anything that I am aware of that I have not mentioned.

27,051. That you say distinctly?—Yes.

27,052. That there is no point connected with the election of which you have knowledge upon which you have not given full and complete evidence?—Just so.

27,053. That you say?—Yes.

27,054. I ask you the question because our inquiry will be going on for some time yet, and if anything should turn up it would be very unsatisfactory to you?—I am wishful to speak the truth and to answer every question faithfully if I can.

27,055. Things reach our ears, and it is our duty to investigate them?—Just so; but as to money I know nothing but what I have told you already. That I will swear as fully as you like.

TWENTY FOURTH DAY.

W. Slater.

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JOSEPH RALPH sworn and examined.

J. Ralph.

27,056. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A tailor.

27,057. Where do you live?—In Brock Street.

27,058. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

27,059. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*

27,060. Who gave it to you?—Mr. King.

27,061. What did you get besides?—Nothing.

27,062. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you not on any committee?—No.

WILLIAM HARRISON sworn and examined.

W. Harriso

27,063. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—No. 109, Market Street.

27,064. Are you a householder?—Yes.

27,065. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Lawrence.

27,066. And what did you receive?—Nothing, I am happy to say, and I should consider myself insulted if anybody offered me anything.

27,067. Nobody did offer you anything?—No, and not only that, but at no other election.

27,068. Were you on Mr. Lawrence's committee?—I was, but I took no active part in the election at all. I believe that mine was the first vote given in the morning, and I had nothing to do with the election afterwards.

27,069–70. Have you voted Blue always?—I have always voted on that side. Everybody who knows me knows that.

Adjourned to to-morrow 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Tuesday, 25th September 1866.

PRESENT:

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON.

Mr. HILL.

TWENTY FIFTH DA

WILLIAM ADDISON sworn and examined.

W. Addiso

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27,071. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a tailor in Moor Lane?—Yes.

27,072. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

27,073. Did you receive any money during the election time?—No.

27,074. Absolutely none whatever?—No, none whatever. I had nothing at all to do with the election.

27,075. Were you not on the committee?—No.

27,076. You had nothing in fact to do with the election, except voting?—No.

27,077. That you swear?—Yes.

THOMAS HENRY BAINBRIDGE sworn and examined.

T. H. Bainbridge

27,078. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A bookkeeper.

27,079. How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

27,080. What did you get for your vote?—I was 12 days in attendance in the committee room, at 10*s.* each day.

27,081. What else did you get?—Nothing.

27,082. Who settled the price of 10*s.*?—Mr. George Clark.

27,083. Why did you work only 12 days?—He did not speak to me till the 28th of June, to ask me if I was engaged.

27,084. What did you do on the committee?—Making out books and papers.

27,085. What books?—District books for the captain, and such like.

27,086. Tell me a single captain's book that you made out?—I cannot tell the names of the captains. I knew nothing about the captains. Mr. Clark gave me them to make out.

27,087. For which district did you make them out?—Mr. Clark's district.

27,088. Which was that?—That I cannot tell you. Mr. Clark was attending to the Penny Street district, I think they call it.

TWENTY-IFTH DAY.

T. H. Bainbridge.

5 Sept. 1866.

27,089. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who paid you?—Mr. Clark.

27,090. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is what you were paid returned among the legal expenses, do you know?—I do not know.

27,091. How many hours a day did you work?—It varied, sometimes more and sometimes less.

27,092. What do you call the more, and what do you call the less?—A few hours a day.

27,093. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your usual business?—An accountant.

27,094. Did you do any business of your own during the election time?—No.

27,095. You are quite sure of that?—Yes, quite sure.

27,096. Were you employed the whole day for Mr. Clark?—Yes, I was engaged the whole of the time, but I was not writing the whole day through.

27,097. When were you paid?—On the Saturday.

27,098. Which Saturday?—There were three Saturdays.

27,099. You were paid on each Saturday?—Each Saturday; that was on the 1st of July, on the 8th, and on the 15th, I think.

27,100. You were paid 2*l.* each time?—No; 30*s.*, 3*l.*, and 30*s.*

27,101. (*Mr. Newton.*) Had you ever been asked to vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—Never.

27,102. Had anybody been to you about it?—No.

27,103. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were paid by Mr. Clark?—Yes.

27,104. Where were you paid?—At his shop.

27,105. Were you paid with the other people concerned in the election?—There was no one there at the same time as I was.

27,106. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say you are an accountant; what can you generally make a day?—It varies; sometimes more and sometimes less.

27,107. When you are employed in making up bankrupts' accounts, and all those sort of things, what do they pay you a day?—Sometimes 7*s.*, sometimes 7*s.* 6*d.*, and sometimes more.

27,108. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did your wife take any part in this election?—Not that I know of.

27,109. Did she go to Johnson on the other side?—I heard tell of it.

27,110. What did you hear about it?—I heard that she had been there; that she had seen him or something or other; that she had seen him at the door passing.

27,111. Was anything said about a chest of drawers?—She said it was named about a chest of drawers.

27,112. That she was promised a chest of drawers if you would vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—I do not know about that.

27,113. But it is said that she got the price of two or three chests of drawers?—I do not know anything about that.

27,114. Have you had any new drawers lately in your house?—No.

27,115. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have not had anything directly or indirectly but what you have told us of?—No, nothing at all.

27,116. Had you anything when you voted before?—I was on the committee of Mr. Saunders at the election before.

27,117. How much did they give you for that?—4*l.* 2*s.*

27,118. How long were you at work for it?—A week.

27,119. That was very high wages for a week?—Why, it was a similar way of doing it at 10*s.* a day, and they made it into a guinea for the polling day and the nomination day. I suppose that was the way they did it.

W. Barrow.

WILLIAM BARROW sworn.

27,120. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you of Skerton?—Yes.

27,121. You keep the "Red Cross," do you not?—Yes.

27,122. By whom was your house engaged at the last election?—Mr. Towers and Mr. Welch.

27,123. When was your house taken?—About a fortnight I think before the election, a fortnight or three weeks, I cannot speak to the date.

27,124. At what price?—I understood that I was to have 10*l.* for my house and 2*l.* for my services; only I consider it is all a bribe.

27,125. You save me a good many questions by saying that; your house was first taken about a fortnight or three weeks before the election?—Yes.

27,126. As you seem to be a clear-headed man, I will try to get from you an account of what was done after any house was taken; what was the first thing that was done on the matter of the election at your house?—There was drinking.

27,127. A good deal of drinking, was there not?—Yes, there was a good deal of drinking at different times.

27,128. Who used the house?—The Liberal party; and the Tory party came one night, but I have never got paid for it yet. I want 3*l.* 19*s.* from them; it was James Carruthers, and I intend trying to get it too.

27,129. That would be early on?—Yes; when the election was beginning.

27,130. What time did they come to your house to begin to drink of a day?—They generally came of a night.

27,131. About 6 or 7 o'clock?—Yes.

27,132. And then did they call for drink as they wanted it?—It just depended; sometimes they used to pay; one would pay and then another would pay. I do not know that it was exactly an election thing altogether; but I know that this of Carruthers's was because he said I might put it down and he would pay for it; but I had to pay him 8*l.* for a bill I owed him after, and he would not deduct that.

27,133. Did Carruthers at all offer to take your claim upon the party as part of his account; was he willing to take your claim upon the party?—No, he said he would have his money as I owed him, and that I might get mine as I could; he said I might go to the Conservative party for it.

27,134. When the other party for whom your house was taken came you say they used to drink; who used to pay for the drink?—Different parties; Mr. Hadfield paid part, and then I received the other; Mr. Towers has my account, and he paid me.

27,135. How much did your bill come to altogether?—I think about 25*l.*, but I could not tell to 1*l.*

27,136. Do you mean that it came to 25*l.* inclusive of your house or exclusive of it?—The house and my services, or what they called services; that is all I got, except 10*s.* that Mr. Hadfield gave me one day.

27,137. Would the 25*l.* represent all the drink you sold and the 12*l.* for your house and services?—It would, unless it was what different parties paid for as they got it.

27,138. Then the bills altogether were only 13*l.*?—It was 25*l.* for my services and all.

27,139. Then the bill for refreshments would be only 13*l.*?—Yes, Mr. Towers has the bill.

27,140. Was there much committee work going on at your house?—No, not so much as I liked.

27,141. Committee work is beneficial to the publican?—It is, no doubt. I only had one good night, that was all I had.

27,142. Which night was that?—The Saturday night before the election.

27,143. What was taking place then?—What they call an open house.

27,144. Who opened it?—I was ordered by Towers and Boardley; they told me it was all to be opened.

27,145. When it was opened could anyone come in?—Very near everybody got drink as came in. I do not think anybody was refused anything.

27,146. Could any stranger have come in and got drink?—I daresay some of the party would have given them drink; there was glasses in and jugs in, and I daresay they would have given anybody drink whether they were voters or not.

27,147. That was a good night?—Very good.

27,148. How much did you take that night; did you take as much as 10*l.*?—No.

27,149. How much then?—About 9*l.*

27,150. I will now ask you how much of that was profit?—I do not know. I know I never put down anything but what was brought in.

27,151. On the election day was there much going on at your house?—Not so very much; certainly there was breakfasts in the morning.

27,152. And they had been sitting up all night pretty well, I suppose?—No; I was in bed myself about 9 o'clock at night; I was not very well, and I did not get up till 8 o'clock next morning.

27,153. But your going to bed does not necessitate the shutting up of your house?—Our house was shut up at 12 o'clock at night, and was not opened till 5 o'clock in the morning.

27,154. Was there any paying going on at your house?—Yes.

27,155. Who were paid there?—I could not tell. I saw some go for money. I could tell you the names of two or three parties.

27,156. Who were they?—John Cowperthwaite was one, he came from West Bromwich; and Thomas Taylor, I think he was paid; I saw him go in. I never saw anyone get money.

27,157. They went upstairs?—They went upstairs and I never saw them get any money at all.

JOHN BATTY, Cable Street, joiner, is called but does not answer.

J. Batty.

(*Mr. Patteson, the Secretary.*) John Batty has sent this letter:—

"Lancaster,
"September 25th, 1866.

"To the Royal Commission.

"Gentlemen,

"I am unable to attend at the Castle through being sick, but my wife received 5*l.* from Mr. Stewardson two days after the election, without my knowledge.

Signed, JOHN BATTY."

27,158. (*Mr. Barstow, to William Stewardson.*) Did you pay John Batty 5*l.*?—I paid Batty's wife.

27,159. I suppose you paid her in fact for her husband's vote?—Yes.

EDMUND BOARDLEY sworn and examined

E. Boardley.

27,160. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a grocer in Skerton?—Yes.

27,161. And you voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

27,162. I believe you took rather an active part in the election?—Yes.

27,163. What money did you receive?—I received 5*l.* about three weeks after the election for my services.

27,164. Is that all the money that you received?—No; I received about 3*l.* 11*s.* for treating voters with.

27,165. From whom did you receive it?—From William Towers.

27,166. That was before the election day?—Yes.

27,167. Did you receive anything on the election day?—No.

27,168. Did you receive anything after the election?—About three weeks after the election I received 5*l.* for my services.

27,169. From Towers?—Yes, from Towers.

27,170. Is that all the money you received?—It is.

27,171. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What were your services?—I was delivering circulars out, and such like, and looking after voters.

27,172. Could they find no one but a grocer from Skerton to deliver out circulars?—Well, I delivered them out.

27,173. Is that all you did, deliver out circulars?—Yes, and look after voters.

27,174. How did you look after voters?—Taking them and treating them, and such like.

27,175. But you were paid for that; you had 3*l.* 11*s.* to do that with?—Yes.

27,176. And you had 5*l.* for treating them?—No; I had 5*l.* for my services.

27,177. You tell us you delivered out circulars and treated voters. I say you had 3*l.* 11*s.* to treat them with, and you were paid 5*l.* for treating them?—Yes, for about a month's work looking after them.

27,178. I suppose you treated yourself at the same time as you treated the others?—A little, not very much.

27,179. (*Mr. Hill.*) The persons who took out circulars are down in Mr. Tilly's book, and your name is not among the number?—There was no one living in Skerton but myself for Fenwick and Schneider.

27,180. The persons delivering out circulars are put down in Mr. Tilly's book, and your name is not among them. I find that 1*l.* 10*s.* is the most that was paid to anybody for delivering out circulars?—It was not in Skerton.

ANTHONY CLARK is called but does not answer.

A. Clark.

(*Mr. Patteson, the Secretary.*) Anthony Clark has sent this letter:—

"Lancaster,
"September 24th, 1866.

"To the Royal Commission.

"Sirs,

"I have been of my work 5 weeks poorly, and I would not like to loose any more work, as I am perfectly satisfied with what the parties have stated I have received at the last election.

"ANTHONY CLARK,
"Silk spinner,
No. 5, Lodge Street,
"Lancaster."

JOHN TOWERS sworn and examined.

J. Towers.

27,181. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you come from?—I came from Bare Lane now.

27,182. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

27,183. What did you get?—10*l.*

27,184. That was for your vote. What did you get besides?—Nothing.

27,185. Were you not on either committee?—No.

27,186. Did you get no money given to you to spend?—No.

27,187. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A labourer.

27,188. A day labourer?—Yes.

27,189. What wages do you earn?—2*s.* 8*d.* a day.

27,190. Do you care about politics?—(*No answer.*)

27,191. Do you know what the word "politics" means?—Not exactly.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

25 Sept. 1866.

J. Furness.

JAMES FURNESS sworn and examined.

27,192. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Freehold.

27,193. What are you?—A coalheaver.

27,194. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Fenwick and Schneider.

27,195. What did you get?—8*l.* after I had voted.

27,196. Did you get anything more?—No.

27,197. Only 8*l.*?—No.

27,198. Who paid you?—Mr. Cleminson, the tailor.

27,199. What do you earn a day?—Half-a-crown.

27,200. Are you a scholar at all?—No.

27,201. You cannot read?—No.

J. Gardner.

JAMES GARDNER sworn and examined.

27,202. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Castle Hill, plasterer?—Yes.

27,203. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

27,204. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.* for coming from Gloucester and going back again. I paid my own fare and loss of time.

27,205. Is that all you received?—That is all, every halfpenny.

27,206. Where are you at work now?—In the town.

27,207. Are you a scholar?—Yes.

27,208. Can you read and write?—Yes.

27,209. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much did it cost you to come from Gloucester and back?—23*s.* each way, and I was detained in Liverpool one night.

27,210. It cost you altogether about 3*l.*?—Yes, thereabouts. There was my loss of time too.

27,211. How long were you away from Gloucester?—I was five days before I got back.

W. Garth.

WILLIAM GARTH sworn and examined.

27,212. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you live in Germany Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

27,213. And are you a silk spinner?—Yes.

27,214. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

27,215. What money did you receive?—I received 2*l.*

27,216. What was that for?—To spend among freemen.

27,217. Did you receive anything else?—No.

27,218. Was that all you got?—Yes, with the exception that I got two or three shillings of Cleminson on the election day. I received that before the election.

27,219. You do not keep a beerhouse, do you?—No.

27,220. Who paid you your 2*l.*?—Richard Cleminson.

27,221. Did he not give you anything more?—No; yes, he gave two or three shillings more.

27,222. Did he not give you 12*l.*?—No.

27,223. Did he not give you more than 2*l.*?—No.

27,224. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who paid you?—Richard Cleminson, the draper.

27,225. (*Mr. Hill.*) How did you spend the 2*l.*?—Well, I cannot describe every halfpenny and penny that I spent. I spent it in treating freemen.

27,226. And yourself, also, I suppose?—No doubt about that.

27,227. You got 2*l.* in two different sums, 1*l.* and 1*l.*?—Yes.

27,228. Were you not on any committee?—No, I simply assisted Mr. Cleminson in going about and canvassing the voters before the election.

W. Gudgeon.

WILLIAM GUDGEON sworn and examined.

27,229. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Skerton.

27,230. What are you?—A twine spinner.

27,231. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Lawrence.

27,232. What did they give you?—12*l.*

27,233. Who gave it to you?—George Wilson.

27,234. What time in the day did you get this money?—Between 7 and 8 in the morning.

27,235. At the "Black Bull?"—Yes.

27,236. Did you get anything else?—I got 30*s.* from George Danson.

27,237. Anything else?—2*l.* from John Watson; his evidence was 1*l.*

27,238. Anything else?—No. In John Watson's evidence he set me down for 1*l.*

27,239. What John Watson is that?—John Watson, the pawnbroker.

27,240. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you learned? Can you read or write?—Yes, both.

27,241. Do you know what politics means?—Yes.

C. Gudgeon.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON sworn and examined.

27,242. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Skerton and are a twine spinner?—Yes.

27,243. How did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Lawrence.

27,244. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

27,245. Who paid you?—George Wilson.

27,246. What did you get for being on the committee?—30*s.*

27,247. Who did you get it from?—From George Danson.

27,248. Did you get anything else?—No.

27,249. No money to spend?—No.

D. Gudgeon.

DANIEL GUDGEON sworn and examined.

27,250. Do you live in Penny Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

27,251. What are you?—A smith.

27,252. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

27,253. What did you get?—Nothing.

27,254. Did you not receive anything at all?—Nothing, not a penny.

27,255. Were you not on any committee?—No.

27,256 On neither side?—No.

27,257. Did they offer you anything?—Yes.

27,258. What did they offer you?—Well, I did not exactly ask them the sum. They asked me if I wanted money.

27,259. Who made you a bid?—He is a clerk in this town.

27,260. What is his name?—John Bateson.

27,261. Which side did he bid for?—He was canvassing for Lawrence.

27,262. Is Bateson a voter, do you know?—I do not know, I am sure.

27,263. Where does he live?—In Edward Street, I think.

27,264. Did he not mention any sum at all?—No; he wanted to know if money was of any use, and I said it was not. That was all he asked me.

27,265. Was Bateson pretty busy canvassing?—I

cannot say. He came to our shop the night before about half-past 10 or near on to 11 o'clock.

27,266. Was that on the nomination night?—Yes.

27,267. Was there anybody with him?—Yes, a man from Aldcliffe.

27,268. What was his name?—John Hall.

27,269. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did they mention any sum?—No

27,270. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did your own side offer you anything?—No.

27,271. (*Mr. Newton.*) They only came to canvass you, then?—Yes, that was all.

27,272. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who do you work for?—I am a master.

27,273. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did your own side offer you anything after you had voted?—No.

JOHN HARRISON sworn and examined.

J. Harrison.

27,274. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—An architect.

27,275. Where do you live?—St. Leonard Gate.

27,276. What part did you take in the last election?—I took no part at all, except voting.

27,277. You voted for Mr. Lawrence, I see?—Yes.

27,278. Did you not canvass anyone?—No.

27,279. Were you on Mr. Lawrence's committee?—No.

27,280. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Not any.

27,281. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Nothing.

27,282. If anyone has described you as a Conservative captain they are mistaken?—They are decidedly.

27,283. Really is that what you wish us to believe, and what we shall believe if you say so, that you took no part in the election except voting?—Yes, no part whatever. I had nothing to do with it.

27,284. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was any offer made to you by the other side?—No.

27,285. None at all?—No, none at all.

JOSEPH HADWEN sworn and examined.

J. Hadwen.

27,286. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A labourer.

27,287. You live at Overton?—Yes.

27,288. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Lawrence.

27,289. What did you get for your vote?—I got 10*l.* from John Albright of Lancaster, and 11*l.* from William Maddock of Liverpool?

27,290. Is that all you got?—Yes.

27,291. 21*l.*?—Yes.

27,292. What are you?—A labourer.

27,293. A fisherman?—No, a labourer.

27,294. A common day labourer?—Yes.

27,295. Earning two or three shillings a day?—About 3*s.*

27,296. Are you a scholar?—A little.

27,297. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you not offered anything to vote for Schneider?—No.

27,298. I suppose Albright wanted you to vote for Schneider too?—No, he did not mention anything. He asked who I was going to vote for, and I told him.

27,299. Do you mean to lead us to believe that Albright was satisfied with your voting for Fenwick alone?—He did not object to it; he did not say anything.

27,300. Did he give you 10*l.* to vote for Fenwick alone; do you tell me that?—Well, it is true he did not say anything.

27,301. Do you say that Mr. Albright entirely forgot Mr. Schneider's name?—He did not mention any party's name, not alone. He said, "Who are you going to vote for?" and I said, "Fenwick and Lawrence," and he says, "Will you be content with the same as I give the others." I says, "Yes." He says, "Meet me at the 'Bear and Staff,'" and he gave it me at the "Bear and Staff."

27,302. Are you quite sure you said Fenwick and Lawrence?—Yes.

27,303. Did he pay you after you had voted?—No.

27,304. Are you quite sure you said "Lawrence" in a clear and audible voice to Mr. Albright?—Yes.

27,305. I think you must have said "Lawrence" in a voice that sounded very much like "Schneider?"

27,306. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are one of those voters that could not pronounce the German name?—I do not know anything about that.

THOMAS CATON sworn and examined.

T. Caton.

27,307. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A fisherman.

27,308. Where?—At Overton.

27,309. You are described as a farmer in the register?—Yes, I know, but it is wrong.

27,310. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

27,311. What did you get?—10*l.*

27,312. Was that all you got?—No, I got 5*l.* from Mr. Lawrence.

27,313. You got the 10*l.* from whom?—John Albright.

27,314. And where did you get the 5*l.*?—I do not know his name. He was a stranger to me. He comes from Liverpool. It was the same man as gave Hadwen his money.

27,315. That is Mr. Maddock?—I do not know his name.

27,316. He says he gave you 10*l.*?—Yes, but he only gave me 5*l.*

27,317. Are you quite sure you only got 5*l.*?—Yes, I will swear it.

27,318. How came you to get only 5*l.* when all the others got 10*l.*?—I never went near him, and never should have done, but he came to our house on the election morning and asked me if I would give him a vote, and I said I had never promised a vote to anybody, that nobody had asked me for a vote, and I told him I would see him at Lancaster. He said, "I will give you 5*l.* now, and see you again at Lancaster," but I never saw him no more.

27,319. The consequence of that was that you went and voted the other side?—Yes.

27,320. If you had seen Maddock you would have voted for Lawrence's side?—Yes, I intended to when I set off.

27,321. When did Albright get hold of you?—I never saw Albright till the night before the election.

27,322. Did he pay you the 10*l.* then?—No.

27,323. When did he pay you the 10*l.*?—The next morning, in Lancaster, at the "Bear and Staff."

27,324. As soon as you had voted?—No, before.

27,325. You got the 5*l.* from Maddock over night, came in to Lancaster to see him the next morning, but could not find him. Albright got hold of you and gave you 10*l.*, and you voted Fenwick and Schneider. That is your history?—Yes.

27,326. (*Mr. Newton.*) You did not care for which side you voted?—No, I did not.

27,327. You did not care as long as you got the money?—Not I.

27,328. Did you go to look after Maddock at all?—I went to the "King's Arms."

27,329. He was not there?—No, and I could not hear tell where he was.

27,330. (*Mr. Hill.*) I suppose you had a good deal of drink out of the election?—No, I had not.

27,331. Not at your place?—No; I do not believe in getting so much drink.

27,332. Are you a scholar? Can you read and write?—I am a scholar, but I am very short-sighted, and cannot see neither to read or write.

27,333. You could do it if your sight was good?—Yes.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

J. Hosfield.

25 Sept. 1866.

JOHN HOSFIELD sworn and examined.

27,334. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Chapel Street.

27,335. You are a painter?—Yes.

27,336. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

27,337. What did you get?—10*l.*

27,338. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Slater from Barrow.

27,339. You were paid on the quay?—Yes, at the "Blue Bell."

27,340. Is that all you got?—No. I got 30*s.* from Mr. Moser.

27,341. Did you get anything from George Danson?—No.

27,342. You got nothing from Lawrence's people?—No, not a halfpenny.

27,343. Did you get anything more than 30*s.*?—No.

27,344. 11*l.* 10*s.* is all you got?—Yes.

27,345. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Chapel Street.

27,346. What number?—There is not a number on the door.

E. Marshall.

EDWARD MARSHALL sworn and examined.

27,347. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A blacksmith.

27,348. You live at Skerton?—Yes.

27,349. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

27,350. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

27,351. Who paid you?—I got 1*l.* 10*s.* of George Danson.

27,352. Who paid you the 12*l*?—George Wilson, cabinet maker.

27,353. You got 1*l.* 10*s.* of George Danson besides?—Yes.

27,354. Is that all you got?—Yes.

27,355. 13*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

27,356. Did you get no money to treat with?—No, I got nothing; not a halfpenny.

27,357. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you poll in 1864, when Fenwick and Schneider stood?—For Mr. Fenwick.

27,358. What made you change your politics?—I changed before, when Mr. Gosnett was up.

27,359. What made you change your politics?—I polled for Mr. Gosnett twice.

27,360. But you polled for Fenwick. Did the 12*l.* make the change?—I polled for Mr. Fenwick twice.

27,361. You voted for Mr. Lawrence this time. Was it the 12*l.* that made the change?—Yes. I voted for Mr. Lawrence.

R. Masheder.

RICHARD MASHEDER sworn and examined.

27,362. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A cordwainer.

27,363. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

27,364. What did you get?—10*l.*

27,365. Did you receive anything else besides as a committee man?—No.

27,366. Did you get any money to treat with?—No.

T. Nelson.

THOMAS NELSON sworn and examined.

27,367. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Overton?—Yes.

27,368. What are you?—A farmer.

27,369. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence and Fenwick.

27,370. What money did you get?—5*l.* from Mr. Maddock.

27,371. Then you would get something from Albright?—Yes, 4*l.*

27,372. What was that for?—Well, I suppose it was for my vote.

27,373. Who did he ask you to vote for?—He wanted me to vote for Schneider.

27,374. What did you say to him?—I said I would not; not for any money.

27,375. Why did he give you 4*l.*?—On Mr. Fenwick's account.

27,376. Did he pay you before you voted?—Yes, he did.

27,377. Where did he pay you?—I believe it was in Penny Street.

27,378. In what house?—I believe it was at the "Bear and Staff."

27,379. Are you quite sure he did not pay you that for voting for Schneider?—Yes, I am sure.

27,380. Did he say anything to you after you had voted?—No, I never saw him after I voted.

27,381. (*Mr. Newton.*) Why would you not vote for Schneider?—Well, it was not my politics.

27,382. Was it because it was a German name?—I would not do it for money.

27,383. It was not because it was a German name?—No, it had nothing to do at all with the name whatever. I knew his name as well as anybody.

27,384. (*Mr. Hill.*) You voted for Mr. Fenwick as belonging to the same party as Mr. Lawrence?—I voted for him the last election.

27,385. How do you mean Fenwick was your politics, and Schneider was not?—I do not know, I am sure. I voted for the men I wanted to go in.

T. J. Nicholson.

TIMOTHY JACKSON NICHOLSON sworn and examined.

27,386. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you know what you have done?—Yes.

27,387. What is that?—Voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

27,388. No, I mean with regard to kissing the book. What is that for?—For my oath.

27,389. That means you are going to tell us the truth?—Yes.

27,390. Do you live in Wise's Court, Penny Street?—Yes.

27,391. Are you a cabinet maker?—Yes.

27,392. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

27,393. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

27,394. Who paid you?—Robert Powell.

27,395. What did you get for being on the committee?—Nothing.

27,396. Did you get any money from the Blues?—No, not one farthing.

27,397. How long have you been a freeman?—I cannot say, 12 or 13 years, I think.

27,398. Do you care about politics, or do you only care about money. Which is it?—No.

27,399. You only care about money?—No. I have always been Yellow but once.

27,400. Who did you vote for then?—Mr. Saunders.

27,401. Can you read?—Yes.

27,402. And write?—Yes.

27,403. (*Mr. Hill.*) What made you vote for Mr. Saunders?—Because I was working for a person then as wished me to.

27,404. You got a little money then?—I got 5*l.*

27,405. That entered into the consideration, too, I daresay; I daresay that was a reason also for your voting?—Yes.

HENRY PARKER sworn and examined.

27,406. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A book-keeper.

27,407. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

27,408. What did you get?—For the committee room 15*s.*, 2*l.* 5*s.*, and three months afterwards 1*l.* 16*s.*

27,409. What do you mean by "committee room." Do you keep a public-house?—Working the general committee room under Mr. Gibson and Mr. Clark.

27,410. That was for committee work?—Yes.

27,411. What else did you get besides?—Nothing at all.

27,412. Did you not get anything?—No, I preferred a bill against Mr. Cross for street lists, and other matters, amounting to three guineas, which I never got.

27,413. How long were you at work upon the committee?—I was nearly a fortnight making out street lists, directing envelopes and cards, and showing the other clerks what to do.

27,414. You say you have sent in a bill for the rest of your work, and that has not yet been paid?—No.

27,415. How many days do you suppose you were employed altogether?—With Mr. Cross nearly three weeks.

27,416. You are a book-keeper by occupation?—I was on the railway, the last place I was in, for three years.

27,417. What did you get a week there?—I was not there regular.

27,418. What do you generally get when you are employed?—5*s.* a day.

27,419. If you are looking over books and making up accounts what do you get?—Either 5*s.*, 7*s.*, or 7*s.* 6*d.*, and half a guinea sometimes.

27,420. You got 4*l.* 16*s.* for three weeks?—Yes; taking it altogether it was a great deal more than that, taking the work I did from time to time.

27,421. You mean to say you were not paid so much as you ought to have been paid?—No, I was not; about half of it.

27,422. And you did not get some of it till some time after the election?—No, the 1*l.* 16*s.* I did not.

27,423. You only got 1*l.* a week till then?—Yes; some way or other I missed getting it. 15*s.* and 2*l.* 5*s.* was all that I got paid in the committee room.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) We shall not put you down in the list of those bribed.

WILLIAM REDHEAD sworn and examined.

27,424. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Skerton?—Yes.

27,425. What are you?—A joiner.

27,426. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

27,427. What did you get from Lawrence's party?—12*l.*

27,428. Were you one of those whom Wilson paid?—Yes.

27,429. What did you get from the other side?—Nothing.

27,430. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

27,431. Have you always voted "Blue?"—No.

27,432. Did you get anything besides the 12*l.*?—30*s.* from George Danson.

27,433. Are you quite sure you did not get any money from Fenwick and Schneider's people?—That is all I got.

27,434. Did not Towers pay you anything?—No, he never gave me nothing.

27,435. Did you get nothing from Ellershaw, the grocer at Skerton?—John Ellershaw?

27,436. Yes. Did you get any money of him?—No, I got no money of him.

27,437. Did you get some drink from him?—Yes.

27,438. How much drink did you get?—He did not pay for it. At least, he was in company when we got it.

ANTHONY RICHARDSON sworn and examined.

27,439. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live in Monmouth Street?—Yes.

27,440. You are a printer?—Yes.

27,441. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

27,442. What did you get for your vote?—For my vote?

27,443. Yes.—I was paid 8*l.* after I had voted.

27,444. Who gave it to you?—Mr. King.

27,445. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

27,446. Which?—On Fenwick and Schneider's committee.

27,447. What did you get for that?—I got nothing for that.

27,448. What did you get for being on the other committee?—Nothing at all. I was not on the other committee.

27,449. Were you not on Lawrence's committee?—No.

27,450. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

27,451. All you got was 8*l.*?—Yes.

27,452. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

27,453. You always mean to vote "Yellow," I suppose?—Yes, I told Mr. Schneider I would not vote against him. I told that to Mr. Fenwick and to Mr. Schneider.

27,454. Those are your politics?—Yes.

WILLIAM SMITH ROW sworn and examined.

27,455. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

27,456. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

27,457. Were you on any committee?—No.

27,458. Did you not get anything besides the 12*l.*?—No, nothing.

27,459. Is that all you got?—Yes.

27,460. How came you to get more than Richardson, the last witness?—I do not know. I was in a different district to him.

27,461. You got a more liberal captain I suppose?—I suppose so.

27,462. From whom did you receive it?—From Robert McKinley, under Mr. Ball.

27,463. Who is McKinley?—He works at the station, I believe, the Lancaster and Carlisle Station.

27,464. The Castle Station?—Yes.

27,465. What is he?—I do not know exactly; a clerk, or something of the kind.

27,466. Was he pretty active?—I do not know; he paid me, that is all I know about it.

27,467. Did you see him pay anybody else?—No.

27,468. How came he to pay you?—Because I went up to meet the conveyance that was to take down the voters, and I got into the conveyance when he was in, and he paid me.

27,469. What other voters had he in the conveyance with him?—I cannot give you the names of all; there was my brother for one, James Row, and a man called William Jackson, of Scotforth.

27,470. Who else?—I cannot say, to tell the truth, who the other parties were; there were four or five, I think, altogether.

27,471. Anybody else?—No, I think that was all.

27,472. How many of you were there altogether about?—Either four or five.

27,473. Did McKinley pay any of these others besides you?—I did not see him.

27,474. Where were you paid, in the omnibus?—It was not exactly an omnibus, a conveyance.

27,475. You received it before you got out to vote?—Yes.

27,476. Did not the others receive theirs also before they got out to vote?—I did not see them.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

W. S. Row.

25 Sept. 1866.

27,477. Did they see you paid?—Yes, they would see me paid.

27,478. How came they to let you be paid and not put in their claims?—I suppose they had got theirs already.

27,479. You think they had got it before you?—Yes, I suppose so.

W. Scales.

WILLIAM SCALES sworn and examined.

27,480. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A tailor.

27,481. Where do you live?—King Street, Penny's Hospital.

27,482. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

27,483. What did you get?—5*l.*

27,484. Nothing more?—No.

27,485. Anything from Lawrence's people?—Not a halfpenny.

27,486. Is 5*l.* all you got?—Yes.

27,487. Who paid you?—Richard Cleminson, tailor and draper.

W. Simpson.

WILLIAM SIMPSON sworn and examined.

27,488. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In China Lane.

27,489. What are you?—A whitesmith.

27,490. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

27,491. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

27,492. Who paid you?—Thomas Foster; he paid me in China Lane.

27,493. Is this the first time you have ever voted?—Yes.

27,494. Was anybody present when Foster paid you?—No.

27,495. Did he pay you in a house?—Yes, at the "Volunteer" Inn.

27,496. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

27,497. Which?—Mr. Lawrence's.

27,498. What did you get for that?—30*s.* from Danson.

27,499. Have you ever talked to Danson about this since?—No, I got also 10*s.* from William Harrison, tinman.

27,500. Besides the 30*s.*?—Yes.

27,501. When did Danson pay you?—About three days before the election.

27,502. Is that all you got?—Yes.

27,503. Have you ever talked with Danson about this 1*l.* 10*s.*?—No, I have never seen him since the election.

J. Smith.

JOSEPH SMITH sworn and examined.

27,504. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A silk dresser by trade.

27,505. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

27,506. What did you get?—2*l.*

27,507. When did you get the 2*l.*?—On the election day.

27,508. From whom?—From Mr. Richard Cleminson, tailor and draper.

27,509. What else did you get besides?—Nothing.

27,510. Is that all you got?—Yes.

27,511. How came you only to get 2*l.*?—I do not know indeed.

27,512. Did you not know what prices other people were getting?—No.

27,513. (*Mr Barstow.*) Were you paid before you voted?—No.

27,514. (*Mr. Hill.*) You were paid as a reward for having voted?—No.

27,515. Then for what were you paid?—I was on a committee.

27,516. What did you do on the committee?—I did nothing at all; I merely attended the committee.

27,517. Where?—In Nicholas Street.

27,518. And drank in the evening there?—Yes, occasionally.

27,519. And talked over the probabilities of the election?—Yes.

27,520. Were you not bid for by the other side?—No.

27,521. How came that about?—I do not know, I am sure.

27,522. Were you not canvassed?—No; I was canvassed, of course, by the candidates before the election.

27,523. What did you tell them when they canvassed you?—I told them I should not vote for the opposite side, for Mr. Lawrence, that I should vote for Fenwick and Schneider.

27,524. Did not anybody offer you anything?—No.

27,525. How came that about?—That I cannot tell.

H. Smith.

HENRY SMITH sworn and examined.

27,526. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A cotton spinner.

27,527. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

27,528. What money did you receive?—I received nothing.

27,529. You received nothing from either side?—Robert Whiteside gave my wife 15*l.*

27,530. Is that all you received?—No.

27,531. You got something from Lawrence?—Yes, 12*l.*

27,532. You are the man who would not go in the omnibus, but would walk?—Yes.

27,533. You got the 12*l.*, I suppose, from George Wilson?—I do not know who I got it from; I got it at the "Black Bull" in Skerton.

27,534. I suppose at the "Black Bull" you promised to vote for Lawrence?—I promised to vote for Fenwick and Lawrence.

27,535. I suppose you were on some committee, were you not?—Yes.

27,536. On whose committee, on both, perhaps?—Yes.

27,537. What did you receive for that?—I got, I believe, 30*s.* apiece.

27,538. Who paid you for Lawrence?—I cannot tell exactly.

27,539. Was it George Danson?—No.

27,540. Someone paid you for Lawrence?—Yes.

27,541. Who paid you for the "Yellows?"—They did not pay me at all, but Robert Whiteside paid my missus.

27,542. I mean who paid you for being on the committee?—I cannot tell.

27,543. Do you not remember?—No, I do not.

27,544. You do not remember who paid you these small sums?—No, I do not.

27,545. Is that all you received?—For anything I know it is.

27,546. You would have a few shillings to spend in drink, I suppose?—Yes, there was plenty of drink about.

27,547. Did they give you money to spend in drink?—Well, I do not know. I believe Danson once gave me a shilling.

27,548. Did you not get anything from the other side to drink?—Yes.

27,549. What did you get?—I got no money.

27,550. Are you any relation to Edward Smith?—Brother.

27,551. (*Mr. Hill.*) You got 30*l.* altogether?—Yes.

27,552. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a scholar?—Yes.

27,553. What did you get at the election in 1864?—Nothing; I did not vote.

27,554. That is no reason why you should not have got some money?—Sir.

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27,555. That is no reason why you should not have got some money because you did not vote?—I did not vote in 1864.

27,556. That is no reason why you should not have got some money?—Got some money! I got two days' pay.

27,557. How much did you get—10*s.*

27,558. From whom did you get that 10*s.*?—George Danson.

27,559. In 1864?—Yes.

27,560. What did you get at the election in 1859?—I got my expenses coming here, that was all.

27,561. How did you vote then?—For Garnett and Gregson.

27,562. What did you get then?—I got my expenses, about 3*l.* I think.

27,563. At how many elections have you voted?—I do not know; I cannot tell; I have been out of town at some elections.

27,564. How long have you been a freeman?—35 years.

27,565. Have you always got paid at every election?—No.

27,566. Tell me any election at which you did not get paid?—None, only that.

27,567. None, only which?—Only that 3*l.* for expenses for coming down.

27,568. And then you got 10*l.* in 1864?—10*s.* It was only two days' pay.

27,569. Do you care about having a vote?—Yes.

27,570. Why do you?—In what way?

27,571. Why do you care about having a vote? What good is a vote to you?—What good is it?

27,572. Yes?—For a man that suits, to vote for him.

27,573. What good is a vote to you?—What good is it to any man?

27,574. Do not ask me, I ask you; why do you care to have a vote?—I do not know about that.

27,575. Is it to make money by it?—No.

27,576. It is not to make money?—That 15*l.* I could not get away from.

27,577. You could not get away from where?—From these chaps that met me up town. I could not get away from it; they had got some brandy into me.

27,578. Is it for the money that you care to have a vote?—No, it is not.

57,579. Why did you take money on both sides?—I never intended but to poll for Fenwick and Lawrence. I never intended no other way.

27,580. You voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes, because I could not get away from them. They got some brandy into me and then persuaded me.

27,581. You got 30*l.*?—Yes.

27,582. Do you feel ashamed at having got 30*l.*?—Well, I do not know about that, I am ashamed for taking it both sides.

27,583. (*Mr. Hill.*) You did not offer to pay it back again?—No.

27,584. Which side should you have voted for if you had had no money at all?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

WILLIAM PARKER is called but does not answer.

W. Parker.

(*Mr. Patteson, Secretary.*) William Parker has sent the following letter:—

"Sep. 25. William Parker, wite smith, Leanard "Gate, got 5*l.* for voting for Fenwick and Schneider, "and 3*s.* before the election, and not 22*s.* as stated by "Mr. Edward Johnson. I have been ill for 18 weeks "and not able to atend personaly. WILLIAM PARKER. "To the Royal Commissioners."

WILLIAM MASHEDER called.

W. Masheder.

27,585. *The witness.* What is it, mister? I know you; well, go on, go on with it.

27,586. (*Mr. Newton.*) Why did you not come before when you were summoned?—Begging your pardon, I was drunk.

27,587. So you are now; you must stand down there till we tell you to go.

27,588. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you understand what you are talking about?—Well, I know I was drunk.

27,589. Can you answer a question now?—Yes, yes, go on, go on, do it.

[*The witness is directed to withdraw, but not to leave the court. He is afterwards removed from the court under the care of an attendant.*]

JOHN STEPHENSON sworn and examined.

J. Stephenson.

27,590. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a cotton spinner?—Yes; it is put cotton weaver on the register.

27,591. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

27,592. What did you get for your vote?—7*l.*

27,593. Who paid you?—Mr. Richard Cleminson, tailor and draper in Nicholas Street.

27,594. Were you on any committee?—No.

27,595. On neither side?—No.

27,596. And that is all you got?—Yes.

27,597. Are you a scholar?—Yes.

THOMAS SWAINSON sworn and examined.

T. Swainson.

27,598. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

27,599. Of Leonard Gate?—Yes.

27,600. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

27,601. How much did you receive?—5*l.*

27,602. Is that all?—Yes.

27,603. Were you not on any committee?—No.

27,604. Did you not get anything else at all?—No.

27,605. Was nothing given you to drink with?—Nothing but that 5*l.*

27,606. When did they give you the 5*l.*—After voting.

27,607. From whom did you get it?—From Richard Cleminson.

THOMAS SWAINSON sworn and examined.

T. Swainson.

27,608. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A tailor.

27,609. Where do you live?—In Lodge Street.

27,610. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Fenwick and Schneider.

27,611. What did you get?—5*l.*

27,612. From Cleminson?—Yes.

27,613. Anything else?—No.

27,614. That is all you received?—Yes.

JOHN TAYLOR sworn and examined.

J. Taylor.

27,615. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a cabinet maker?—Yes.

27,616. Do you live in Chapel Street, Lancaster?—No.

27,617. Where do you live?—In Friar Street.

27,618. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

27,619. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

27,620. That you are prepared to swear?—Yes, positively.

27,621. Did you get anything for your services?—Not a penny, either directly or indirectly.

27,622. You were summoned by mistake?—Yes; I live close to Chapel Street, and there is not a John Taylor in Chapel Street at present.

27,623. Where is he now?—I do not know. I do not know the man.

ROBERT MCKINLAY sworn and examined.

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R. McKinlay.

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27,624. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you in the employment of the railway company in July 1865?—Yes.

27,625. What as?—Clerk.

27,626. A booking clerk?—No, clerk in the engineer's office.

27,627. Of the London and North-western Railway Company?—Yes.

27,628. What part did you take in the election?—Well, I was on the committee for Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider.

27,629. Who put you upon that committee?—I was put on by the Reform League, the Reform Club.

27,630. What Reform Club is that?—Mr. Welch is president.

27,631. The Reform Club in this town?—Yes.

27,632. Are you a member, then, of the Reform Club?—Yes.

27,633. Is that a large club?—Well, it is pretty extensive now. I should think there are a large number of members; I do not know the number, I am sure.

27,634. Have you any house, or do you merely meet occasionally for political purposes?—We had regular meetings once a fortnight or once a month, I think.

27,635. Have you now?—I have not attended them lately. I do not know whether they are going on now or not; they were before the election.

27,636. They go on mostly about election times?—Yes.

27,637. Mr. Welch put you on this committee of Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider?—I do not know whether Mr. Welch put me on or not. I was put on.

27,638. What was your duty on the committee?—To look after voters.

27,639. What district did you look after?—Scotforth.

27,640. Who was associated with you in looking after Scotforth?—Josiah Ball was captain.

27,641. When were you first spoken to on the subject of paying voters?—On the morning of the election.

27,642. July 12th?—Yes.

27,643. Who spoke to you?—Josiah Ball asked me if I would hand a parcel to a person of the name of Row, in the Scotforth district; a voter of the name of Row, I think.

27,644. Was it wrapped up in paper?—Yes.

27,645. Was that the only parcel that you had to give?—I think it was. I am not sure whether there was more than one or not; if there was it was to his brother, but I cannot recollect; I do not recollect whether I gave one or two.

27,646. Where were you to meet Row to give him this parcel?—We breakfasted at the "Boot and Shoe," at Scotforth and he joined us at the "Pointers."

27,647. How many voters did you bring up?—I should think nearly a dozen.

27,648. And how many did you pay?—Only Row, and I am not sure whether I paid the brother or not.

27,649. Was that all the money you received for the purposes of the election?—No.

27,650. What else did you receive?—After polling these men I was met in the street by a man and told that there were two voters in the "Bull's Head," I think, in Common Garden Street, and that they would vote for Fenwick and Schneider if they were paid. I went and saw them and they told me they would vote if they were paid, and I went to Mr. Welch and told him.

27,651. You went to Mr. Henry Welch?—Yes.

27,652. What did you tell Mr. Welch?—I told him that there were some voters in the "Bull's Head" who wanted pay, and he gave me, I think, about 40*l.*

27,653. And what did you do with it?—I gave one of them 7*l.* and the other 5*l.*, and I gave two men who had been looking after those two voters 1*l.* each; I think I gave something else, but I cannot recollect.

27,654. What did you do with the other 26*l.*?—Gave it back; I gave Mr. Welch 27*l.* back.

27,655. Then he must have given you 41*l.*?—I do not know the exact amount.

27,656. Who were these two men that you paid?—One of them was James Howson.

27,657. And what was the name of the other?—Richard Bonnell.

27,658. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is he a householder?—No, a freeman.

27,659. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which James Howson was it? Was it the brakesman at Bulk?—Yes.

27,660. Who is Richard Bonnell?—He is a labourer.

27,661. Had you anything else to do with any money payments at the election?—No, I think not.

27,662. Are you pretty certain that you had not?—There is 10*s.* which I gave to somebody, and I cannot think who it was, but I think that is about all.

27,663. At this Reform Club were either of the candidates present at any of your meetings before the election?—No.

27,664. Was the subject of the cost of the borough at all discussed at the Reform Club?—No.

27,665. Only the price of the votes?—No.

27,666. Did you yourself know long before the election that it would be an expensive matter?—Well, I did not know for certain.

27,667. But you had a shrewd suspicion?—I had a suspicion that it would cost some money.

27,668. Is there anything connected with your district that you wish to tell us that we have not heard, either on your own side or on the other side?—No, I do not know that there is. I was surprised at Mr. Quarme's evidence; I understood that he had offered Jackson, the blacksmith, some money, but I see I was wrong.

27,669. I do not understand you.—I was given to understand that Mr. Quarme had offered some money to Jackson, the blacksmith, but Mr. Quarme says he did not.

27,670. What made you think that he had offered Jackson money?—I heard it said at Scotforth that he had.

27,671. We asked Mr. Quarme about it and he told us that he had not done so.—That is what made me make the remark, I thought that he had.

27,672. Have you anything to add?—No.

27,673. Did you know of any other persons being paid in your district?—No.

27,674. Did you yourself look after the railway men who had votes?—No, they were managed by the district to which they belonged, I think, the town district.

27,675. You can tell us nothing about the railway voters?—No, nothing more than what you know, that they were nearly all bought, like other voters in the town.

27,676. (*Mr. Newton.*) All the railway men?—No, most of them; I only know through seeing it in the newspapers.

27,677. Did you know of any other money coming into Lancaster than what we have heard of?—No.

27,678. Did the Reform Club find any?—No, they are too poor for that, they are mostly composed of working men.

27,679. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you tell how it comes that your name has not been mentioned in our inquiry till to-day?—No, I do not know; I think Mr. Welch must have overlooked the thing.

27,680. Have you had any conversation with Mr. Welch about it?—No, I was not going to say anything about it.

27,681. Have you had any conversation with Mr. Welch about it?—No.

27,682. You have not asked him to keep back your name?—No, I have not.

27,683. Have you had any conversation with Bonnell and Howson about the money you gave them?—I have seen Howson since.

27,684. When did you see Howson?—About a week ago.

27,685. Did you talk to him about the money that you had given him?—No.

27,686. You never mentioned the subject?—Yes;

I said, "Well, Jem, I think you are going to escape."

27,687. What did he say to that?—He said he would be very glad if he did.

27,688. (*Mr. Newton.*) You were not going to split on him?—No, I should not, I assure you.

27,689. (*Mr. Barstow.*) But you have not wilfully planned with anyone to keep your name out of this inquiry?—No.

27,690. (*Mr. Newton.*) When Ball asked you to give the parcel to Row was anyone else by?—No; it was as we were coming down from the breakfast room he said "Row will get in at the 'Pointers.' Just hand him this parcel."

27,691. And that is the only man you are certain of?—Yes.

27,692. You might have paid his brother?—Yes, I might, but I think that is all.

27,693. Do you know what was in the parcel?—No, it was not my business to look.

27,694. How was it wrapped up?—It was a sort of roll; it looked very like sovereigns; I should not wonder if it was.

27,695. Did it smell like 15*l.*?—No, it did not smell.

27,696. Those were the only two men that you directly or indirectly assisted in paying before the election. You paid those two men Bonnell and Howson afterwards?—Yes.

27,697. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did they make you a present of for your services?—Nothing. I think the members have paid enough without paying me anything. I could have got something if I had liked, but I did not want it.

27,698. From whom could you have got something?—I think it would have been from Mr. Tilly, for being on the committee.

27,699. Is there any other person to whom you can refer who was doing the amiable after the election?—No.

27,700. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

27,701. Have you not heard of anybody who had presents given to them after the election?—No.

27,702. Nobody?—No, I think not.

27,703. No separate little fund that came in afterwards which we have not got at yet?—No.

27,704. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have told us that you gave to one of the voters 7*l.* and to the other 5*l.*, but you have not told us to which of them you gave the the 7*l.* and to which you gave the 5*l.*?—I gave the 7*l.* to Howson. I wish to make another statement. Mr. Batty has just reminded me that I asked him for his vote at the station.

27,705. Which Batty was that?—A railway clerk.

27,706. William Batty?—Yes. I asked him for a vote. I was given to understand about 1 o'clock that he had not polled, and somebody told me to go and see after him, and to see if I could make anything of him, and so I went and offered him either 12*l.* or 15*l.*

27,707. Who instructed you to offer him 12*l.* or 15*l.*?—Well, I got it in the committee-room. I was told in the committee-room, we were looking who had polled from the list, and I was told by someone in the committee-room, but I cannot charge my memory who it was.

27,708. Was it Mr. Blades or Mr. Welch?—It would be some of those.

27,709. In what we call the secret committee-room?—Yes.

27,710. And what did you do with Batty?—I did not do anything with him, he would not have it.

27,711. Why would he not have it?—Well, I do not know.

27,712. He voted eventually for Fenwick and Lawrence?—But he said he would have liked to have voted the other way after.

27,713. Did you not give him something for his split vote?—No.

27,714. You had no instructions to do that?—Yes, I offered him 5*l.* if he would vote for Schneider and Lawrence.

27,715. But he would not do it?—No, he would not, but I daresay he was sorry after.

27,716. Why should he be sorry after?—Well, he said as much, that since he was giving the Liberals one he might as well have given it to one as the other and got the money.

27,717. Now that you are reminded of Batty I will ask you whether you canvassed anybody else?—No.

27,718. What time in the day did Batty poll, do you know?—I think it would be about 2 o'clock, or after.

27,719. (*Mr. Newton.*) You came back just now after your examination had been concluded, having seen somebody else in court and your memory having been refreshed?—Yes.

27,720. You have been sworn to tell us the whole truth. Is there anything within your knowledge relating to the election that you have not told us of?—No.

27,721. There is no reservation whatever?—No.

27,722. If you can recollect anything else you will come back and tell us of it?—Yes.

JAMES THRELFALL sworn and examined. *J. Threlfall.*

27,723. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A ship carpenter.

27,724. Where do you live?—In Glasson Dock.

27,725. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

27,726. What did you get for your vote?—I do not know that I got anything for my vote.

27,727. What did you get for assistance?—I got 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for my expenses.

27,728. For your expenses from where?—I got it from a man that came from Liverpool.

27,729. For your expenses from what place? Expenses for what?—I do not understand you.

27,730. You say you got 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for expenses?—For canvassing and going round the country.

27,731. Who paid you?—A man that came from Liverpool to Conder Green.

27,732. Do you know his name?—I did see his name in the papers; I did not know him then.

27,733. What was the name you saw in the paper?—I do not know. Eaves I think was the name I saw in the paper.

27,734. How many gentlemen did you canvass?—I canvassed the Armers and William Threlfall.

27,735. Anybody else?—I went to Richard Armer of Thurnham.

27,736. He went the other way; did you canvass anybody else?—That is all; James Gardner of Conder Green.

27,737. (*Mr. Hill.*) Just the people close to you?—Yes, three miles.

27,738. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you paid before or after the election?—On the election morning.

27,739. Before you voted?—Yes, before we left Conder Green.

27,740. 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

27,741. Were you put to any expense in canvassing?—Yes.

27,742. In what way?—In treating.

27,743. How many voters did you treat?—Not many, only two or three.

JAMES TOWERS sworn and examined. *J. Towers.*

27,744. (*Mr. Hill*). Do you live at Dolphinholme?—I live at Bare now.

27,745. But you are on the register as living at Dolphinholme?—Yes.

27,746. Are you a labourer?—Yes.

27,747. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Lawrence.

27,748. What did you get?—5*l.*

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27,749. From whom did you get it ?—Bartholomew Pye.

27,750. What else did you receive ?—Nothing.

27,751. Was that all you got ?—Yes.

27,752. How came you only to get 5*l.* ?—Because I had only that offered me.

27,753. You were not on any committee ?—No.

27,754. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you an agricultural labourer ?—Yes.

27,755. Getting 2*s.* a day ?—2*s.* 8*d.* a day.

27,756. Are you a scholar ?—Yes, part.

E. Lawrence, Esq.

EDWARD LAWRENCE, Esq., sworn and examined.

27,757. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a merchant at Liverpool ?—I am.

27,758. And in partnership with your brother and Mr. Taylor ?—Mr. Taylor is a partner now.

27,759. He was not your partner at the time of the election ?—No.

27,760. I believe that in the year 1865 you were mayor of Liverpool ?—I was elected on the 9th of November 1864.

27,761. You were desirous of becoming a member of Parliament ?—Certainly not.

27,762. When was it first intimated to you that a candidate in the Conservative interest was necessary for the borough of Lancaster ?—Some time in the spring of 1865, I cannot remember when it was first mentioned to me.

27,763. Can you tell us by whom it was first intimated to you ?—I think by Mr. Wilson.

27,764. Mr. H. T. Wilson ?—Yes.

27,765. Were Mr. H. T. Wilson and yourself personal friends ?—We have been commercially connected with him for the last 11 years, and I may say politically for the last five years.

27,766. Where were you when this intimation was conveyed to you ?—In Liverpool.

27,767. Can you at all tell us what the nature of the intimation was ?—The first intimation that I had was that a Conservative candidate was wanted, and a request was made to me that I would consent to become a candidate. I declined at the time.

27,768. You are not positive as to the time when this intimation was conveyed to you?—No, it would be probably about the month of April, as far as I can recollect, but I could not speak to the date with any certainty.

27,769. You then declined ?—I then declined

27,770. How long after that was it before you had any other notification made to you upon the subject ?—The subject was frequently renewed from time to time by Mr. Wilson, and I think by Mr. Saunders when he was in Liverpool ; of course it is hard to say when anything definite was stated, but he pressed me at last, and I said, "Well, I would consider about it."

27,771. How long previous to the election was it before you finally determined to become a candidate ?—I told him I would not consent to become a candidate.

27,772. Have the goodness to answer my question if you please ; how long previous to the election was it before you finally determined to become a candidate ?—I think it was about the first week in June when I finally decided upon it.

27,773. You were going to give some explanation just now when I interrupted you ?—I was going to say that when I told them I would think the matter over, one of the first questions I asked was what money would be required.

27,774. Was that before you finally determined on becoming a candidate ?—Yes, that was before I finally decided upon it.

27,775. Would that have been at one of the interviews between you, Mr Saunders, and Mr. Wilson ?—No, it would not be with Mr. Saunders. I think it would be on one of the occasions when Mr. Wilson spoke to me about it in Liverpool, in the month of May very likely,

27,776. What information on the subject did Mr. Wilson give you ?—He told me he thought that the expenses would probably be 1,200*l.* or 1,500*l.*, but that he would ask me to contribute 1,000*l.*

27,777. Were those terms ever altered ?—I must explain what followed. I told him that I thought if I came forward to oblige the Conservative party by fighting the battle for them, it would be quite enough if I paid half the expenses, or about 750*l.* ; of course I cannot pledge myself to the very words, but that was the tenor of what I stated.

27,778. "I said that if I came forward to oblige the "Conservative party I thought that 750*l.* ought to be "enough for me to pay ?"—Yes, to that effect ; he said he thought that was not sufficient for the ordinary expenses of the election, and that it would be difficult in Lancaster to raise money for the rest.

27,779. That it would be difficult ?—Yes (or impossible probably he may have said), to raise money in Lancaster for the rest. I remained firm about it for some time, and at last he said, "Well, supposing "you say 750*l.*, and leave me a discretion in case I "see fit to ask you for a little more money.

27,780. Did you assent to that ?—No ; I told him I would not consent to any discretion as to a single penny, that I would not consent to his or to anyone's discretion as to a single penny ; that I would pay a specific sum and no more.

27,781. Did he make any answer to that ?—No, the thing passed off for the time, and ultimately as the election drew near I consented to pay 1,000*l.* ; that was after I had been over to Lancaster.

27,782. You ultimately changed your determination and agreed to contribute 1,000*l.* ?—Yes ; I consented to contribute 1,000*l.*

27,783. What led you to make that alteration in your determination ?—Simply because he pressed me to stand, and I was solicited by the party in Lancaster ; they told me that there was every prospect of a Conservative candidate being successful, that the legitimate expenses of the election would be more than that sum, and therefore I consented to pay that amount.

27,784. Then having assented to pay 1,000*l.*, and having been told that the legitimate expenses would be either 1,200*l.* or 1,500*l.*, was anything said as to who was to pay the balance ?—Nothing further than "I will find the balance."

27,785. He still adhered to what he had said as to the cost ?—Yes, he said, "I will undertake to find the balance."

27,786. Are we to understand that those are the terms on which you undertook to become a candidate ?—Yes.

27,787. Was your brother's name ever brought into this conversation or into any conversation between you and Mr. Wilson respecting the election ?—I do not think it was. I do not remember it.

27,788. I mean by your brother Mr. J. T. Lawrence ?—Yes.

27,789. It had never been mentioned ?—I do not remember that it was ever mentioned.

27,790. Did you ever discuss the matter with your brother ?—Not further than to tell him what had passed.

27,791. Had you ever asked your brother whether he would assist you in the expenses of the election ?—Never.

27,792. Never at any time ?—Never.

27,793. Can you at all give us the date when you consented to become a candidate ?—I was in Lancaster on the 1st of June, and met a deputation from the Conservative party at the "King's Arms :" the question was then formally put to me from the electors.

27,794. Then we may take that as the earliest date you can give us of your intention of becoming a candidate ?—Well, I did not consent then ; it was not till some few days afterwards that I consented to become a candidate.

27,795. You had not then finally decided ?—No, I had not then finally decided, but my reply was that I

would consider the matter and give an answer in the course of a day or two.

27,796. Shortly after that you had this interview with Mr. Wilson?—No, I think that my interview with Mr. Wilson would be before that; because, in discussing the matter from time to time with him, those were the grounds upon which I would have consented to become a candidate that I have stated to you; but my final decision was not made till after I had seen the Lancaster people, because I was not going to commit myself to Mr. Wilson or to anybody till I had seen what the feeling was in Lancaster.

27,797. You still left the matter open?—I still left the matter open, so that I might say yes or no.

27,798. Until you found out what was the state of feeling in Lancaster?—Yes.

27,799. You say you told them that two or three days afterwards you would give them your decision?—I did.

27,800. And did you then give them your decision?—I did.

27,801. On what day?—I really cannot tell. I think it was by issuing an address.

27,802. But you must know the date of that?—No. I could not tell you the date; it was some time within two or three weeks after that.

27,803. We have been told that your address was issued about the 15th of June?—I may be wrong about that; it is very difficult to recollect dates. I addressed the electors here on the 15th of June. I think I am right in saying that my reply was a day or two afterwards.

27,804–5. You cannot give any definite answers as to dates?—Not as to the date of the address.

(*Mr. Hill.*) We have been told that it was the 6th of June.

27,806. (*Mr. Newton.*) You say you addressed the electors on the 15th of June?—I believe that was the date.

27,807. Where did you address them?—In a public room here in Lancaster. I do not know the name of it.

27,808. Was it the Palantine Hall?—Yes, I think that was the name.

27,809. And then you finally announced your intention of contesting the borough?—I finally announced that when I issued my address on the 6th.

27,810. I thought you said you could not give us the date of that?—I understood Mr. Commissioner Hill to say it was the 6th. I told you that I could not of my own knowledge speak to the date, but it was a day or two after I met the deputation. I received the deputation on the 1st and two or three days after that I issued my address to the electors personally on the 15th.

27,811. On the 7th you addressed the electors by issuing an address, and on the 15th you addressed them by word of mouth?—Yes, if that date is correct; it must have been within a day or two.

27,812. And in this address on the 7th you announced your intention of becoming a candidate?—Yes.

27,813. When did you first commence your canvass in Lancaster?—(*Referring to a paper*) I think the canvass was not commenced till the 29th of June. I returned to Liverpool the night of the 15th, after addressing the electors.

27,814. Between the 15th and 29th did you take any steps towards furthering the election?—No, I am wrong. I came over to Lancaster on the 22d of June, I think it was, to address electors at Morecambe, and returned again to Liverpool on the 23d.

27,815. I will ask you incidentally here who went with you to Morecambe on that occasion?—I am afraid I cannot tax my memory about it; it would really be a very random guess if I were to make any, because most of the gentlemen were strangers to me.

27,816. Then from that I suppose I may take it that you had no connexion with Lancaster previous to this time?—No, none whatever.

27,817. You were a stranger to Lancaster yourself?—No.

27,818. Between the 22d and 29th did you take any steps?—None whatever.

27,819. Then on the 29th you commenced your canvass?—Yes.

27,820. You have talked about seeking the opinion of the people of Lancaster; whose opinions did you seek to obtain when you came over here on the 1st of June?—There were about (I should think) 40 gentlemen who met me at the "King's Arms," who were represented to me as the leading gentlemen connected with the Conservative party, and I heard from them a simple statement of their opinions as to the success of a Conservative candidate.

27,821. Can you tell us who were the chiefs or leaders of that party?—No, I really cannot, for the simple reason that I do not think I knew a single gentleman present at the time.

27,822. Who introduced you to that meeting?—I rather think Mr. Saunders did, but I am not sure, either Mr. Saunders or Mr. Wilson; we were up here with reference to a company of which I was a director.

27,823. You were a director of the Lancaster Ship Owners' Company?—Yes.

27,824. Was Mr. Wilson at that meeting as well as yourself?—Yes; by the way Mr. Wilson is not a director of that company, but he was in Lancaster at that time.

27,825. You said you thought that either Mr. Saunders or Mr. Wilson attended the meeting?—I understand you to ask me whether Mr. Wilson was present at the meeting at the "King's Arms."

27,826. Yes.—Yes, he was.

27,827. You are a shareholder in the Shipbuilding Company?—I am.

27,828. And we hear that Mr. Wilson is also?—Mr. Wilson is.

27,829. You have no recollection, at this distance of time, who the gentlemen were who took upon themselves to become the leading parties, on the Conservative side, in the borough?—No, it would be pure guesswork.

27,830. Can you at all tell me whether anything was said as to a committee being formed in the borough?—No; I think, if I recollect right, I asked Mr. Wilson something about forming a committee, and the impression on my mind was that in Lancaster they did things differently from other places, as regards committees; that they had not a committee, that the town was divided into districts, and each district was under a captain, and that there was no committee, in the sense in which we in Liverpool understand a committee for such purposes; that was the impression left on my mind.

27,831. When did that conversation take place between you and Mr. Wilson?—I really could not tax my memory for the date; it might probably be either that day or some other day about that time, when we were talking the matter over; it was simply put as a matter of inquiry on my part as to how elections were worked in Lancaster, and whether the organization was the same as that which we have in Liverpool.

27,832. Was that your only inquiry, as to how the 1,000*l.* or 1,200*l.* was to be spent?—I made no inquiry about that, further than to ascertain that the legal expenses would exceed 1,200*l.* I made no inquiry further than that I had a pretty good idea how legal expenses go in an election.

27,833. And we are to understand that you came to Lancaster primed by Mr. Wilson with this information that you tell us of?—I received it from him.

27,834. Had you ever inquired who had been or who was the legal agent in the Conservative interest in Lancaster?—Nothing further than that Mr. Wilson told me he had engaged Mr. Clark to be the legal agent.

27,835. When did he tell you that?—That I really could not answer.

27,836. Do you mean to say then that you took no steps in the matter yourself?—Not the least; I had my own work to do in Liverpool.

27,837. When was the first time that you ever saw

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Mr. Christopher Thornton Clark?—I am afraid I cannot answer that question. I do not know whether I ever saw him before the 1st of June. I am not sure whether Mr. Clark was over in Liverpool some months previously or not; there were a number of gentlemen of Lancaster in Liverpool in January, and I do not know whether Mr. Clark was one of the number. I daresay he could tell.

27,838. In January?—Yes; I can explain how I came to be there. Mr. James Shuttleworth asked me, as mayor of Liverpool, if I would take an interest on behalf of the Idiot Asylum.

27,839. It was nothing concerning the election?—No, nothing.

27,840. Then it was from a casual introduction at Liverpool that you first made acquaintance with Mr. C. T. Clark?—I have said that I do not remember whether he was there or not.

27,841. And you say you cannot call to mind when it was that you first saw him here as your accredited authorized agent?—I could not have seen him before the 1st of June in Lancaster, because that was the first day I was here; but I cannot call to mind whether Mr. Clark was in Liverpool or not. I do not remember.

27,842. Was anything said to you or did you say anything about forming a committee to carry out your election here?—No.

27,843. Nothing?—Nothing further than I have already told you. I found that the system was different here, and I never bothered my head about it after.

27,844. We have been told that there was a committee formed, of which Mr. Sharp was chairman; were you aware of the existence of that committee?—I was aware that Mr. Sharp was called the chairman, but I never could make out what the committee was.

27,845. Did you ever attend any committee meeting?—Never.

27,846. Do you know that there were any committee meetings held?—Nothing further than that I understood that the town was divided into 12 districts, as I told you, and that the captains met together, and I always thought that they were the committee; but I was never present at any meeting, and heard nothing more about it.

27,847. Was all this information conveyed to you before the 29th?—I never asked a question about it.

27,848. Was all this information about the committees and captains, and so on, conveyed to you before the 29th, when you commenced your canvass?—Yes.

27,849. I asked you just now to tell me the names of the gentlemen who accompanied you to Morecambe, because I thought something might turn upon it, but you say you do not remember?—I might guess one or two who were with me, but I have no data to guide me, none whatever.

27,850. Now be good enough to bring your attention to the 29th of June, and from that time to the day of the election. On the 29th of June you commenced your canvass?—Yes.

27,851. Where did you stay when you came here?—At the "King's Arms."

27,852. You engaged a bedroom, I suppose, and a sitting room?—Yes.

27,853. Did you engage more than one sitting room?—No.

27,854. Was Mr. Wilson staying in the hotel?—I think he was. Do you mean the latter part of the time?

27,855. We know he was there latterly?—The first time I came to Lancaster I came and returned the same day.

27,856. But on the 29th?—On the 29th I arrived in Lancaster in the morning at half-past 11. That was on the Thursday, and I went back again to Liverpool on Saturday the 1st of July, arriving in Liverpool about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

27,857. That was on Saturday the 1st of July?—Yes. I then returned to Liverpool.

27,858. What had you been doing all the time you were here?—Canvassing.

27,859. Can you at all tell us who the gentlemen were who accompanied you in your canvass?—On the first morning a great number of gentlemen met me at the "King's Arms."

27,860. They were anxious to make your acquaintance?—I believe it is the custom in Lancaster that when a candidate commences his canvass he commences by having an array of gentlemen around him. I was met by a number of gentlemen at the "King's Arms."

27,861. And they accompanied you on your canvass?—They went out with me, but after the first hour or two a great portion went away, and I was left to continue the canvass with only a few.

27,862. Can you at all tell us who those gentlemen were?—I think Mr. Brockbank was with me at the outset. I do not know whether he was called chairman of the committee or not, but he took the chair at the first meeting at which I was present, and I think he was the leading man on that morning, as far as I can recollect. I think also that Mr. Clark would be there.

27,863. Your election agent?—Yes, and Mr. Wilson and Mr. Saunders.

27,864. Mr. H. T. Wilson?—Yes, and Mr. Saunders. Really I come back to what I said before, that there was an array of Lancaster gentlemen. I should not like to say who were there, not feeling at all certain about it. As I have said before, they were strangers to me, and it is impossible for me to tax my memory as to who they all were. I do not suppose I could now summon up the names of more than half-a-dozen if I tried who might have been there.

27,865. These gentlemen accompanied you on your canvass?—Yes.

27,866. You went about the town with them, or rather they went with you?—You may put it either way.

27,867. Up and down the town?—We went up and down the town.

27,868. That is a provincial expression used here; was the same system pursued on the Friday?—The same system was pursued on the Friday.

27,869. And on the Saturday?—Yes, except that I may mention that after the first day there were never more than one or two with me.

27,870. After the Friday?—After the Thursday there never was the same array.

27,871. It did not pay going up and down the town?—It did not pay me.

27,872. Can you at all tell us who went with you on the Friday, if there were only one or two?—No, I could not, because they varied each day. I could not possibly say who the parties were who were with me.

27,873. You can tell me who generally accompanied you?—I think there was no one who was generally with me. I think that one day there would be one gentleman and another another.

27,874. I suppose you have read the evidence that has been given here day by day?—I have not read nearly the whole of it; some of it I have read.

27,875. Do you remember the gentleman who was said to have led the canvass, Mr. Danson? Did he accompany you?—He was there generally.

27,876. As the general canvasser?—Yes; I believe he was called the leader of the canvass.

27,877. Can you recollect whether he accompanied you on the Friday?—I have no doubt he did.

27,878. Can you tell us who went with you on the Saturday?—No, I cannot.

27,879. Were you taken round to any of the principal inhabitants and introduced to them?—No, I think not at the first. I think not, except such as may have been voters and came in the way of the canvass. They seemed to take me through a certain routine of streets, and of course any of the principal inhabitants who might live there I called on.

27,880. In fact it was really up and down the town?—They seemed to think you must call on all, whether friend or foe.

27,881. And you did so?—I did so, I believe.

27,882. Did you entertain any of these gentlemen at dinner that night?—No, never.

27,883. Did you at any time entertain any electors at dinner?—Never.

27,884. You say that on the Saturday you went back to Liverpool?—Yes, I went back to Liverpool on the Saturday.

27,885. When did you return to Lancaster?—On the Monday morning.

27,886. Monday would be the 3rd?—Yes; that day was spent in the same way, in canvassing, and on the Tuesday I went back again to Liverpool, that would be Tuesday the 4th. In the afternoon of Wednesday the 5th I returned, and I went back again to Liverpool on Saturday the 8th.

27,887. During all this time was Mr. Wilson in Lancaster?—I think he was, but I saw very little of him.

27,888. Did you ever discuss with him during that time the question of expenses?—No, never.

27,889. Do you really mean to say that?—Certainly, because I had agreed to pay a certain sum of money, and there was an end of it.

27,890. Did you ever agree as to who you were to look to to pay that money?—I presume I was to pay it to him.

27,891. But he was not your agent?—It is a difficult question to answer; I agreed with him that I would pay 1,000*l.*, and it did not signify to me who I paid it to.

27,892. On the contrary I may enlighten you perhaps a little about it?—Possibly you may.

27,893. Then I will tell you that it is a very serious offence to pay any money for election purposes to any one but a legal agent?—I did not know it till you tell me now. I did not know it was an illegal thing to do.

27,894. If you had an election agent should you not think that that election agent was the proper party to receive money from you?—I should think he would be the proper party to make up accounts, but I could not imagine that it would make any difference whether I, in Liverpool, sent the money to him by one person or by another.

27,895. That is your explanation?—That is what I mean.

27,896. You are speaking of paying it through the hands of a third person to the election agent?—Quite so.

27,897. But further than that, you have already told us that up to this period of the 8th or 9th you had no conversation with Mr. Wilson as to the election expenses?—Not further than this, which may have been either before or after the 8th.

27,898. You cannot tell me when you first spoke to Mr. Wilson upon the subject?—If you will dispense with dates I can tell you.

27,899. I would rather not dispense with dates; the 8th was on a Saturday?—I could not say when it was, but the next time I ever spoke to him about election expenses, I think, was when a report reached me that Mr. Schneider had said that I could get in for Lancaster if I chose to pay 10,000*l.*

27,900. I think it just as well I should remind you that this is not a personal fight or contest between you and Mr. Schneider?—I am quite aware of that.

27,901. And that we are not sitting here to adjudicate upon your disputes, I merely remind you of that in consequence of something that was let fall on a previous occasion?—I thoroughly understand that, and I wish you to understand that I have no personal feeling in the matter, and have not had from first to last.

27,902. I wish to have all personal feeling kept out of this inquiry?—Quite so; but when you ask me what matters were discussed, I shall be obliged to tell you. Am I to finish?

27,903. If you please.—I heard this report, and I said to Mr. Wilson that if those were Mr. Schneider's views he was perfectly welcome to the borough, for that I was not going to pay any money to get in.

27,904. A report was brought to you to the effect that Mr. Schneider had said——Just repeat that, if you please?—To the effect that if I liked to pay 10,000*l.* I might get in, or some words to that effect.

27,905. That he was welcome to the borough?—Yes; I said that if those were his views he was quite welcome to the borough, for that I was not going to pay money to get in; in other words that I was not going to bribe to get into Parliament.

21,906. That was what you said to Mr. Wilson?—Yes; and we went a step further than that; I told him that sooner than do anything of the kind I would resign the contest and leave the place.

27,907. According to your recollection this was a conversation between you and Mr. Wilson about the 8th?—It was somewhere about that time. I could not tell you on what day it occurred it may have been the 8th or it may have been the 10th.

27,908. Was it here, in Lancaster, that the conversation took place?—It was here, in Lancaster.

27,909. Did Mr. Wilson make any remark upon your saying that?—Yes, he did.

27,910. What did he say?—He said he would take care that it was not done, and that I might feel perfectly satisfied on the subject. I think I added that if our opponents were going to fight the battle in that way let them do so, and then they (the Conservative party) could claim the seat with pure hands.

27,911. Was anything further said?—No, nothing further.

27,912. Had you ever any conversation with any voter in Lancaster as to the expenses?—I do not know that I ever named such a subject.

27,913. Not even to your legal agent, Mr. Clark?—I think I never saw Mr. Clark after the election.

27,914. I am speaking of up to the 8th?—No, I never discussed the matter with him. I told Mr. Sharp, as I believe Mr. Sharp has told you here, that I had no intention of spending any money whatever for any purpose, except the legal expenses of the election. I think that what Mr. Sharp stated was very nearly verbatim what took place.

27,915. You have read his evidence in the newspapers?—Yes.

27,916. Did you ever make the acquaintance (I suppose you now know the gentleman) of Mr. Wilson Barker?—I now know him.

27,917. When first did you make his acquaintance?—I think I first became acquainted with him through the Ship Building Company.

97,918. When?—I really do not remember, but it was some time previous to that that I first saw him. I did not make his acquaintance. I knew him by name because he was one of the officers, and I had seen him.

27,919. Where did you see him?—I was over here at a ship launch; I think, I must have seen him there, and I think it possible that I may have seen him in Liverpool, but I do not know that I did.

27,920. When was that ship launch?—I cannot tell.

27,921. Can you not give us some notion when it was?—I think it was some time in the spring of last year.

27,922. In the spring of 1865?—Yes, I think so, but I am not quite sure.

27,923. In the spring of 1865 you came over to a ship launch?—Yes.

27,924. And there you made the acquaintance of Mr. Barker?—No, I did not make his acquaintance. I believe I saw him here.

27,925. You must know by this time that Mr. Wilson Barker is a very prominent character in these proceedings?—I am quite aware of that.

27,926. I was waiting rather for you to introduce his name, but as you have not done so, I will ask when first did you become acquainted with Mr. Wilson Barker as a probable constituent of yours in Lancaster?—I do not remember; I could not answer such a question. I have told you that I may have seen him then, and if he has been over to Liverpool, I may have seen him there, but I could not tax my memory to say whether he was there or not.

27,927. That is no answer to my question. When

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first can you recall to mind having seen him in Lancaster as an inhabitant and as a person to canvass?—I cannot recall to mind ever having seen him prior to the election for any such purpose as that.

27,928. Can you give us some day?—No, I could not; it is utterly impossible for me to do that.

27,929. Did you ever go to his house?—No.

27,930. Did you ever go to canvass him?—Simply to pay him the compliment of calling on him at his place of business.

27,931. At his shop?—Yes.

27,932. Did you buy a gown there?—No, I did not.

27,933. When did you call upon him?—It would be some time between the 29th of June, when I first commenced to canvass, and the day of nomination, but what day it was I cannot say.

27,934. You will not fix on any day?—No, I could not do it.

27,935. And you cannot recall to your recollection any occasion when you had an interview with him?—I do not think I ever had any interview with him; I may say, I never had an interview with him.

27,936. You say you do not think you had?—I am certain I had not; I have seen him as I have seen other voters about the town, but if you ask me if I had an interview with him for the purpose of talking with him, I say I never had—never.

27,937. Did it ever transpire that he was your cashier for the purpose of the election?—No, never.

27,938. Not even afterwards?—No, I never heard it said that he was cashier until I saw it stated in the evidence that had been given here. That was the first time that I had ever heard of such a thing.

27,939. You cannot recall to mind having had any conversation with Mr. Wilson as to the spending of money further than that which you have just now told us?—No.

27,940. Except the story as to the 10,000*l.*, and Mr. Schneider?—No, I do not think I ever discussed the subject with him after the first settlement. I may supplement what I have said before by saying, that in the preliminary stages of the negotiation I told Mr. Wilson that I knew I had an opponent to fight who had spent money over elections, and who might do it again. That was at the outset, and I told him that I would be no party to anything of the kind.

27,941. We have got now, as far as dates go, up to the 8th of July; the 8th would be Saturday. On Sunday the 9th you were at Liverpool?—Yes, and I returned on the Monday morning.

27,942. On the 10th you came back?—Yes.

27,943. How did you find things then?—Much as usual. We spent the day in canvassing some of the out districts. I forget where.

27,944. And on the Tuesday what did you do?—Tuesday was the nomination day.

27,945. That you attended, of course?—Yes.

97,946. And then things looked promising?—I knew no more than what Mr. Sharp told me.

27,947. We have heard that it was intimated to Mr. Sharp what was going to happen on the other side on the Monday, I suppose that was kept from you?—Yes, I heard nothing of that; I mean I merely heard from him the result of the canvass, that was all.

27,948. You heard that from Mr. Sharp?—Yes, that was all.

27,949. Tuesday was the nomination day and Wednesday was the day of polling?—Yes.

27,950. And I suppose you returned to Liverpool very soon after that?—I was in Lancaster at half-past 9 o'clock on the day of the election.

(Adjourned for a short time.)

27,951. You returned to Liverpool, you say, on the 12th?—Yes.

27,952. But before we have quite finished with the subject I was upon before we adjourned, I should like to ask you, did you see your present partner, Mr. Taylor, here?—I saw him here on the day of nomination, and I may have seen him on the Monday, but I do not remember.

27,953. Did it occur to you to ask him what he was doing here?—No, it did not, because many of my friends came over on the day of the nomination from different places.

27,954. Who else of your friends came over on the day of the nomination?—Is it necessary that I should introduce ladies names, and so forth?

27,955. Not at all; but we have heard of a great many Liverpool gentlemen coming here?—I had friends from Windermere, and I had friends who came over from Clapham, and several gentlemen from Liverpool I saw, who, I presume, were interested in my success.

27,956. Did you know of any of Mr. Wilson's clerks being here?—No, I did not.

27,957. I put that to you distinctly?—I did not know that they were here.

27,958. Did you know that one of your own clerks was here, Mr. Hagart?—I did not know he was here.

27,959. You did not see him here?—I saw him in the train the night of the election. He was, in fact, in the same carriage with me.

27,960. Going back?—Yes.

27,961. Did it occur to you to ask what Hagart had come over here for?—I did ask him.

27,962. What reply did you receive?—I said, "What have you been doing here?" and his reply was, "I have been paying the voters."

27,963. What did you say to that?—I said it was a very disgraceful proceeding.

27,964. Did the conversation end there?—Yes, there was nothing further; I discussed the matter no further with him.

27,965. Did you see Mr. Taylor going back?—No.

27,966. You saw your brother here, I presume?—Yes, I saw my brother here.

27,967. Did you see Mr. Wollaston here?—I do not remember.

27,968. You know him, I presume?—Yes, I know him by sight.

27,969. You did not see him here?—I would not say. He says he saw me outside the "King's Arms," in his evidence, and it is quite possible, but I do not remember it, and I am quite certain I did not speak to him.

27,970. Did you see Mr. Bakewell?—I do not know him.

27,971. Mr. Eaves?—I do not know him either.

27,972. Mr. Maddock?—No, I do not know him.

27,973. Mr. Pace? You know him?—I think I saw Mr. Pace.

27,974. The gentleman whom we hear is now in India?—I do not know where he is.

27,975. You think you saw Mr. Pace?—I think I remember seeing him. With regard to the others, I do not know them. They are all of them strangers to me.

27,976. Mr. Scanlan?—No, I do not know him.

27,977. Mr. Connor?—No, I did not see him.

27,978. Of all those gentlemen I have mentioned, Mr. Pace is the only one you can recollect seeing?—I know him when I see him, but not so with regard to the others, except Mr. Connor.

27,979. Mr. Pace is a gentleman who is said to be in India?—Yes, he is said to be in India.

27,980. When did it occur to you after the election to inquire into the expenses?—The night of the election, almost immediately afterwards, and I will tell you how.

27,981. Before you left Lancaster?—Yes; I will explain to you how it occurred. My brother brought me up, I think, the final close of the poll, and he made some remark.

27,982. Where were you at this time?—At the "Kings Arms." He said something about money having been flying about very fast, or something to that effect. I cannot remember the exact words; and I said to him, "Why, what do you suppose it has cost?" or "What do you suppose has been paid?" and as far as I can

recollect, his reply was that he fancied the Conservative party must have spent, one way or another, between 4,000*l.* and 5,000*l.*

27,983. What did you say to that?—I expressed my amazement.

27,984. In what terms?—I really cannot tell you, but I was perfectly staggered at the amount, and I said to him "What have you spent?" and his reply, I think, was "I do not know. I have drawn a cheque "for 1,000*l.* here, and I do not know what they have "got at the office, or what has been drawn at the "office."

27,985. By the office he meant your place of business at Liverpool?—Yes.

27,986. Did you make any rejoinder to that?—Nothing further passed then.

27,987. Nothing further?—No, because it was said in the hurry and excitement of the close of the election, and we parted almost immediately afterwards.

27,988. Nothing further passed then?—No.

27,989. When was the next time you had some conversation about it?—I do not think I spoke to my brother about it until November again.

27,990. Had you spoken to anybody in the meanwhile?—Very likely I may have said to Mr. Wilson what I have said to many of my friends, how disgusted I was at what had been done, but not to discuss it in any other way.

27,991. Are we to understand that immediately you are told by your brother that you are defeated, and that 5,000*l.* had been spent by your party, you made no remark and make no inquiry from anybody?—There was no use in making inquiry. They told me they had spent the money; I was not going to pay it; I could not help it.

27,992. Did it never occur to you to make any inquiry?—I was not going to make any inquiries about it?—I was disgusted at the whole proceeding.

27,993. Did it occur to you to make any inquiry or not?—If you will explain to me exactly what you mean by "occurring to me," I will answer the question.

27,994. If I were to be told a thing that staggered me, as this seems to have staggered you, I should naturally go to those who could give me information upon the subject.—My brother had told me that a certain sum of money had been spent, but he could not tell what he had spent himself.

27,995. I beg your pardon, he said he had spent 1000*l.* by cheque?—Yes, but he could not tell how much more.

27,996. You could have ascertained the rest from the office?—Let me explain how matters connected with this subject——

27,997. Before you go into any explanation, I wish to have a distinct answer to this question; did it occur to you to ask for any explanation?—It occurred to me that I would not ask for any explanation further than I knew. I was told it was spent in bribery.

27,998. It occurred to you that you would not ask for any information?—I would not ask, and I did not want any information about it.

72,999. Before you left Lancaster did you see Mr. Wilson?—Yes, I must have seen him at the hotel after the election.

28,000. After you had seen your brother?—Very likely.

28,001. You did not ask him for any explanation? No; I may have said to him what I said to my brother, that I was disgusted about the spending of the money. I did not ask him any details, and I asked him no questions. Perhaps you will allow me this explanation, that in the bustle and excitement there the thing was almost impossible to be done, because I went away very shortly afterwards.

27,802. You, being engaged in mercantile pursuits, would not care to be told that 5,000*l.* had been spent on your behalf without knowing by whom it had been spent?—Not at all; if people choose to spend their money it is no business of mine.

28,003. What do you mean by that?—I mean to say this, that after the election is over I am told that 5,000*l.* has been spent. I cannot recall that 5,000*l.*; it was not done with my sanction, nor was it supposed to be with my money.

28,004. Very true, but I should like to know who did spend the 5,000*l.*?—You have had the gentlemen here who did disburse the money.

28,005. I ask what occurred to you at the time?—It occurred to me that from some source or other money had been brought for the purposes of bribery, but it was utterly opposed to my expressed wishes, and I was not going to mix myself up in any way with the matter.

28,006. You knew from whence some of it had come at all events?—The 1,000*l.*?

28,007. Besides that?—I did not.

28,008. Your brother said some of it had come from the office?—He said he did not know what amount had come from the office.

28,009. Therefore you knew some of it had come from the office?—I knew then that my brother had chosen to spend money, and it was the first time I ever heard of it or dreamt of it.

28,010. Not your brother only, but it seems you must have spent money?—I did not.

28,011. It comes from your firm?—My brother drew the money out of the firm, of course.

28,012. If your brother drew the money out of the firm you must be responsible for it?—Why should I?

28,013. It comes from your firm?—You do not mean to say that I, as a partner in a firm——

28,014. I do not mean to say anything; I ask you for an explanation; do not expostulate with me?—I do not wish to expostulate; I simply wish to say this, that I, as a member of the firm, cannot be held responsible for what an individual member in that firm may choose to do.

28,015. Do you wish that to be taken down as your answer, that you, as a member of the firm, cannot be held responsible for what an individual member in that firm may choose to do?—Yes, certainly.

28,016. You would be responsible if one of your firm advanced money?—No doubt I should, but I should not be responsible for the use he might make of the money. If he uses the name of my firm I am responsible, but if an individual partner takes money there is a distinction; I cannot be responsible for that.

28,017. Did you hear anything more said before you left Lancaster that night about what had occurred?—Not a word.

28,018. Are we to understand that the only two persons before you got back to Liverpool, who mentioned to you the fact of money being spent, were your brother and Mr. Hogart?—Yes.

28,019. I assume, as a matter of course, you would go the next morning to your office and inquire what money had been paid?—I am afraid you assume what is not correct.

28,020. You did not do so?—No, the next morning I was otherwise engaged.

28,021. Did you at any time go and inquire at your office what money had been spent?—No, I did not.

28,022. Will you give us your reason for not doing that?—Before I accepted the office of Mayor of Liverpool I had a conversation with my brother about the business. I told him that I could not attend to the office duties and attend also to the duties of mayor in the way I should wish to do. His reply to me was, "If you will accept the office of mayor I will take the "office work, and release you from it for the 12 "months." The consequence was that I never went near my office excepting occasionally in the morning to ask the question, "Is there anything particular," when I might be perhaps two or three minutes in the private office with my brother. I do not think I ever opened a book during the 12 months, though I may have signed papers brought over for my signature, when the other partner was not there; but I confined myself strictly to my duties of the office as Mayor of Liverpool, and considered myself released entirely from commercial pursuits.

28,023. Although you were told the election had cost 5,000*l.* and your brother had drawn a cheque for

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1,000*l.*, it never even occurred to you to look into the books to see what amount of that money the firm was responsible for?—The firm was not responsible for it.

28,024. Supposing your brother had died?—It would be a matter of account between him and me. If he had taken money out of the firm, and he died, that must have been passed to his debit without a question.

28,025. Have you seen a book in your office called the balance book?—I have not.

28,026. Have you never seen the balance book?—No.

28,027. We are better informed than you are upon that point, because we have seen it, and in that balance book there appears in the month of July a sum of 400*l.* drawn out, and it is initialed "E. L. per T. E. T.," and also that 2,000*l.* was drawn out to which also are the initials "E. L.?"—I never heard of that before. I understood the 2,000*l.* was put to the suspense account.

28,028. The whole of it is afterwards. That 2,400*l.* is initialed "E. L.," and remained so up to the 15th of July, and then on the 15th of July put to the suspense account, but up to the 15th of July, if your brother had died, you would have been responsible for that 2,400*l.*?—Certainly not.

28,029. Can you explain why?—For this simple reason, which the cashier has already told you I think, that he put that memorandum "E. L." unauthorized.

28,030. Because he knew it was ordered to be drawn out for your expenses?—Not on my account.

28,031. For the purpose of the election at Lancaster?—And therefore he has told you that he supposed as I was the candidate, all election expenses belonged to me. In the absence of instructions he puts the memorandum "E. L." If my brother had died then I should simply have said, "That is a mis-
" take; that is my brother's doing, you must put that to his debit.

28,032. What evidence would you have had of it?—I should have required proof of his putting it "E. L." My proof would have been that I could have sworn I had never authorized any money to be drawn out, or to be put down to my name, not a sixpence.

28,033. We are to take that as your explanation of the initials put to those sums?—Yes.

28,034. Then we are further told by your cashier that on the 15th of July the balance book is altered, and that the sum of money for the purposes of the election is ordered to be put to the suspense account by your brother?—Yes, so I understood.

28,035. However, if you have never looked at this book it is almost unnecessary for me to examine you upon the items or entries in it?—Perfectly. I really do not know what the entries are.

28,036. Has your curiosity never been excited enough to examine it?—I have already explained to you that last year I had nothing to do with the office affairs.

28,037. You are no longer Mayor of Liverpool now?—No; if you were engaged in commercial pursuits as I am you would know that if one partner takes a particular department he attends to it, and the other partner does not interfere unless his attention is called to it for some purpose, and therefore my brother, acting as the financial partner in the business, I have not now for some years past meddled with finances at all. Prior to that I was the financial partner, and then I kept the cash book myself, and my brother never troubled himself about it. We had implicit confidence in each other, and each took his own department, consulting each other when there was any occasion so to do.

28,038. It is now eight months since this matter has been re-opened. One would have thought that you would have looked into the "suspense" account and balance book?—If you will allow me to explain I am perfectly prepared to tell you all I know. I do not wish to keep one single fact from you.

28 039. That is what we are desirous of having?—I will tell you everything I know. Probably from July to November I rarely saw my brother, who was most of the time in Scotland. I was in Liverpool and occasionally up at the Lakes, and on the 15th of November I had in my possession privately some funds, and then I said to my brother "I may as well pay my 1,000*l.* for the election expenses." I believe that was the first time I ever named the subject to him subsequent to the election. I gave him the 1,000*l.*, and he made, I believe, a remark to this effect, "I have been thinking over the other matters." (I understood what he meant quite. It was a matter of course of notoriety,) "and I suggest that you should pay a share of them." That was the effect of what he said.

28,040. Was any sum mentioned?—No.

28,041. Have you got anything further to tell us upon that point?—My reply to him was I think somewhat to this effect; "It is a disgusting piece of business, but I do not mind paying something towards it."

28,042. Towards *it* you say?—Towards the sum whatever it was.

28,043. Did you then know what the sum was?—I do not think I did know. I am sure I did not know the full amount then.

28,044. May I ask you when you did know?—I cannot tell you, but I very much doubt whether I knew the exact amount until it had been stated in court here.

28,045. Was that all that passed between you and your brother?—Yes; I gave him the 1,000*l.*, and left the office at that time immediately after.

28,046. Your mayoralty was up then?—Yes, I know, but I could explain to you privately what the nature of the transaction was.

28,047. Did you refer to the books?—No, not for that amount. I knew there was a large sum there, but I never referred to see what it was.

28,048. I suppose the long and short of it comes to this, that you then begun to find out that a great deal more money had been spent than even they had said, 5,000*l.*?—Yes, I understood afterwards; I do not know whether it was on that occasion or not, from my brother, that he fancied the total expenses would be nearer 7,000*l.* than 5,000*l.*

28,049. You think on that occasion your brother said that to you?—I think it would be on that occasion that he said it.

28,050. What did you say to that?—I do not know that I said anything further than to express my astonishment, which I felt. I thought the 5,000*l.* was bad enough but the 7,000*l.* was a good deal worse. If you will allow me I will explain to you why the matter was not settled in some way sooner.

28,051. Certainly; we should be glad to have the explanation?—Shortly after that, in the month of December, my brother went away to the north, to Scotland. He remained there until the beginning of January when he left England and went abroad and remained abroad until, I think, the beginning of May. After his return home he was very little at the office, being very unwell and confined to his house; and as soon as he was able to leave his house he went away to Scotland again, so that, in point of fact, I have seen very little of my brother since November last up to the present time, excepting occasionally two or three days at a time; therefore, you will see that in his absence nothing was said whatever about this account which remained in abeyance, nor have we ever spoken about it since.

28,052. Are we to understand it may go on infinitively unless you and your brother meet?—No; it will have to be settled up at once, shortly.

28,053. Why have you never appointed a meeting with your brother?—I have explained how it was. I seldom saw my brother. It was a matter rather for him to approach me about than for me to approach him. It was a matter probably equally distasteful to both parties.

28,054. Why should it be distasteful to him?—Because I do not think he liked having spent so much money. He would not be likely to like it.

28,055. I do not think it could be so very distasteful to him?—I think it is.

28,056. He promised to do it?—I do not know that.

28,057. He told us so the other day?—My impres-

sion is, my brother had not the faintest idea of the amount he was spending.

28,058. As far as we know this is all clear in the book as a debt owing by the firm?—Excuse my saying, with every respect to the court, that I think you do not understand the nature of commercial books, or you would not, I am sure, say so.

28,059. According to the evidence that Mr. J. T. Lawrence gave us the other day, and according to the statement given by your cashier, it appears to us that it is a debt owing by the firm?—Oh, dear, no; first of all you want to make out——

28,060. I do not want to make out anything?—You put it to me to disprove it. You say "E. L." is put to it. Then I give you my reason why it is not my debt; and now you say it is a debt owing by the firm. The thing is as plain as possible, and there is really no mystery about it. A certain amount of money was taken out, as I told you, for illegal purposes, and apparently some memorandum is made of it until some settlement may be come to.

28,061. And you wish to throw the burden upon the partner who took it?—You are putting your own construction upon it.

28,062. I wish to have an answer?—I have told you that I did not consider myself responsible for one sixpence over 1,000*l.* My brother made the remark to me which I have told you, and from the feelings of a brother to a brother, we having mutual confidence in each other, I told him I would be prepared to pay him something, but as to the money being taken out in the first instance, I declare most solemnly that I had no more knowledge of it than you had.

28,063. Did you ever see Mr. Henry Wilson about this subject?—I have often told him how disgusted I was with what had been done.

28,064. That is not what I mean. Did you ever see Mr. Henry Wilson upon the subject?—If you will explain to me what you wish to know I shall be very happy, if able, to give you the information.

28,065. What was the first time you ever saw Mr. Wilson upon this point?—I never saw him upon this point specially.

28,066. When did you first see Mr. Wilson and talk to him upon this point?—I cannot tell you.

28,067. Can you at all bring to mind your ever discussing the question with Mr. Wilson?—I can call to mind the fact that I have told him on occasions, when the Lancaster election has been spoken about, how utterly disgusted I was at all that had taken place.

28,068. You make use of the term "disgusted" very frequently, but I am talking of money matters. Did you ever discuss the question in a monetary point of view with Mr. H. T. Wilson?—No, never; and I had not until I saw it stated in this court the remotest idea what Mr. Wilson had paid.

28,069. Are you prepared to accept at the hands of Mr. Wilson that which he told us the other day was the amount of the expenses he was going to bear?—Mr. Wilson has paid so much money and he will have to bear what he has paid. I am not going to pay it.

28,070. 2,260*l.*; are you prepared to accept that at his hands?—I do not accept it at his hands. I beg to say it was not money spent by my authority.

21,071. It was money spent on your behalf?—Not by my authority.

28,072. That is quite another thing. I wish an answer to a very simple question. Are you prepared to accept that 2,200 and odd pounds—— ?—I have no money to accept from Mr. Wilson.

28,073. Are you prepared to accept that 2,200 and odd pounds at the hands of Mr. Wilson?—Mr. Wilson has never offered me such a sum, and therefore I cannot accept it.

28,074. Mr. Wilson told us that he was prepared to pay it, and I ask you now are you prepared to accept it?—When Mr. Wilson offers it to me will be the proper time to answer that question.

28,075. You know what I mean. Mr. Wilson tells you he has spent 2,260*l.* in your behalf, and I ask you now, are you prepared to accept that at his hands?—I respectfully submit it is putting a false word into my mouth to say I "accept" it at his hands. I do not "accept" that sum of 2,260*l.* at his hands.

28,076. I put it to you again; are you prepared to accept that sum of 2,260*l.* at the hands of Mr. Wilson?—I respectfully submit it is a question that I cannot answer, because it has no application to me. I may be, perhaps, allowed to say this: I am not going to pay the money Mr. Wilson has spent for the purposes he has spent it. I say so most emphatically.

28,077. You mean by that that you are not prepared to accept it?—I must appeal to the court whether a word is to be placed in my mouth which I cannot use.

28,078. It comes to this, that this money has been paid by your firm?—No; Mr. Wilson's money has not been paid by my firm.

28,079. Mr. Wilson told us that he had paid already 3,018*l.*?—I understood it was 2,200*l.* odd.

28,080. But he has been paid by your brother 750*l.*—I know nothing about that.

28,081. Therefore there is a balance of 2,268*l.* Are we to understand that that is still to remain a balance as against Mr. Wilson?—It remains money paid out of Mr. Wilson's pocket. It does not appear on our books at all. I have nothing to do with Mr. Wilson's affairs.

28,082. It is a very large item of the expenses incurred in this election, and it is necessary for us to inquire into it?—If gentlemen spend their money they must account for it; I cannot.

28,083. Have you ever paid any money yourself for the purposes of the election?—1,000*l.* only.

28,084. How did you pay it?—In bank notes. I gave it to my brother on the 15th of November.

28,085. And that is all?—Yes, that is all.

28,086. That is the 1,000*l.* you spoke of previously?—Yes, that I promised to pay; and I may add, if it is of any use to the court, that I intended bringing my private cash book with me this morning, but in the hurry of coming away early I left it behind me. I have telegraphed for it and it will be here this afternoon.

28,087. At that time you knew perfectly well that there had been extreme expense incurred in the election?—Yes, perfectly well.

28,088. And that it was useless for you to trouble yourself about your election agent?—Yes, quite so; I felt that. I was told that the legal expenses had exceeded considerably 1,000*l.*

28,089. Who told you that?—Mr. Wilson.

28,090. When?—I cannot speak exactly to the day, but I asked him the question. I cannot remember when, but he told me that it was so.

28,091. Did you make any remark upon that?—No, nothing at all.

28,092. Have you paid, directly or indirectly, up to this time any further sums than this 1,000*l.*?—Never.

28,093. And further, I may ask you whether it is your intention to pay any further sums than that portion of the expenses which you have agreed to pay with your brother?—Not one sixpence.

28,094. There is another question which I must put to you, though it is painful to have to put it; have you directly or indirectly bribed any voter in Lancaster with money?—Never, directly or indirectly.

28,095. With the promise of a place?—Never. The only man that ever asked me a question about a place was a man in the railway employ, and he was not a voter. He asked me if I could use my influence to get him put on permanent employment.

28,096. What was his name?—I cannot tell you his name. I said to him, (I did not know at the time whether he was a voter or not) "This is not the time for you to ask me any such question," and his reply was, "I am not a voter." I said, "That does not matter."

28,097. I must also ask you, were you ever present when money was paid, or when money was offered to be paid by anybody on your behalf at that election?—Never.

28,098. Or when any promise was made on your behalf for any promotion or situation?—Never.

28,099. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have told us already that in 1865 you were Mayor of Liverpool?—Yes.

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28,100. And we infer from what you say that that is an office requiring very close attention?—Yes, it is if a gentleman chooses to give it such.

28,101. You have told us that in consequence of that you paid less attention to your business matters than you otherwise would have done?—Virtually, I gave no attention to business.

28,102. I ask you that particularly, because I put the question to your manager, Mr. Johnson, and the answer he gave us was, (I think the expression was) that you were always "pretty handy" for business?—What he meant by that was this: that if at any time a document wanted signing when my brother was not present, the Town-hall being on the opposite side of the street, he could run in to get my signature.

28,103. That would not explain it, because the question put to Mr. Johnson was with regard to money transactions?—I do not think during the whole year I entered into one single money transaction on behalf of the firm. I may have signed a cheque when they have come over to me, money being wanted out of the bank; but that is all I possibly could have done.

28,104. You are an old friend, you say, of Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson, and you have mentioned that you have known him politically for five years?—Yes; we have worked together politically.

28,105. May I ask the meaning of working together politically for the last five years?—We have taken an active interest in the Conservative party in Liverpool and worked together in the ordinary way people work at elections; that is to say, attended meetings, interested ourselves to get gentlemen to come forward to represent wards, and generally taken an active part in municipal matters in the town.

28,106. Would that period of five years embrace two contested elections in Liverpool?—No, only one; in which I may add I took no part, being Mayor of Liverpool.

28,107. How long have you been acquainted with this Lancaster Shipping Company?—I think it was organized at the beginning of last year.

28,108. The beginning of 1865?—I think it was then.

28,109. Does your connexion with it date only from the beginning of 1865?—I believe that was the time

28,110. Were you connected with the Shipping Company from its first establishment?—The Shipowners Company. There are two companies—the Lancaster Ship Building Company.

28,111. That is the company I was alluding to?—I have nothing to do with that further than that I hold a few shares in it.

28,112. You are not a director of that company?—No. I am not a director. It is the Lancashire Shipowners Company of which I am a director.

28,113. That I suppose brought you into connexion with Lancaster men?—I do not think it will have done myself.

28,114. In the interval between the time it was proposed to you to stand for the borough, and before you finally assented to do so, did you make any inquiry as to the character of the borough for electoral purity?—I did; and I was told that there had been bribery—that Mr. Gregson had been unseated for bribery.

28,115. Did you make any inquiry of Mr. Saunders?—I do not think I did from Mr. Saunders, but I asked Mr. Wilson about Mr. Saunders's election, and he said there had been a little money spent, but not to a great amount, by the Conservative party.

28,116. Were you content to take that second hand through Mr. Wilson?—Yes, I understood that Mr. Wilson knew it. He was an intimate friend of Mr. Saunders.

28,117. You also were a friend of Mr. Saunders at the time?—Yes; but I never asked him. I thought what I got from Mr. Wilson upon the subject was sufficient.

28,118. Did you make any further inquiries?—No.

28,119. As to the amount of money, for instance, spent at previous elections for Lancaster?—No. I think I heard Mr. Sharp repeat pretty much what he is reported to have said in the papers, in this court, as to Mr. Garnett's election. I think he gave me that information.

28,120. That you know was not the last election for Lancaster?—No. Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Saunders' was the last contested election, and I understood, including some amount which had been illegally spent, the total expenditure was about a couple of thousand pounds.

28,121. Had you at the same time made inquiry as to what the legal expenses were likely to be?—I had it from Mr. Wilson that from 1200*l.* to 1500*l.* would be about the legal expenses.

28,122. What was your idea as to the surplus over the amount required for legal expenses—the balance between 2000*l.* and the legal expenses, whatever they were?—I understood from Mr. Wilson that there had been some money improperly spent at Mr. Saunders's election.

28,123. I mean as to future matters—as to whether money would be likely to be improperly spent?—I told Mr. Wilson distinctly that I would be no party whatever to any money being spent for illegal purposes.

28,124. There are other persons besides the candidate concerned at an election?—I am quite aware of this; that in a contested election injudicious friends may in the heat of a contest do injudicious acts, but I gave Mr. Wilson distinctly to understand that I would neither directly nor indirectly sanction anything of the kind, nor directly nor indirectly be a party to it; and that if the election was to rest upon that I would not go near the place.

28,125. Did I not understand, from the answer you made just now, that you contemplated the expenses of your election would amount to 2,000*l.*?—No; I said that I understood, from Mr. Wilson, that money had been spent in Mr. Saunders' election amounting to 2,000*l.* He also stated that he believed there had been some gross squandering of money on that occasion, and that it was no criterion of what ought to be spent, and what would be spent.

28,126. You yourself of course, we know, only proposed to contribute 1,000*l.* What amount did you look to as being the probable sum the election would cost?—I did not think that in any way it could have cost more than Mr. Saunders' cost, under any circumstances.

28,127. That is to say, it could not cost under any circumstances more than 2,000*l.*?—No.

28,128. Is not that in effect, that you contemplated the election costing 2,000*l.*?—I did not contemplate that further than this, that I could not see how it would cost, under any circumstances, more.

28,129. Can you tell us now, what you then thought the election would cost altogether?—I thought it could not possibly exceed, under any circumstances, a couple of thousand pounds, and I did not mean it should have come up to that, because I pressed it that the election should be contested without bribery, so that if there was bribery by our opponents, it would be competent to the Conservative party to petition and claim the seat.

28,130. Do you say you entered upon the contest with the prospect of being beaten at the poll, and gaining the seat on petition?—If bribery was resorted to. Perhaps I may be allowed to say, that Mr. Sharp told me, a few days before the election, that he had been the chairman of Mr. Garnett's election, and he said, "I do not see how you are to be beaten without money; the canvass is the best I ever saw for the Conservatives and you have far more promises than Mr. Garnett had."

28,131. You were aware, however, that the borough was not perfectly immaculate?—Yes, I suppose I was aware of that.

28,132. You were aware also as to the character of your opponents?—I knew the character of one of them from his own personal account to me.

28,133. Will you be more definite if you please?—I had the honour of travelling with Mr. [illegible]der

from Lancaster to London in 1861, when we were both going to shoot as Volunteers at Wimbledon. We were alone in the carriage, and got talking about politics, and one thing and another, when he informed me who he was, and I believe he entertained me with a description of his experiences at Norwich. I was coming from the Lakes, and Mr. Schneider got into the same compartment with me at Lancaster.

28,134. No doubt he told you that he had been unseated for bribery on a petition?—Yes, he did, and a great deal more.

28,135. I do not want to go into detail?—I have already told the Court that one one occasion I called Mr. Wilson's attention to the fact, that I knew one of the candidates had, on a former occasion, spent money for election purposes. If you will allow me, I will tell you in my own way why I accepted the invitation. I was very indisposed to do so, but I have taken a great interest in politics, and in working for, and supporting the Conservative party. I was told, on a previous occasion, that there had been a division in the Conservative ranks, which had led to Mr. Saunders's defeat; that for many years Lancaster had returned two, and one Conservative, and that if a gentleman presented himself, in whom the Conservative party had unanimously confidence, he was sure to be returned. They told me that they had that confidence in me, and assured me that I should have the support of the party unanimously, and I felt as a public man, taking a part in public matters, that I was under some obligation to my party, and that I would contest the borough for them, if my doing so would lead to the probability of gaining a seat for the Conservative party in Parliament. That was my reason for coming to Lancaster.

28,136. You proceeded to canvass the borough?—Yes.

28,137. Do you consider yourself that you had a successful canvass?—I was assured so by Mr. Sharp.

28,138. Did you notice any hesitation on the part of the electors in promising you?—Nothing more than what I knew to be very common; that there are two classes, who, when they are canvassed, give the reply, "I have not made up my mind."

28,139. That is what I wish to ask. Was there much of that?—There was a fair amount of it. My experience is, that those who are going to vote against you, as a rule, make that reply, because they do not like to tell you they are going to vote against you; and those who have not made up their minds, and who are going to wait to see what they can get, give you the same reply.

28,140. Did you infer from anything you saw in the canvass, that money would be required?—I inferred that there would be parties, who would probably wait to see if they could get any money; and I may give you an instance: I cannot tell the voter's name, but I was with Mr. C. T. Clark at the time in the market, and we met a very respectably dressed man, in the garb of a gentleman. I was introduced to him, and I asked him if he would give me his vote; and he said he had not made up his mind what he should do. I thought it was not worth my while to discuss the matter with a man in his position, so I gave some reply and went away; and Mr. Clark, when we had got away, turned round and said to me, "You will be "surprised to hear, respectable man though he is, "he will not vote without a bribe."

28,141. Which Mr. Clark was that?—Mr. C. T. Clark. He said that or something to that effect, "He will not vote without money." I do not know at all who he was, and I do not remember him at all.

28,142. Was that the only elector you met in the same position?—That is the only remark of the kind I ever heard made during the whole of my canvass.

28,143. During the progress of your canvass did you see any houses placarded with your name?—I may have seen placards as is usual at election times.

28,144. On public-houses I mean?—No doubt, very possibly.

28,145. How many of them?—I really cannot recollect.

28,146. We, in fact, know how many?—Well, I cannot pretend to say.

28,147. Do you mean that it passed your notice?—I mean to say that I was so busy the whole time I was at Lancaster with the canvass that I really took very little notice of what was going on in any other way.

28,148. Did not these frequent placards, as we know them to have been, on the public-houses attract your attention?—No it would not. I know it is a common practice in elections to put placards into windows.

28,149. Did not the number of public-houses engaged in your interest call forth any remark from you?—Never.

28,150. I think we have it from you that the first thing you heard of money being paid at the election was from your clerk Hagart?—No; my brother. I met Hagart in the train.

28,151. At the time you pushed that inquiry no further?—No further than I have stated.

28,152. Did you go all the way from Lancaster to Liverpool with Hagart?—No, I think not; we merely went as far as Preston together I think.

28,153. Between Lancaster and Preston you had an opportunity of inquiring into what had been done, and you forbore to do so?—Yes, I did not go into it.

28,154. Did you inquire from Mr. H. T. Wilson what money had been spent?—No, I did not.

28,155. Did you make any inquiry at all, immediately after the election, as to the amount of money that had been spent?—I did not further than what I have stated with regard to my brother.

28,156. Or with regard to the mode in which the money had been spent?—No, not at all.

28,157. When did you become aware that an unlimited credit had been opened with your firm for Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson?—When I saw it in the newspapers.

28,158. That would be a fortnight ago perhaps?—Yes.

28,159. I am not very well acquainted with business, but since you have been in business have you ever known an unlimited credit opened with your firm for any person whatever?—No.

28,160. Never?—No.

28,161. Would not such a thing be a matter upon which all the partners in the firm ought to be consulted?—Undoubtedly, if it was a matter for business purposes.

28,162. For any purpose?—I think you scarcely do justice to my brother by saying he opened an unlimited credit in the ordinary commercial sense.

28,163. I have his words before me?—Yes, but I think they are capable of a different construction.

28,164. He says, "I did not limit the sum, but the "sum was based on the probability that the election "would not cost more than 2,000*l*." That was in effect an unlimited credit?—Yes, it was in one sense, but with the supposition that it would not involve more than a certain expenditure.

28,165. Do you not think, seeing that you were a partner in the concern, it was a subject on which you ought to have been consulted?—No, I think not; my brother drawing it out for himself he would never consult me if he wanted money for his own purposes, he would not consult me about taking it out.

28,166. I do not quite understand this. Am I really to take it from you that one partner may give another person a credit in effect unlimited upon the funds of the firm without consulting any of his other partners?—My brother and I, you must understand, were the sole partners at that time, and such was the confidence that had existed between us since we commenced business in 1850, that my brother would never have asked me what I was drawing money out for, nor should I ask what he was doing it for. If he had found I was drawing money out to such an extent as to cripple the finances of the firm, then no doubt he would have asked, as I should have asked if I had found him doing so, what it was for.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

E. Lawrence, Esq.

25 Sept. 1866.

28,167. But if you did not look into the books you could not have known?—Quite so, and I have given you the reason why last year I did not look into the book at all.

28,168. (*Mr. Newton.*) Only up to the 9th of November?—Very well, and I tell you subsequently to that my brother says to me "There is the money spent."

28,169. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did I not understand you to say that on the evening of the 12th of July, your brother said to you, "I have paid 1,000*l.*, and do not know what the office may have paid?"—Yes, "I do not know what may have been drawn in Liverpool."

28,170. You never had the curiosity to inquire what the office had spent?—No, and I did not for this simple reason. My brother had told me that money had been flying about, and that this money had been spent. I knew it was spent for improper purposes, and I could not then recall the money.

28,171. That was the reason why you did not look into it?—I did not ask anything about it. In the first place I did not look into it, for the simple reason, as I have said that I attended to my magisterial duties, and did not go to the office; but I quite understood that the money had been spent for improper purposes by my brother.

28,172. Mr. Hogart, I believe, is still in your employment?—He is.

28,173. We have been told, and you have told us I think to-day, that Mr. Taylor drew money from your firm?—No, I have not told you so.

28,174. Mr. T. E. Taylor?—I have not told the court so.

28,175. You do tell the court so now?—I simply know what I have seen in the evidence. I never knew, if you will believe me, how that money was drawn till I saw the report of it in the newspapers.

28,176. Have you spoken to Mr Taylor about it since?—I have not, not to discuss the matter with him.

28,177. Even when you have seen what you now tell us you have seen with reference to this inquiry, you have not spoken to Mr. Taylor on the subject of his drawing money from your firm?—No, I have not; I have hardly seen Mr. Taylor since.

28,178. You are now aware that there is an entry in the books of your firm, "E. L., per T. E. T." ?—There was.

28,179. That was afterwards carried to the suspense account?—Yes.

28,180. That indicated, I suppose, that money was drawn for Edward Lawrence by T. E. Taylor?—It indicated that idea on the part of the cashier at the time, but allow me to explain—

28,181. It was in effect so, was it not?—Yes, so I understand.

28,182. It was money drawn by T. E. Taylor, on your behalf?—So it seems that Mr. Littlewood thought.

28,183. So it was in effect, was it not?—No; It was drawn by my brother's orders.

28,184. That we have not heard before?—I do not give it in evidence, but that is my impression at present. I am residing at the Lakes, and have scarcely been in Liverpool at all the last week. I went down to Liverpool on Saturday last and Mr. Taylor was away, and I merely saw him for a few minutes this morning. Yesterday I called Mr. Littlewood into my office, and asked him how it was he had put that down in my name, and he gave me precisely the same answer as he gave you. He said, "I was asked for the money and I assumed it was on account of the Lancaster expenses, and I supposed what was for Lancaster expenses was yours, as you were the candidate, and that is the reason I put it down in that form without any authority."

28,185. At that time we have been informed that Mr. Taylor had no authority to draw money from the firm?—Mr. Taylor was occupying a responsible position with us, and I can quite understand if he went to the cash keeper and asked for the money, the cash keeper was quite justified in supplying it.

28,186. We were told by Mr. Littlewood that no one was authorized to draw money but the partners, and that in their absence Mr. Tronson only would be authorized, and that he, Mr. Littlewood, would take orders from no one but Mr. Tronson?—I do not think that is quite so.

28,187. He certainly made use of words to that effect?—Mr. Taylor had not been there in Liverpool till just previous to the election, and in the absence of the partners Mr. Tronson was the man who managed.

28,188. (*Mr. Newton.*) Mr. Littlewood contradicts Mr. Taylor upon that point?—He could not contradict him upon that point. There is the fact.

28,189. He contradicts him as to the practice of the business of the office?—I understood Mr. Littlewood to tell you that he considered Mr. Taylor's authority was sufficient.

28,190. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He told us, previous to that, that no one but the partners would have such authority?—Mr. Littlewood is a cashier in whom we place implicit confidence.

28,191. He was incorrect in saying so. Mr. Taylor had a right to draw money on his own account?—Not on his own account, because if he had not money there he could not be entitled to draw on his own account, but even then Mr. Taylor had money to his credit in our firm. Mr. Tayler occupied such a responsible position under us, and had such trust placed in him, that I am quite certain if he went to Mr. Littlewood and asked for three or four hundred pounds Mr. Littlewood would not hesitate to give it him, feeling it was quite right to do so.

28,192. On that head we may have been misinformed by Mr. Littlewood?—I should have thought so, and he appears to have given Mr. Taylor the money.

28,192*a*. It was only when Mr. Littlewood came that we were enlightened as to the fact that Mr. Taylor was not a partner?—On that point when I saw my brother's evidence I wrote to him to say, "How stupid of you to say Mr. Taylor was a partner;" and his answer to me was, "I understood it to mean, was he a partner now." I was sorry to see it because everything that does not tally to a letter is taken as a contradiction where really there is none. That was my brother's reply to me, and he said it was simply done with that idea.

28,193. You say you have seen Mr. Taylor for a very short time this morning?—For about ten minutes, which was occupied in talking about some business matters.

28,194. Not at all upon this subject?—No. I said I had to go to Lancaster to give my evidence, but I did not discuss his evidence.

28,195. You also tell us that you have seen your brother from time to time at different periods since the election. Have you not discussed the matter with him?—I have not discussed the question of dividing the amount.

28,196. Neither have you discussed the matter with Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson?—No, not at all. I have no hesitation in saying to the court, for I have nothing to conceal, that when I found what had been done I was determined I would not probe into the matter. It was coming before a tribunal of the House of Commons, and I was not going to probe.

28,197. (*Mr. Hill.*) You have already said, "I did not ask for, and did not want any information?" —Yes; I wish the court thoroughly to understand that I do not deny what has been done. Now the election is over a light is thrown in, but I do say most solemnly that I had nothing to do with it.

28,198. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Why should you shut your eyes after the election?—For the simple reason that I knew I was no party to the transaction. I understood the matter was to be brought before another court, and I was determined I would not know anything further than I could help in the matter. I did not know but that I might be called up, and when you know a thing after it is done it is very easy for an astute barrister of the House of

Commons to try and make out that you must have known it before.

28,199. Though you knew you were so deeply compromised in the Lancaster election you declined to inquire into it?—The money was gone.

28,200. There were other things to be considered besides money?—Yes; and I thought I best consulted my own position by refusing to probe into matters that I could not then remedy.

28,201. Why do you say you could not remedy the matters?—Because the money was paid.

28,202. You might have set yourself right in explaining how it happened to have been paid?—How could I have done so?

28,203. Your evidence here is that you have been compromised by other people?—My statement is as simple as possible, and it is this, that I declare to the court most solemnly that I went into that election with the determination to spend 1000*l.*, and no more, and what was spent beyond that was spent in opposition to my wishes.

28,204. That is precisely what I say. You have been compromised by injudicious friends. Why should you not make such an inquiry as would have set you right in the eyes of the public?—In what way?

28,205. In the same way that you say now?—I had no opportunity; I could not write to the newspapers.

28,206. Why not, for instance? I do not suggest that you should?—I think the Commissioners will know what newspapers are. Even now I know very well that they have said in Liverpool that I knew all about it; and if I had written to the newspapers they would only have laughed at me. If a man gets unfortunately in the position I am in he must take his chance for the course of events to put him right.

28,207. We must take the fact that you did take no steps whatever to put yourself right in reference to the Lancaster election?—I did not, and I could not have done.

28,208. You did not because, in your opinion, you could not have done so?—I had no means of doing so; and permit me to add, in continuation, that I was no party to the petition, neither directly nor indirectly.

28,209. That is no part of our inquiry at all. I will ask you, are you not at this moment on the same terms with these injudicious friends as you were before the election?—Yes, I am.

28,210. You have had no quarrel, and there is no ill-feeling between you on account of what they have done?—Do you think it would have answered for me to have quarrelled with my brother?

28,211. He is only one of them?—Mr. Wilson, with whom we have business connexion, it would not do to quarrel with.

28,212. You have had no coolness with these gentlemen?—Certainly not.

28,213. You are on the same terms with them as you were before?—Yes.

28,214. I think you say you have never even seen the private cash book which we have examined?—I said I had not examined the balance book.

28,215. Your brother said there was an understanding between you that you and he were to divide the balance in the suspense account, which is in effect the sum remaining for the Lancaster election?—When I made the remark to him I was quite willing that we should divide the thing and have done with it.

28,216. (*Mr. Hill.*) I shall have to refer you to what took place in the petition to the House for another purpose. I believe you did say that you never agreed to any petition being presented to the House against the return?—I did.

28,217. And you yourself were no party to it?—No.

28,218. Can you give me the date at which that was said by you?—I cannot.

28,219. About? It was said publicly, I believe, in Lancaster. Can you give me the date at which that was said?—No, I really cannot.

28,220. How long after the election?—I cannot answer the question; but when the thing was first named, whenever that would be, I then said to Mr. Wilson that I would be no party to the petition.

28,221. Did you not say at that time, "My party "have chosen their own weapons, and we have been "beaten, and therefore I will have nothing to do with "the petition," or words to that effect?—In Lancaster?

28,222. Yes?—No.

28,223. Have you not said so to anyone?—I have not been in Lancaster.

28,224. Have you used words to that effect with regard to the petition that was presented to the House?—I do not think so; I do not remember it.

28,225. I want to get from you what was the time you first became aware of the fact with what weapons the contest had been fought?—Immediately after the close of the poll.

28,226. Was that when your brother said to you that the cost of it would be between 3,000*l.* and 4,000*l.*?—Yes.

28,227. Your brother has given us that conversation also, and he tells us that he said to you after the election that the cost would be probably 6,000*l.* or 7,000*l.* Was that the same conversation?—No. He must, I think, there be referring to the conversation which took place between us when I paid him the 1,000*l.* He then told me that he believed the expenses would be nearer 7,000*l.* than 5,000*l.*

28,228. You had agreed previously with Henry Threlfall Wilson that if the expenses were 1,500*l.* you would bear 1,000*l.* of it?—That I would pay 1,000*l.* out of it.

28,229. That would leave Mr. Wilson to pay 500*l.* and you to pay 1000*l.*, supposing the contest had been conducted upon that footing?—Yes.

28,230. If we deduct that 1,500*l.* from the 6,500*l.* which your brother told you the cost would probably be, that would leave a balance to be paid of 5,000*l*?—May I ask you to repeat the question.

28,231. You had understood that the expenses of the election, if conducted properly, would be 1,500*l.*, of which you were to bear 1,000*l.* expenses and Mr. Wilson and his friends and your friends to bear 500*l.*?—Yes.

28,232. When you knew the cost of this election had been between 6,000*l.* and 7,000*l.* it would leave 5,000*l.* not provided for by your arrangement with Mr. Wilson?—Yes.

28,233. Your brother agreed to pay 1,000*l.* of that?—My brother?

28,234. Your brother did pay and was willing to pay it?—I heard that he drew a cheque for 1,000*l.*, but I never heard that he agreed to pay a penny before.

28,235. Did you understand that you were to repay your brother the amount of that cheque?—No.

28,236. Then your brother had paid 1,000*l.*?—He had actually paid more, because more was drawn out of the firm in Liverpool.

28,237. I am not coming to the firm. All your brother had actually paid upon his own account was 1,000*l.*?—He had drawn a cheque for 1,000*l.*, but he could not tell what amount had been paid at Liverpool.

28,238. That is 1,000*l.* on his own private account?—He drew it out of the firm's money.

28,239. He drew it on the firm, did he?—He drew a cheque in the name of the firm on the bank.

28,240. I did not so understand his evidence. Do you know whether that cheque was drawn on the Royal or on the Alliance Bank?—I do not know further than that he stated he thought it was drawn on the Alliance Bank.

28,241. Deducting that 1,000*l.* from the 5,000*l.*, it would have 4,000*l.* still to be provided for?—Yes.

28,242. Who did you understand at that time was to pay that 4,000*l.*?—I did not understand at all. I presumed that those gentlemen who had gone into the thing and paid the money would be responsible for it.

28,243. 4,000*l.* was a large sum of money even in your business ?—I am aware of it.

28,244. Who was to pay the 4,000*l.* ?—As I tell you I presumed that those who had spent the money were responsible for it. I know that I felt I was not responsible for one sixpence of it.

28,245. That is your clear answer upon that point; that even at the time when your brother told you this, and, from the figures which I have put showing at once that 4,000*l.* was to be provided for, it never occurred to you to consider who would have to bear the brunt of that 4,000*l.* ?—I did not know who had spent it.

28,246. That is not my question—did it ever occur to you who would have to bear the brunt of that 4,000*l.* ?—It occurred to me that it had already been borne.

28,247. You made up your mind at that time that you would pay nothing more than the 1,000*l.* ?—Yes.

28,248. And if any other arrangement has been come to between yourself and your brother it is a subsequent arrangement and has nothing to do with any thought of yours at that time ?—No, it has nothing to do with the election or anything that occurred at that time.

28,249. When you first entered into the question of this election you yourself had had considerable experience of elections at Liverpool ?—I had had a good deal of experience.

28,250. And you knew probably the enormous cost of those elections ?—They are not very costly, nothing like Lancaster.

28,251. In proportion ?—In amount.

28,252. Do you mean to tell me that the elections at Liverpool would not, as far as actual expenses are concerned, always overtop Lancaster ?—I mean to say that the last election at Liverpool did not cost the Conservative party half what it cost the Conservative party at Lancaster.

28,253. What did you understand it cost ?—I understood it cost the Conservative party about 3,000*l.* I may be wrong.

28,254. Do you believe it cost the other party about the same ?—I do not know.

28,255. You did not expect that Lancaster could cost more than Liverpool ?—No, nor as much, or anything like it.

28,256. You were a little enlightened upon the canvass by this respectable man being pointed out to you ?—Yes, as to an individual.

28,257. That was not the only case ?—It was the only case brought before my notice in that way.

28,258. Did you not get one or two such answers as this from voters. "I will see nigher the time ?"—Yes.

28,259. Those words recall one occasion to you, do they not ?—I cannot say that they do.

28,260. Did you not, upon hearing those words, remark to a person near you, "I suppose it means he wants paying ?"—I may have done so.

28,261. It is probable that you did so ?—It is possible.

28,262. It is probable ?—Yes, it is probable.

28,263. Do not those two incidents bring before your mind the fact that you knew at the time that there must be a good deal of money laid out in the purchase of votes ?—Not more than I have already told the court. Of course I could not shut my eyes to the answers of some people, and I was aware that there would be amongst the voters a certain number more or less that might look for money.

28,264. And besides the answers in words there would be a good deal told you by what is called gesture language—a tap on the pocket ?—I do not remember anything of the kind. I never made it my business to talk much with the voters.

28,265. With regard to this private book, do I understand you distinctly to say that this private book of Mr. Littlewood's never came into your hands since the election ?—Certainly not; I have seen it on his desk but never examined it.

28,266. That is not coming into your hands. You have not examined it ?—No.

28,267. There are entered up in that book certain small expenses of your own such as omnibus, 1*s.*, cab expenses, 7*s.*, with the initials "E. L." against them, and 2*l.* 2*s.* for Hogart's expenses; the whole thing together amounting to about 7*l.* ? That is first of all put together with the whole of this large sum of 2,400*l.*, which is afterwards increased to 3,150*l.* Then on the 15th of July that is divided off, and that 7*l.* is placed to you personally "E. L.," and the other is placed to the suspense account; did you authorize the division of that account, and if so, when ?—I did not. With regard to the small expenses, the practice is this, during the month I may say to Mr. Littlewood, "Pay this bill ?" I may send a message for my own private purposes, and he makes a memorandum of it, and at the end of the month he debits me with what he has paid during the month.

28,268. He stops that and wipes it off himself without saying anything to you ?—He gives me at the end of every month a list so that I may enter it, because I keep my own private cash book.

28,269. What are those two books you produce ?—Two cash books.

28,270. What is the large book ?—This is my private cash book up to the 31st of last December, and the larger book continues it in the present year.

28,271. What entries do you point out to us there as bearing upon this question ?—Simply the one of the 15th of November (*the book referred to is handed by the witness to the Commissioners.*)

28,272. Is it the item beginning "profit and loss ?"—Yes.

28,273. There I see on the credit side of the profit and loss "expenses of Lancaster election, 1,000*l.*," with "52" against it ?—That is an entry of the posting it in the ledger.

28,274. What have you to say about the entry on the 15th of November ?—Simply what I have already said, that I paid that 1,000*l.* in accordance with the engagement I had before entered into with reference to the contest; it was the sum I had agreed to pay for the expenses.

28,275. It would be impossible for me or for my brother commissioners to go through the book here in court, but do I understand from you that that is the only entry in the book connected with the Lancaster election ?—Yes. I am perfectly willing to leave the books in the hands of the Commissioners; and I am sure they would not find an entry of a sixpence more connected with the election in any way, if you look at the end of each month you will find a certain entry made of money for my current expenses.

28,276. That is just what I wish to avoid looking at ?—I want to explain that in the office I may order some little amounts to be paid, and then, at the end of the month an entry is made of them; and I must enter them in my books in order to keep my books in accordance with the books of the firm.

28,277. You will understand that neither my brother commissioners nor myself at all referred in any way to any private entries in your book; we only looked at those entries which concerned the election; so far were we from doing anything of the kind that we had your own clerk up here to explain to us one or two things before we alluded to them, lest we should be referring to private matters. Do I understand you now to say that there is no other entry of any kind connected with the election in that book ?—There is not.

28,278. Will you tell me, if you please, what monies you expended personally in Lancaster apart from those sums which are put down in the account of legal expenses ?—Nothing beyond my railway expenses and one or two small hotel bills.

28,279. To what amount ?—Six times to Lancaster would be about 5*l.*

28,280. The hotel bills ?—A few shillings.

28,281. A dinner for four at the "King's Arms" was not paid with a few shillings I am looking at

an item on the 15th of July?—I came away at the end of the election. I left for Liverpool that evening and did not pay the bill; but I believe it was put into some general account of Mr. Wilson's.

28,282. I have no doubt that it has been paid since; if not by you, by some friends who interested themselves warmly on your behalf?—It has been paid I have no doubt.

28,283. Do I understand you to say that there is nothing in the entries in July which have any bearing on expenses out of pocket?—No.

28,284. Do you keep any account here of pocket expenses?—I have a little memorandum book in which I enter them for a month, and at the end of the month they are entered in the cash book.

28,285. Just show me an entry of the sums that would come from the little memorandum book in July 1865?—You will see if you look at the last entry in July.

28,286. Shall I find the same entries in June and August?—You will find them in each month at the end of the month.

28,287. I find that the entries in July are very much the same, within two or three pounds, as those in June, and they are a little more than those in August; is that so?—Yes; I think it is 5*l.* odd in July.

28,288. 83*l.*?—No, you will see there are two amounts added there.

28,289. It is sufficient for me that it is under 100*l.* If it is under 100*l.* it may reasonally be inferred that it has not much to do with the Lancaster election. It is 5*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

28,290. Then of that I want no explanation. I apprehend that neither you nor any other gentleman desirous of getting into Parliament would enter into the matter without first having a conversation with his friends; did not several of your friends who you consulted tell you that this would be a very expensive affair?—No, I do not think so; many of my friends have said "Lancaster has earned a notoriety," and my reply was always "Well, I am not going to have any-"thing to do with that. I will not be a party to "anything in the way of bribery; I am told that the "contest can be conducted without bribery, and upon "those grounds alone I have entered into the con-"test."

28,291. The persons in your firm connected with money matters were at that time yourself and your brother as partners, and, as under you, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Tronson, and Mr. Littlewood?—Yes.

28,292. Your brother knew all about these expenses, Mr. Tronson and Mr. Littlewood knew about them, Mr. Taylor knew a little about them, and you were the only person who knew nothing about them?—I knew nothing about them.

28,293. You are the only person in the whole establishment of those in the upper part of it, who was not in the secret?—If you will allow me to say so I think there is nothing extraordinary in that.

28,294. I do not say whether it was ordinary or extraordinary, but you did not in fact know anything about it?—No, I did not.

28,295. And you did not wish to know?—I had nothing to wish about.

28,296. When did you first know that a petition was going to be presented to the House of Commons?—I think, shortly after the election, Mr. Wilson said they would see if they could get up evidence for a petition.

28,297. At that time you knew that you would not be able to pray for the seat?—Certainly.

28,298. That is equivalent to saying that you knew that there had been corrupt practices?—I knew that after the election from my brother.

28,299. We shall not see you here again; you are here as a man of truth, and I hope of complete honour; now before us, and on your solemn oath, is there anything further that you know as regards the election that you have not told us?—Nothing whatever.

28,300. That you swear distinctly and solemnly?—I swear it most distinctly.

28,301. (*Mr. Newton.*) When you came over here the first time you tell us you met these gentlemen at the committee?—I met a deputation.

28,302. Was anything then said by any one to you as to the expenses of the election?—No, nothing at all.

28,303. Have you ever talked the matter over since?—No; because they simply waited upon me as a deputation from the electors to invite me to stand for the borough—not to go into any details.

28,304. Is it not rather a curious circumstance that they did not enter into any explanation at that time?—I have stated I think already that I had discussed the matter.

28,305. With Mr. Wilson?—Yes.

28,306. I wish to know whether you or anybody in your presence discussed the question of expenses?—Not a word. I came there simply to meet them; they preferred their request in the hotel to me, and I explained my views to some short extent at the time, and told them I would consider the matter, and then retired.

28,307. (*Mr. Hill.*) There is one question I have omitted to ask—when did you appoint Mr. Gibson your election agent? You signed a paper appointing Mr. Gibson your election agent?—I believe I did.

28,308. On the day before the election or the day before that?—I do not recollect doing it. I must have done it, but I do not recollect the circumstance.

28,309. Do you recollect who introduced Mr. Gibson to you?—I do not recollect Mr. Gibson at all.

28,310. Not even by sight?—No, I have no doubt I saw him then, and probably canvassed him.

28,311. You would not canvass your own election agent?—But everybody seemed to expect to be called on.

28,312. Then you knew nothing about Mr. Gibson?—No, I know nothing about him.

28,313. (*Mr. Newton.*) If anything should occur to you when you have read your evidence, which I have no doubt you will do, you will come here and tell us?—Yes. There is one thing I should like to say, which occurs to me now. It has been stated, that I was very busy about Lancaster on the day of the election.

28,314. On the contrary, my recollection is that, according to the evidence, you were never seen anywhere, because the question has been put to all the captains on either side?—It has been so stated here in Lancaster, if it has not been stated before the Commissioners, and that statement having been made, I wish to deny its truth.

28,315. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You may depend upon it, that if anything of that kind had been stated to us, we should have examined you about it, for that is the most important thing of all?—Perhaps you will allow me to say that it is not true.

28,316. We asked everybody likely to know, and the answer uniformly was, that you were not to be seen. I believe we need not trouble you with any further questions?—I will only say that I shall always regret that my name has been mixed up in the transactions that have been brought before this court.

RICHARD HOSKING sworn and examined.

28,317. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A mining agent.

28,318. Mining agent to whom?—To the Barrow Hæmatite Steel Company.

28,319. How long have you been in the employment of that company, and of their predecessors, Messrs. Schneider and Hannay?—26 years.

28,320. When you say you are a mining agent, are you engaged in any confidential capacity with the

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firm as regards money matters?—No, I am managing agent.

28,321. Going by the name of Captain Hosking?—Yes.

28,322. You were over at Lancaster at the last election?—Yes.

28,323. And you came over with Mr. Slater?—Yes.

28,324. And some others?—Yes, Mr. Baines and Mr. Gardner.

28,325. Did he come with you?—Yes.

28,326. Who is Mr. Gardner?—He is a builder.

28,327. In the employ of the company?—No.

28,328. Independent of the company?—Yes, independent of it.

28,329. What did Mr. Gardner come over for?—He came over as a matter of mere curiosity, I think, to see the election.

28,330. Did you bring anything with you from Barrow?—I came from Dalton, not from Barrow.

28,331. What did you bring with you from Dalton, in the way of money?—I brought 100*l.* with me.

28,332. Where did you find that 100*l.*, at Dalton?—I got it at Barrow.

28,333. Where did you first receive it?—I got a cheque from Mr. Hannay, drawn in my name, and I cashed it at the Ulverstone Bank.

28,334. You got a cheque payable to you, which you cashed at the Ulverstone Bank?—Yes.

28,335. You cashed it, I presume, in gold?—In notes.

28,336. What did you do with that money?—I gave 10*l.* of it to a person in Lancaster, and took back the 90*l.* with me.

28,337. Who was the person in Lancaster to whom you gave the 10*l.*?—Thomas Barrow.

28,338. Is he a Lancaster man?—Yes.

28,339. And you took the 90*l.* back with you?—Yes; out of the 90*l.*, some days after I paid Mr. Gardner 8*l.* T. C. Baines for expenses at the "Old Sir Simon's," while we were stopping there, 2*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*; for railway fares I paid 1*l.* 14*s.*, and the balance I handed to our clerk, who keeps the petty cash account at Barrow, 78*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, I think it was.

28,340. What did you pay to Mr. Gardner that 8*l.* for?—For money which he had spent in the town at the time of the election.

28,341. What did you give the 10*l.* to Thomas Barrow for?—For two voters.

28,342. Was that that Thomas Barrow, of Hill Side, draper?—He is a tailor.

28,343. Do you know where Barrow lives?—No; he is with Barrows, the tailors and drapers, in Lancaster. They used to do business with them.

28,344. You gave it him you say for two voters?—Yes.

28,345. Do you know who those two voters were?—No.

28,346. When did you give it to Barrow?—I gave it him on the nomination day.

28,347. What did you give Gardner the 8*l.* for?—For expenses which he had incurred, for what he gave to voters in the town during the day.

28,348. Did you give it in notes or gold to Barrow?—I gave it to him in notes.

28,349. And what did you give this to Baines for?—For expenses at the "Old Sir Simon's" while we were stopping there.

28,350. That was all that Baines had from you?—Yes, that was all that Baines had from me.

28,351. Who had given you directions to call upon Mr. Hannay for this cheque?—No one.

28,352. Did Mr. Hannay meet you then and give it to you?—No, I asked Mr. Hannay for the cheque. I said that I was going over to Lancaster, and that it might be of some use.

28,353. Then it was pretty well known at Barrow at that time that money was wanted in Lancaster?—I daresay it was.

28,354. It was, was it not?—I did not know anything more about it than what I was told.

28,355. When you come over to Lancaster, you do not usually go and get 100*l.* for your expenses?—No. I understood from this Mr. Barrow that something would be required, and I did it upon that.

28,356. Had Mr. Barrow written to you then?—Yes, and we had talked about it together.

28,357. When did you talk about it?—Previous to the election; the same day.

28,358. Mr. Barrow had written to you to bring over some money?—No, he did not write to me to bring over some money.

28,359. He told you what?—He told me that money would be required.

28,360. Did he tell you at all, how much money was wanted?—No, I am not aware that he did.

28,361. He did not give you any hint about it?—No; he said he thought he might get 14 or 15 votes.

28,362. You know Mr. Barrow pretty well, but you cannot tell where he lives?—I cannot tell where he lives, but I know him very well. I have known him for years.

28,363. I may take it that you know, as a fact, that the Thomas Barrow, of whom you speak, is not a cabinet maker?—He is a tailor. I have been in the habit of giving him orders for clothes, and I suppose he is a tailor.

28,364. Do you know of any other money that came over?—No.

28,365. You did not pick up any money on the road?—No, not a farthing.

28,366. And you did not drop any?—No.

28,367. Did you mention to Mr. Hannay, when you were coming here, that you were coming?—Yes.

28,368. And he knew pretty well, did he not, upon what errand you were coming?—I think so.

28,369. Before you left Barrow had Mr. Schneider any intimation that you were coming?—No; I saw Mr. Schneider the evening before the nomination, and Mr. Schneider asked me to come over. I had drawn the money before then, but Mr. Schneider did not know it.

28,370. Did Mr. Schneider say nothing to you about money?—Not at that time he did not.

28,371. When did he?—I named to him previously that I had heard from this Mr. Barrow that he could get some few votes for Mr. Schneider, and that he thought that some money would be required; and he told me to act on my own discretion about it.

28,372. You told Mr. Schneider that Barrow had told you that you could get 14 or 15 votes for money?—Yes, and I came over the evening before the nomination and saw Mr. Schneider at the "Queen's," and told me Mr. Schneider what I was come over about; and he told me to tell Mr. Barrow that he was not going to do anything of the kind, that they were not going to bribe.

28,373. What did Mr. Schneider say when you told him in the first instance that you could get 14 or 15 votes for money?—He told me to use my own discretion.

28,374. Can you tell me at all the date of that conversation of yours with Mr. Schneider?—No, I cannot, except that it was the day before the nomination day.

28,375. You first saw Mr. Schneider and told him this, that Barrow had said on the 10th of July, the day before the nomination day?—I went home that evening and came to Lancaster the next morning.

28,376. And you saw Mr. Schneider again, the evening of the 11th, the nomination night?—No, the evening previous to the nomination.

28,377. You had your first conversation with Mr. Schneider the day before the nomination?—That was on the Monday.

28,378. At Barrow?—No, I beg your pardon.

28,379. Where was it at?—At the "Queen's," in Lancaster.

28,380. You then went back to Barrow?—To Dalton.

28,381. That took place on the Monday evening?

—Yes, and on the Tuesday morning I came again to Lancaster.

28,382. Having first seen Mr. Hannay on the Tuesday morning?—No, I beg pardon. I drew the money from Mr. Hannay in the week before, before the Monday.

28,383. Then you came over here again on the 11th, and in the evening of that day you had this second conversation with Mr. Schneider?—It was the Monday evening that I had the conversation with Mr. Schneider. I had no conversation with him on the nomination day on any matter of the kind.

28,384. You had first of all a conversation with Mr. Schneider, in the course of which you told him that Barrow had told you that he could get 14 or 15 votes for money, and Mr. Schneider told you, to use your own discretion. On what day was that conversation?—I cannot tell.

28,385. How long was it before the election?—Some days. It might have been a week or two before the election.

28,386. It was certainly in the week preceding the election at least?—I think it was.

28,387. In the second conversation with Mr. Schneider, you say he told you what? Just repeat his words again?—To tell Barrow that he was not going to bribe.

28,388. Did you pass this on to Barrow?—No, I did not.

28,389. On the contrary, you gave Barrow money?—Yes.

28,390. That was not very well obeying Mr. Schneider's instructions, was it?—No, I did not obey them.

28,391. When did you first tell anyone that Mr. Schneider had ever given you these instructions?—I never said it to anyone.

28,392. You never told it before telling me now here?—Yes.

28,393. Tell me any single person to whom you stated it?—I named it last week.

28,394. To whom?—It was in the course of conversation.

28,395. Tell us the man?—With Mr. Schneider and Mr. Fell.

28,396. Last week you first told this to Mr. Schneider and Mr. Fell?—Yes.

28,397. Who is Mr. Fell?—Mr. Fell, of Ulverstone.

28,398. What is he?—A gentleman.

28,399. In what occupation is he?—I believe he is one of the directors of the Barrow Hœmatite Steel Company.

28,400. That was the first time you ever said this to anyone. What led to your saying it to Mr. Schneider and Mr. Fell?—It was in the course of conversation in the office.

28,401. What were you talking about?—It was general matters; the Lancaster election among the rest.

28,402. Did you then remind Mr. Schneider that he had said this to you?—Yes, I did.

28,403. Why would you remind Mr. Schneider, could he not recollect a matter of that sort himself?—I do not know if he would recollect it or not, but I recollect it very well.

28,404. Who was present when Mr. Schneider said this to you at the "Queen's?"—No one. There was no one in the room but ourselves.

28,405. No one but you two?—No.

28,406. Did you mention to anyone, before you came into court just now, that you were going to give this account of what had taken place between you and Mr. Schneider?—I do not know indeed.

28,407. You must know that?—The conversation has been so frequent that I do not know what has taken place.

28,408. Do you mean to tell me that you do not know whether you have repeated this story to any one or not?—I have not said it to anyone to-day.

28,409. Did you mention it yesterday?—No, not that I am aware of.

28,410. When did you mention it to Mr. Schneider?—Last week, I believe it was.

28,411. Tell me as near as possible the date?—I believe it was last Monday or Tuesday.

28,412. Do you mean by "last Monday or Tuesday," Monday or Tuesday in the last week?—Yes.

28,413. That would be the 17th or 18th of September?—Well, they came to visit the mines, and they got into conversation about this among other things.

28,414. When did you tell Mr. Slater that you were coming over here, and that you had something to say about 100*l.*?—I saw him last night.

28,415. You did not tell him last night you told him before last night?—He knew it long since. It has been well known, has that, by many parties.

28,416. What has been well known?—That I had the 100*l.*

28,417. But that you wanted to come and tell us about the 100*l.*?—I did not want to tell you more about that than any other matter.

28,418. When did you tell Slater to give us notice yesterday that you had something to tell us about the the 100*l.*?—I never told Slater anything of the kind, not that he was to tell you anything of the kind. I never saw Slater yesterday till last evening, when he returned from here.

28,419. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you go to Mr. Welch's on the day of the polling?—I was at the "Queen's."

28,420. Did Mr. Welch give you any money?—I do not know Mr. Welch.

28,421. Did anybody give you any money?—There was a gentleman gave me money there.

28,422. What was he like?—I have understood since that it was Mr. Welch.

28,423. Is that the gentleman (*pointing to Mr. Welch*)?—I am sure I could not say. I had never seen him before.

28,424. A gentleman in the room at the "Queen's" gave you some money?—Yes.

28,425. What made you go to the "Queen's"?—I was fetched across from the "Old Sir Simons."

28,426. After Mr. Slater had gone?—After Mr. Slater had gone.

28,427. When you got to the "Queen's," where did you go to?—I went into a little room in the back part of the house, and there I saw Mr. Blades. I knew him.

28,428. What money did you get?—I got 100*l.* at the "Queen's."

28,429. (*To Mr. Welch.*) Is that so?—It is.

(*The witness.*) And 50*l.* Mr. Welch brought me at a public-house, Peter Moore's I think they call it. I do not know the sign of the house. It was a place I was never at before.

28,430. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you do with the first 100*l.*?—I paid it according to the dictation of Mr. Welch's assistant who was with me.

28,431. Do you know his name?—Alfred his name was.

28,432. Alfred T nker?—I understand so from reading the evidence.

28,433. Where did you pay it?—In a little bedroom upstairs.

28,434. In what public-house?—I do not know the sign, Peter Moore I think they call the owner of the public-house.

28,435. I suppose the men were brought up to you?—They were brought there.

28,436. How many were there of them?—I believe they were about 14 or 15.

28,437. You paid from 14 to 15?—From 14 to 15 voters.

28,438. You have not got a list of their names, I suppose?—Well, I have a list of their names.

28,439. Just let us look at it (*A small memorandum book is handed by the witness to the Commissioners*)?—but I am sorry to say it is not the original but a copy.

28,440. You paid, I see, to Richard Winder 8*l.*?—Yes.

28,441. To James Caton 8*l.*?—Yes.

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28,442. Then there comes the name of Procter without any sum put to it?—It is "Procter, per Atkinson, 8*l.*" Atkinson received it, and Procter was the man it was for, I believe.

28,443. Do you know Procter's christian name?—No.

28,444. Or Atkinson's christian name?—No, I do not know either of them; I never saw a face that was there before.

28,445. Then you paid William Jackson, per Atkinson again, 8*l.*?—Yes.

28,446. You paid Woodman 8*l.*?—Yes.

28,447. And Richard Shaw, by Henry Gorton, 4*l.*?—I do not know whether I have spelt those names right or not; they were strange names to me.

28,448. You paid him 4*l.*?—Yes.

28,449. And you paid John Ritchie, per Peter Moore, 8*l.*?—Yes.

28,450. Then there is a name that looks like Richards, what do you make that out to be?—I think it is Richmond; it is exactly the same as I took it down first.

28,451. Where is the original from which that is copied?—I did it indiscreetly. I tore the leaf out sometime since. I wrote it out in the book, and then pulled it to pieces, and I threw the pieces in among some waste paper, and I went to a great deal of trouble to pick it out and put the pieces together, and I have them with me now if you would like to see them.

28,452. Do you mean the orignial?—Yes, the original.

24,453. I should like to see them very much?—It was not done without a great deal of trouble I assure you.

(*A torn leaf from the memorandum book inclosed in an envelope is handed by the witness to the Commissioners.*)

28,454. The next one in your memorandum book is James Bond, of Overton, or if not that what is it?—I do not know. They are names that I am not at all acquainted with.

28,455. (*Mr Hill.*) It is John Kitchen as I read it in the original?—That which you have is the original.

28,456. The next one is James Verden, per Peter Moore, 10*l.* Then William Jackson, 10*l.*?—There is Jackson, a groom, I think.

28,457. 5*l.*?—Yes.

28,458. Matthew Winder, 8*l.*; W. Procter, 8*l.*; C. Hartley, 2*l.*; J. Catterell, per Peter Moore, 8*l.*; and Riley, innkeeper, 10*l.*?—You will not find Riley on that sheet; it is in the other little book.

28,459. What Riley is that an innkeeper?—I do not know; I do not know anything at all about Lancaster.

28,460. It is Cattell or Cattall. Are those the names of all the persons you paid?—Yes, they amount to 113*l.* You will find that they are in that little book, but you will not find them on that sheet.

28,461. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Why so?—It is on the other side. I can point it out to you if you will allow me.

28,462. You say you returned the balance to Mr. Henry Welch?—Yes.

28,463. How much did you give Riley?—10*l.* There is the name Riley there, and the little sheet was riven from that place. That will show that there is no deception in it.

28,464. There is Riley, innkeeper, 10*l.*; is that Riley, of the "Mitre;" do you know whether you paid Riley yourself?—I cannot say.

28,465. You returned the balance you say to Mr. Henry Welch?—Yes, I believe it was Mr. Welch; it was in the committee-room; it was 150*l.* that I had.

28,466. You had a second 50*l.*?—Yes, at Peter Moore's.

28,467. How did you get that?—Mr. Welch brought it to me.

28,468. What did he come to you for?—It was from Mr. Welch; it would be Tinker.

28,469. Somebody came to you?—Mr. Welch brought it down; Tinker was with me at the time, and I believe Mr. Welch brought it.

28,470. Somebody brought you a 50*l.* note, or fifty sovereigns?—It was fifty sovereigns in a 50*l.* packet.

28,471. You did not pay that all away?—No.

28,472. You paid away some of it and brought the balance back?—Yes.

28,473. Have you anything more to tell us?—No.

28,474. Is that all the money that you paid away?—Every farthing.

28,475. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is there anything else that you know respecting the election?—There is nothing that I know of at all beyond what I have named.

28,476. This story which you have told us about Barrow is a true story?—Yes.

28,477. Mr. Barrow, of Lancaster?—Yes.

28,478. And I understand you to say that when you first told it to Mr. Schneider he said, "You must use your own discretion?"—Yes.

28,479. And he afterwards told you what?—To tell Barrow that he was not going to do anything of the kind.

28,480. But he told you to use your discretion when he was at home?—That was sometime before.

28,481. And when he said that he would have nothing to say to it that was in the town?—It was the evening before the nomination.

28,482. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you come over more than once?—I came the evening before the nomination and the next morning.

28,483. Did you come over more than once?—No; that is all. I stopped over night after the nomination till after the election was over.

28,484. You stopped at the "Old Sir Simons"?—Yes.

28,485. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you tell Mr. Hannay what you wanted the 100*l.* for?—I do not know that I did; I do not think I did.

28,486. What makes you think that?—Because Mr. Hannay is a man of that sort that he would not care about knowing anything about it.

28,487. How do you mean?—He would not care about knowing that I was spending money for the election.

28,488. Are you in the habit of borrowing money from Mr. Hannay?—No; but I have been in the habit of drawing money from the company for many years for petty cash payments.

28,489. Did you make any excuse to Mr. Hannay?—No, he would not take any more notice of my asking him for 100*l.* then than he would at any other time.

Adjourned to to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

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PRESENT :

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON.

Mr. HILL.

Lancaster Castle, Wednesday, 26th September 1866.

ISAAC NEVATT sworn and examined.

28,490. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Cheapside.

28,491. What are you?—A printer and stationer.

28,492. Did you receive any money from a man named Bell at the last election?—I received 2*l.*

28,493. Was that all that you received?—All I received from him.

28,494. What did you do with it?—I had made arrangements with Mr. Harrison the night before the election to cancel his account, provided he would give us one vote, that is for the Liberals; that he would vote for Mr. Schneider.

28,495. That has nothing to do with the 2*l.*, you know?—It has not, but it accounts for part of the 2*l.* His account was not 2*l.*; to the best of my recollection it was about 1*l.* 14*s.* The remainder of it was spent with Mr. Bell in refreshments at the "Queen's Head."

28,496. Then, in fact, the money went directly into your pocket?—It did.

28,497. (*Mr. Hill.*) The other 6*s.* you spent in refreshments?—Yes.

28,498. Where did you spend it in refreshments?—At the "Queen's Head."

28,499. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How long had Mr. Harrison owed you this account?—Only a short time; up to June, 1865.

28,500. Did Mr. Harrison give you any authority to go to Mr. Bell and get money from him?—He did not. I went to Mr. Harrison first, of course.

28,501. Mr. Harrison had made no application to you for money?—No, none whatever. It was a consultation between Mr. Bell and myself as to how we could obtain a vote from Mr. Harrison, and I said I thought that was the way to get him to split his vote, as I did not think he would give them two votes.

28,502. You got this money from Mr. Bell; where did the money go to?—I have explained that Mr. Harrison's bill went into my pocket and the remainder of the money was spent in refreshments.

28,503. Your arrangement with Mr. Harrison was that you would cancel his bill?—Yes.

28,504. What do you consider the meaning of cancelling a bill to be?—Sending him a receipt for it, which I did.

28,505. When you offered Mr. Harrison to cancel the bill, did you give him to understand that that was to be at your loss?—I did not.

28,506. Did you say anything about getting the money from elsewhere to pay your own bill?—I did not.

28,507. Will you explain how it was that you did not give him to understand that the cancelling of the bill should be your loss?—I cannot explain it any further. The conversation that I had with him was this: I said to him, "Will you give us two votes?" The conversation was to this effect, "Will you give us two votes?" He said, "No, I will not give you two votes." I said, "Will you give us one? If you "will I will cancel your account, or I will send you the "receipt for your bill." I think those were the words, and I did so, and saw him on the day of the election, and went with him to poll.

28,508. Those facts being so, what right had you to go to Mr. Bell to get money from him?—I had made arrangements with Mr. Bell before that. I had told him what a split vote would be. I said I should think a couple of pounds, and I went to Mr. Bell afterwards, and he paid me for it, or rather Mr. Bell came to me.

28,509. You had told Mr. Bell what you could get a split vote for?—Before I went to Mr. Harrison I had been talking to Mr. Bell as to how I could get this one vote, or two votes if I could.

28,510. Was this the arrangement that was come to with Mr. Bell, that if he would pay your bill you would cancel your bill in favour of Harrison?—The arrangement with Mr. Bell was that, if I could get his vote.

28,511. Just answer my question, if you please. Was the arrangement with Mr. Bell that if he (Mr. Bell) would pay your bill you would cancel that bill in favour of Harrison?—It was something to that effect.

28,512. Was that the arrangement? Surely the question is a very plain one?—Yes.

28,513. (*Mr. Hill.*) What do you say the arrangement was?—It was that I spoke to Mr. Bell the night before I saw Mr. Harrison, and I told him for what I thought I could get Mr. Harrison's vote, and he said, "If you can do so I will make it all right with you." I think those were his words, as near as I can tell.

28,514. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did you understand Mr. Bell to mean when he said he would make it all right?—That he would pay me the account; that if I could get Harrison's one vote he would make it all right with me.

28,515. That is, that he would pay your account?—Yes.

28,516. How does that differ from your answer, "That if Bell would pay my debt I would cancel that debt in favour of Harrison?"—I am trying to give you the words as nearly as possible.

28,517. Did you receive any other money?—Only for legal expenses; that was for my printing bill from Messrs. Tilly and Johnson.

28,518. You received nothing else but what you received from Mr. Tilly and Mr. Johnson. Is Mr. Johnson Mr. Tilly's partner?—Yes. That was for stationery and binding, in the usual way of elections.

28,519. In what point of view did you regard this debt of Harrison? Did you consider it a good debt? Yes, perfectly.

28,520. I think you have told us before that it had not been long owing?—No, it was up to June preceding the election in July.

28,521. What occasion had you to spend this money in refreshments at the "Queen's?"—Well, I was there, and I paid for refreshments for some men that were there.

28,522. But the "Queen's" was open that night?—It was the "Queen's Head."

28,523. The "Queen's Head" was open?—I had no occasion for it. I might have put it in my pocket and kept it there,

28,524. Are you quite sure that you did not?—Yes, quite sure. I spent a good deal more than that out of my own pocket.

28,525. Anybody might have had whatever they liked gratuitously?—No.

28,526. Not at the "Queen's Head?"—No.

28,527. It was an open house for Fenwick and Schneider's party?—That might be, but I did not consider myself authorized to order anything on anybody's account, either for the members or for anybody else. I did not consider that it belonged to me to do so.

28,528. Did you send Mr. Harrison a receipt?—I did.

28,529. When was it dated?—I cannot tell the date; probably a month afterwards, or not quite so long.

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28,530. Why did you not send him one at the time?—I cannot tell.

28,531. You were paid, you know?—I was.

28,532. You must have had some reason for not sending it?—I had none whatever.

28,533. Did Mr. Harrison make no application to you for it?—No.

28,534. Is Mr. Harrison in court?—(*Mr. Harrison.*) Yes.

28,535. (*To Mr. Harrison.*) Have you had a receipt?—I never had it sent in; he never gave me a receipt at all.

28,536. (*To the witness.*) What were the terms of the receipt?—I think one was for newspapers and one for advertisements.

28,537. That is the bill; the receipt?—It was in the usual way; just a receipt for the money, not stating how it was received, or anything.

28,538. At what time was the amount erased from your books?—I have been trying to find my book. Since January I have removed to new premises, and that account was in the newspaper account book, which with the other books has been destroyed as useless, and they only appear in those books, and not in the ledger.

28,539. And you cannot tell whether it was erased from the books or not?—Yes it was erased from the books at the time I gave the receipt, or it would have been transferred to the ledger; these books, I may say, are yearly books; newspaper account books just for the year.

28,540. (*Mr. Newton.*) Then you are prepared distinctly to swear that in consideration of Harrison giving a vote for Schneider you allowed the bill to be cancelled?—I am most emphatically and that the receipt was sent to him; whether the receipt was received by him or not I cannot swear.

28,541. It was sent to him a month after?—It was not longer than a month.

28,542. When did this arrangement with Mr. Harrison take place?—The day previous to the election.

28,543. When did the arrangement with Mr. Bell take place?—I think the night before that.

28,544. Tell us exactly what took place between you and Mr. Harrison?—I saw him in Church Street opposite the Lancaster Bank and began talking to him. I said was he going to vote and would he give us one vote; he said no, he was going to vote for the other side. I said "If you will give us one vote I will cancel the account." I made the first offer to him.

28,545. What did you say?—I said what I have stated, that if he would give us one vote I would cancel the account or give him a receipt; that is the pith of the arrangement.

28,546. What did he say to that?—I think that his remark was something about its not being known, or something of that kind.

28,547. Try and recollect what it was?—I cannot remember, not having expected to have appeared here; he said he should not like it to be known; there was some conversation about his not liking it to be known, and that he should not like his name to appear as receiving it; that was the substance of the remark.

28,548. Then, in fact, you got Mr. Harrison's bill paid to you by Bell?—By Mr. Bell, but on account of Mr. Harrison's vote.

28,549. But you got his bill paid to you by Bell, that is how the transaction stands?—Yes, on account of Mr. Harrison's vote; If Mr. Harrison had not voted as he did the arrangement would have been null, and Mr. Bell would not have paid me the money.

28,550. When did he pay you the money?—Some months afterwards.

28,551. When did he pay it, take care?—I cannot remember.

28,552. Take care?—It was some months afterwards, I cannot positively say when; if I could remember it I would say so. There is another thing that occurs to me that I may be allowed to state, and that is that when Mr. Bell paid me I said, "Mr. Bell it is more than I want." "Well," he said, "it will do for what you spend at the 'Queen's Hotel.'" The money was not given to me then at the time, but he said he would not take it back; he said "Never mind it will do for what you spend at the 'Queen's Hotel,'" or the "Queen's Head" rather.

28,553. (*Mr. Hill.*) As far as I understand from you the transaction was of this character, the party got Mr. Harrison's vote, and Mr. Harrison got his bill paid?—Yes, that was it.

28,554. And you were only the medium through which it was paid?—Yes, and instead of paying him the money he paid his account.

28,555. That is your account of the transaction?—Yes; I wish to tell the truth.

28,556. Mr. Harrison is a gentleman to whom (from his position) you could not well have offered the money?—No, and yet I was anxious to get the vote.

28,557. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It was about 1*l.* 14*s.* in your own books?—Yes.

28,558. (*Mr. Hill.*) And you knew that it was a perfectly good debt?—Yes.

28,559. What is the usual amount of Mr. Harrison's half-yearly bill?—About a guinea.

28,560. What is it for; advertisements?—It was then for advertisements and for a newspaper account.

28,561. Are you an advertising agent?—No, it was a small paper that I had of my own that he advertised in regularly for a month or two.

28,562. What paper was that?—The *Lancaster Advertiser and Time Table.*

28,563. Is that paper still in existence?—Yes.

28,564. And did you advertise during that half year for Mr. Harrison?—I cannot tell.

28,565. You say that this bill was for advertisements?—As it was to that amount it would be the previous half year, perhaps up to December 1864.

28,566. Were there any advertisements that year?—I cannot tell.

28,567. Had he advertised during that half year?—Up to December it is my impression that he had.

28,568. Then the bill was standing for more than half a year?—Yes.

28,569. Then it was a bill which was due up to June?—It was over due.

28,570. But it was not a bill that had been incurred in the preceding half year?—No, not the whole of it.

28,571. Then it was a bill of some standing?—Yes.

28,572. Had you sent in the account previously?—I think I had; yes, I had.

28,573. (*Mr. Barstow.*) That is not what you have told us before.

28,574. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much of it was of old standing?—Probably half of it or a little more.

28,575. How long before the December previous?—Perhaps the previous half year.

28,576. Do not say perhaps?—It would include the previous half year.

28,577. Some of the items were of more than a year's standing?—They would be of a year's standing.

28,578. Fully a year's standing?—Some of them would be of fully a year's standing to the best of my recollection.

28,579. Can you charge your memory as to whether Mr. Harrison had paid you any bill at the Christmas preceding?—He might have paid me something on account, but I cannot say.

28,580. Did you enter up his name from those books of which you have spoken into the ledger?—Not for that year; they remained in the magazine or newspaper book, and it was crossed out from that book and the receipt was sent to him, and those books have been destroyed with my other books; that is those that were of no use in January.

28,581. How long has Mr. Harrison been a customer of yours?—Several years.

28,582. Have you destroyed all your books preceding this date?—This magazine book I have.

28,583. How came it that the advertising account was put into the magazine book?—It was a newspaper account.

28,584. How came the advertising account to appear in the magazine book ?—I do not think it was there.

28,585. Then why do you say it was. I understood you to say just now that this account was in the magazine book ?—The newspaper account was.

28,586. Was the newspaper account kept separate from the advertistng account, or in what book was the advertising account kept ?—They were added up.

28,587. In what book was the advertising account kept ; that is a very simple question ?—In a separate book.

28,588. Where is that separate book ?—Well, it was destroyed with the other books.

28,589. Was that a book that was kept separately for advertisements ?—Yes.

28,590. Why did you destroy that book ?—Because I thought it was of no use.

28,591. Were the debts all cleared up and wiped off ?—Or transferred into the ledger.

28,592. When did you transfer those accounts from the advertisement book, and from the magazine book into your present ledger ?—I think in December 1864.

28,593. December last year ?—Last year but one. I did not enter the June accounts into the ledger.

28,594. What a rigmarole account you are giving us ; you say you did not enter this account into the ledger because it was wiped off; that was in June 1865, and now you tell me that these accounts were entered up in December 1864; how do you reconcile those two statements ; when were these accounts entered from the magazine book and the other book respectively into the ledger ?—In December 1864.

28,595. Then that book is still in existence ?—No, it was destroyed with the other books.

28,596. But the book into which they were entered was not destroyed ?—No, that would be into the ledger I fancy.

28,597. The ledger is still in existence ?—Yes.

28,598. Then if so, those two accounts must be in it, because they were not paid off in December 1864. I understand you to say this ; and do not let there be any mistake about it. I understand you to tell me that your accounts that were unpaid in the magazine book, and in the other book, were entered in the ledger in December 1864 ?—Generally they were.

28,599. Did you not tell me that all unpaid accounts were entered up into the ledger in December 1864 ?—Yes, I think they would be.

28,600. Then if these were unpaid they would be in the ledger ?—Yes.

28,601. Where is your ledger book ?—At home.

28,602. Let us have no misunderstanding about this; either they are in the ledger book of 1864, or they were not owing from Mr. Harrison in December 1864; you cannot escape from that ?—I cannot positively say.

28,603. You say you entered up in December 1864 all accounts due and owing on these two bills ; you see what I mean do you not ?—Yes.

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28,604. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live in Church Street ?—Yes.

28,605. And you are a dentist ?—Yes.

28,606. How did you vote at the last election ?—For Schneider and Lawrence.

28,607. How had you voted at the election in 1864 ?—I voted for Saunders.

28,608. How came you to vote for Schneider in 1865 ?—Because I was treated badly ; they said I voted for an "old Tory."

28,609. How were you treated badly ?—I was bullied.

28,610. By whom ?—By several people in the town.

28,611. What were you bullied for ?—Because I had voted for an old Tory ; that is what got talked about.

28,612. Who was the old Tory for whom you voted ?—Saunders ; that is what they accused me of.

28,613. Your having voted for an old Tory at the previous election was no reason why you should vote for Mr. Schneider ?—I had friends on both sides ; and I did not like voting for one side and not for the other. I should have voted on both sides, if there had been three candidates, when Mr. Saunders came forward. I should have voted then ; both for a Liberal and a Conservative candidate.

28,614. You wished to oblige your friends ?—Yes.

28,615. You have heard what Mr. Nevatt has said ?—Yes.

28,616. Had you an account owing to Mr. Nevatt in July 1865 ?—He sent me an account, I think, in June, two or three days or a week or two, before the election.

28,617. What was the amount of it ?—1*l.* 11*s.*, I think it was, in June ; it would be just after Midsummer I think.

28,618. Who canvassed you for your vote ?—Mr. Schneider.

28,619. Did anybody canvass you in the town ?—Mr. Nevatt came up to me in the street, and began a conversation with me.

28,620. When was that ?—On the night after the nomination ; the evening of the nomination day ; the nomination had taken place before.

28,621. Just tell me what he asked you ?—He asked me who I was going to vote for. I said I was going to vote for Schneider and Lawrence. I distinctly recollect his asking me to vote for Fenwick ; and I said I would not vote for Fenwick, and I said I would vote for Schneider; then he said to me "If you will vote for Fenwick, I will strike out your account," I said "Oh no, Mr. Nevatt, I could not think of anything of the sort."

28,622. What did he say upon that ?—I suppose he struck it out.

28,623. What did he do when you said "Oh no I shall not do anything of the sort," ?—He went away and left me, and I went home.

28,624. Did he say anything about cancelling your bill ?—Yes, he did.

28,625. After that again ?—No.

28,626. Then all he said to you was, "If you will vote for Fenwick, I will strike out your account" ?—Yes, that is what he said to me, and I said, "Oh no, I "could not think of doing anything of the sort, I will "pay you your account," I said.

28,627. You voted for Schneider and Lawrence ?—Yes.

28,628. Did you receive from Mr. Nevatt a receipt ?—Never.

28,629. A month afterwards ?—Never ; I never had a receipt at all.

28,630. Have you paid that bill ?—No, I have not.

28,631. Why have you not paid it ?—Because I had to change my residence, and I had lost the account, and I could not tell what I owed him at the time of the election.

28,632. How do you mean at the time of the election ; you know now ?—Yes ; because I have found the account.

28,633. Why have you not paid it ?—I was ill just about that time.

28,634. You said that you changed your residence ?—Yes ; I was ill at the time, and it was a serious loss to me. I was very backward.

28,635. Do you mean to tell us that you did not know the amount ?—I knew that I owed him about 30*s.* ; but I could not tell exactly what it was, because there was a mistake in the next bill that was sent in. I have it now in my pocket.

28,636. When was the next bill sent in ?—In December 1865.

28,637. You say you have it in your pocket ?—Yes.

28,638. Just let me see it. (*Some accounts are handed by the witness to the Commissioners.*) Here

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is a bill dated June 1865, and it says "to account delivered, 17*s*." ?—Yes.

28,639. "One Examiner, to June 1865, 14*s*.," and the total is 1*l*. 11*s*.?—Yes.

28,640. That is in June 1865 ?—Yes.

28,641. That is the bill which you say was then owing to Mr. Nevatt ?—Yes.

28,642. And that bill you say is not paid?—No, it is not.

28,643. Then comes the next bill, December 1865., "one Daily Times, to December 1865, 1*l*. 1*s*." ?—That is a mistake.

28,644. What is the mistake ?—I do not owe that guinea at all. I only owe 14*s*. for it; there is a quarter charged twice over.

28,645. If you owe 14*s*. in December 1865, he would put in "to account delivered" ?—Yes; I could not make that out.

28,646. But he does not do so ?—He does not.

28,647. And therefore 1*l*. 11*s*. went for your vote ?—No; it did not.

29,648. Yes; it is quite clear from these papers that it did ?—I do not understand it so at all.

28,649. But I do perfectly, and anybody who looks at these papers must understand it too; you have convicted yourself. You may stand down ?—I never intended to take any bribe.

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WILLIAM FORT sworn and examined.

28,650. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A dentist.

28,651. You are a householder ?—Yes.

28,652. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Lawrence.

28,653. Did you receive any money at the last election ?—No, none at all; not at the election.

28,654. After the election ?—After the election I did.

28,655. What did you receive ?—I brought three bills from Preston, which I presented to Mr. Barker, and he gave me the money.

28,656. Three bills of what sort ?—Accounts against the election.

28,657. Let us look at them ?—I will explain them to you. In consequence of so very much personating having been practised, during Mr. Saunders election, I was spoken to about it; for it was suspected that there were some parties coming over from Preston, that had personated voters here, and the parties who had been over during that election had told afterwards of what they had done in Lancaster during Mr. Saunders' election; of course it was then well known who the parties were who had been here.

28,658. You mean that by that means you had found out who the people were that had done the personation at Mr. Saunders' election ?—Yes; and in consequence of that I sent people to see if those parties were at home. Several days before the election they were away from home, one in particular; and I was in conversation with Mr. Saunders about it, and Mr. Lawrence as well, and I told them that I thought the best way would be to send two or three parties over from Preston that knew those very men, and who might detect them if they tried to vote.

28,659. And so you had some persons over here ?—Yes; and they made out an account to me afterwards.

28,660. What was the amount ?—12*l*. for two of them that came over, and then there was either John or James Turner, I do not know which; he is since dead. A lawyer.

28,661. Were those persons voters or not voters ?—They were not voters.

28,662. But they were persons who came over to a certain extent to do detective work at that election ?—Yes.

28,663. And you paid that ?—I paid it.

28,664. How much did you pay altogether ?—Altogether it was 15*l*. 12*s*.

28,665. What else did you pay ?—I paid this Mr. Turner 2 guineas.

28,666. Who is Mr. Turner ?—He was a lawyer; he is since dead.

28,667. He came for the same purpose ?—He brought Dallabella, a voter, over from Preston.

28,668. What else did you pay ?—1*l*. 10*s*. I paid in expenses, railway fares, cab fares, and refreshments for those two men, when they were here.

28,669. Did you pay anything else ?—Nothing.

28,670. That made altogether then a sum of 15*l*. 12*s*. ?—Yes.

28,671. From whom did you receive the money for that ?—Mr. Wilson Barker.

28,672. When ?—I do not know the date, I think he states the 26th.

28,673. After the election ?—After the election.

28,674. Did you receive anything from Mr. Wilson Barker besides that ?—No, nothing.

28,675. Did you receive any compensation or remuneration for your trouble ?—No, nothing at all.

28,676. You did this then simply for the love of the cause ?—Yes.

28,677. Have you got anything else to say upon that point ?—No, nothing further.

28,678. Having yourself been connected with this matter, of looking after personation, do you believe that any personation occurred at the election in 1865 ?—Yes, those two men that I sent over saw one man vote.

28,679. Who was that man ?—I forget the name; it was the very man that was found personating in South Lancashire.

28,680. What are the names of the two men you have referred to ?—John Southworth and Edward Pearson.

28,681. Where are they to be found ?—One is in Fyld Road, Preston, and Edward Pearson is in Church Street. Southworth is a grocer, and Pearson is a tobacconist in Church Street.

28,682. Are there any numbers to their houses ?—The houses have numbers, but I am not acquainted with them.

28,683. Those were the two persons who saw personation in Lancaster ?—Yes.

28,684. Personating what voter ?—I cannot tell. They did tell me at the time.

28,685. Was the vote allowed ?—Yes.

28,686. You were not present at the time ?—No, I was not present.

28,687. Is there any other case of personation that you know of ?—I do not know of any more.

28,688. Have you yourself anything further to tell us on the subject of personation ?—No, nothing further.

28,689. Do you believe that there was only that one case ?—They only saw one man vote. I daresay others were deterred in a great measure on account of several of the Preston police having been sent for, and having come over here, and they were men who were acquainted with the parties who were over for that purpose, and knew them very well.

28,690. In fact they had got the names of the persons who had done the personation at Mr. Saunders's election ?—Yes.

28,691. To what extent do you believe personation had taken place at Mr. Saunders's election ?—I believe it took place to a very great extent; I cannot tell the numbers, but I was told that there were a great many that were personated.

28,692. When you say a great number, do you mean 10 or 20 ?—I should think 20 would be a great number.

28,693. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose it was done on both sides ?—I do not know anything at all about the other side. It was only known by their own telling

when they got back to Preston, where they made a boast of what they had done.

28,694. How many voters did your side personate?—I do not know, indeed.

28,695. (*Mr. Hill.*) That you did not look after so closely?—No, I did not.

28,696. Who were the persons who were personated. Would they be freemen or householders?—I believe they would be chiefly freemen out in the country, because the personating, I believe, was done principally at the Leonardgate booth.

28,697. And the Leonardgate booth comprises what voters?—People from Kellet and from Morecambe, I believe.

28,698. The persons who were personated then were outlying freemen?—Yes, I understood so.

28,699. Has the practice of personation been common with regard to outlying freemen?—Yes.

28,700. May I say that personation to a considerable extent has been practised with regard to outlying freemen at previous elections?—I do not know anything further than what took place at Mr. Saunders's election. The party that the men came over particularly to look after was Satterthwaite *alias* Jones.

28,701. Was he the man who was supposed to be at work here?—He was the man they came to stop, and a man he brought with him.

28,702. And in consequence of their coming to look after him he transferred himself to another place?—No, I believe he was here on the day of election dressed as an old farmer in the streets.

28,703. On the day of which election?—On the last election.

28,704. Was not that the same day as the Great Yarmouth election?—I think not.

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28,705. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Mason Street, Lancaster.

28,706. What are you?—A quarryman.

28,707. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for nobody; there was one voted for me; my vote was gone when I went to poll.

28,708. At what booth did you go to poll?—The Girls National School.

28,709. For whom did you intend to vote?—For Mr. Lawrence.

28,710. Where is Mason Street?—It is in Lancaster, off Damside Street.

WILLIAM TOWERS recalled and further examined. *W. Towers.*

28,711. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understand that you can explain this?—I can. According to the evidence of Mr. William Storey and Mr. Stanton they paid this man 10*l.* to go and poll for another, Thomas Taylor, at Bolton; this man had not a vote at the last election. This man made an attempt to personate Thomas Taylor at Bolton; I saw him.

28,712. Thomas Taylor of Bolton voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—He did.

28,713. (*Mr. Patteson, the Secretary.*) He is on the register twice?—Yes.

28,714. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How is he on the second time?—He is on the second time as of Skerton. Nos. 823 and 825 on the register are the same person. In 1864, Thomas Taylor, labourer, of Bolton, resided at Bolton, and in August of that year he removed to Skerton; he was put on that year for Skerton and was not removed from Bolton, that is how he came to be on the register twice.

28,715. Then this man was neither of them?—No. It was conveyed to me early in the morning, that this man was going to vote for Thomas Taylor, labourer, of Bolton, and the consequence was that I voted Thomas Taylor, labourer, the first man. We had no sooner gone out of the booth than this man came in to vote for Thomas Taylor, rather on in the day. I was in the polling booth about 3 o'clock when this man came in again.

28,716. Had you seen him come in before?—Yes.

28,717. About what time?—As far as I could say it would be, perhaps, about 25 minutes to 9 in the morning.

28,718. Between 8 and 9?—Yes.

28,719. He came in to try it on?—He came and tendered his vote.

28,720. What took place upon that occasion?—He went up, I suppose, to the poll-clerk.

28,721. He went before the deputy returning officer?—Yes.

28,722. And then he tendered his vote?—Yes.

28,723. And was asked his name?—He was asked his name.

28,724. And what name did he give?—He gave his proper name and address, as of Mason Street.

28,725. He gave his name as Thomas Taylor, of Mason Street, quarryman?—Yes.

28,726. Then I suppose the vote was refused?—Yes, the vote was refused; he was told that he was not the man, and he was told to go away.

28,727. Did you take any objection to him then, or who took the objection?—At that time I did not take any objection.

28,728. Who took the objection?—The returning officer.

28,729. He would say to him, "There is no such man on the register?"—I do not know that on that occasion he did; but he told him that Thomas Taylor had voted, and that if he was the voter somebody had voted for him. That was on the first occasion.

28,730. Can you say whether at that time there was a Thomas Taylor, of Mason Street, quarryman, on the register?—No, there was not.

28,731. Then the poll-clerk was not exact in what he told this man, was he?—I beg your pardon.

28,732. The poll-clerk would not have been exact in what he told this man?—I do not know that he was not.

28,733. This man gave his name correctly, as I understand you?—He did.

28,734. Thomas Taylor, Mason Street, quarryman?—Yes, and he tendered his vote as Thomas Taylor, labourer, Bolton.

28,735. He tendered his vote as being the same man as Thomas Taylor, labourer, Bolton?—Yes.

28,736. And the returning officer then told him that Thomas Taylor had voted?—Yes.

28,737. And then, I suppose, he left the booth?—He left the booth then, and afterwards returned again about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

28,738. Were you in the booth at that time?—I was.

28,739. What took place the second time?—He came and laid down his voting card as No. 823 for Thomas Taylor of Skerton, labourer.

28,740. I do not quite know what a voting card is?—It is a card with the candidate's name and the number on the register.

28,741. That is sent by the Committee to each voter?—Yes.

28,742. By each party?—Yes, and at the time he laid it down he said, "I vote for Lawrence."

22,743. But the poll-clerk does not permit a man to deliver in his voting card, I suppose, or rather does not permit him to vote by handing in a card?—The returning officers never make use of voting cards.

28,744. A man has to state *viva voce* who he is?—They see the number on the card, and say, "Are you Thomas Taylor?"

28,745. When he put down his polling card, the poll-clerk asked him "Are you Thomas Taylor of Skerton, labourer"?—Yes.

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28,746. Am I right in that?—Well, before he had spoken again, after he came in and put down his card and said how he voted, I said, "I demand that the returning officer swear this man," and when he came to ask him the question, "Are you Thomas Taylor, labourer, of Skerton," the man turned round and walked away.

28,747. Was he sworn?—Yes. When he was asked the question, "Are you Thomas Taylor, of Skerton, labourer," he turned round and walked away.

28,748. After he had been sworn, on being asked that question, he left the booth?—He did.

28,749. And that is all you know about him?—Yes.

28,750. He never did in fact personate anyone?—No.

28,751. But he attempted it?—He attempted it; and when Mr. Stanton said in his evidence that they had paid this man 10*l.*, and that he had afterwards given it up again; I remember reading in the paper that he was complimented by the Court for having shown himself an honest man by so doing.

28,752. He did return the money at all events?—Yes; they went, like a troop of soldiers after a first unsuccessful attempt, to get the money back from him. They threatened to besiege the place and everything else, and then the money was given up.

T. Taylor.

THOMAS TAYLOR'S examination resumed.

28,753. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What induced you to go and say that you were Thomas Taylor of Bolton-le-Sands, labourer?—They gave me the number to go and vote, and said I had to go and vote for Bolton, and asked me how it came that I was put down for Bolton.

28,754. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Capstick.

28,755. Mr. Capstick gave you the number you say; you mean a card?—Yes.

28,756. Have you ever been a voter at all?—Yes.

28,757. When was that?—At the election before I voted for Mr. Saunders; I lived in Mason Street then where I do now.

28,758. How came you to lose your vote?—I do not know.

28,759. (*Mr Hill.*) Are you quite sure that you were on the register when you voted for Saunders?—No.

(*Mr Towers.*) I believe he did vote then, and that he was on the register for Thurnham Street.

28,760. (*Mr. Barstow.*) (*To Mr. Towers.*) Was he drunk or sober when he came to the booth?—In the morning he was not drunk, and in the afternoon he knew what an oath meant, but I should say that he was nearer drunk than anything else in the afternoon.

28,761. (*Mr. Newton.*) (*To the witness.*) What made you go and try to vote a second time?—A gentleman asked me if I had voted, and I said, "No, sir, I have not," and he said, "If you will go I can get you voted."

28,762. Who gave you the card?—Nobody gave me a card.

28,763. Yes, you had a card?—I had not a card then.

28,764. You had a card the second time. Was 823 upon it? Who gave you that card?—I cannot tell you; it was a gentleman from Skerton.

28,765. Not Mr. Capstick?—No.

28,766. Another gentleman caught you at 2 o'clock?—Yes.

28,767. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you on the register now again?—Yes.

T. Taylor.

THOMAS TAYLOR sworn and examined.

28,768. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—Going up in the back market, now in Lancaster.

28,769. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

28,770. (*To Mr. Towers.*) Is this Thomas Taylor of Skerton, labourer?—Yes, this is the man; he did not vote for Skerton at that time; he voted for Bolton.

28,771. (*Mr. Newton.*) (*To the witness.*) You voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

28,772. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

28,773. Who paid you?—Mr. Towers.

28,774. What did you get for being on the committee?—1*l.*

28,775. Who did you get it from?—I do not know.

28,776. Did you get anything for being on the Blue committee?—No.

28,777. How long have you had your freedom?—Twenty-seven or twenty-eight years.

28,778. Have you always voted?—Yes, I was off going on for ten years.

28,779. Do you care about having a vote?—Yes.

28,780. Why do you care about it,—because it brings you in money?—No; I have polled often enough for nothing.

28,781. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—I is following fishing now.

S. Winder.

STEPHEN WINDER sworn and examined.

28,782. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A watchmaker.

28,783. Where do you live?—Marsh Lane.

28,784. You are down in the register as Damside Street?—I was in Damside Street, but I live in Marsh Lane, now.

98,785. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Schneider and Fenwick.

28,786. What did you receive?—7*l.*; and 1*l.* a week before the election.

28,787. Did you receive anything besides that 8*l.*?—No.

28,788. Did you not manage to get anything from the other side?—No.

28,789. You only got 8*l.* altogether?—Yes.

C. Lewtas.

CUTHBERT LEWTAS sworn and examined.

28,790. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A warehouseman.

28,791. Where do you live?—At Sun Street.

28,792. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

28,793. You would have some money I suppose?—My wife was paid 5*l.*, and I got 6*s.*

28,794. Are you a householder?—Yes.

28,795. You are a sort of man that ought to be above taking money for your vote. May I ask you what your income is?—1*l.* a week wages.

28,796. (*Mr. Hill.*) What else?—49*l.* a year from income.

28,797. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At all events, you got 5*l.* 6*s.*?—My wife got 5*l.*, and I got 6*s.* to spend.

28,798. Where you on any committee, or anything of that sort?—No.

28,799. (*Mr. Hill.*) Your wife gave you the 5*l.*?—No; I do not suppose she did.

28,800. She spent it on you. Besides this 1*l.* a week, do you get a house in addition?—I get nothing from my brother but 1*l.* a week.

28,801. What is he?—A corn dealer.

28,802. What is your work?—Packing in the warehouse, doing anything that there is to do, mixing flour, or anything of that sort.

28,803. You do not want to throw the whole blame on your wife, do you?—No. I knew it.

28,804. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is the rental of your house?—11*l.*

THOMAS BORROW sworn and examined. *T. Borrow.*

28,805. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live at Church Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

28,806. Are you the man who said you would not come?—I never was summoned until yesterday, and have been here since 10 o'clock yesterday.

28,807. What are you?—I keep a grocer's shop, and am a gardener.

28,808. How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Schneider.

28,809. What did you get for your vote?—I got 6*l.*

28,810. From whom?—John Cross.

28,811. That was for voting for Lawrence?—Yes.

28,812. What did you get for voting for Schneider?—I got nothing. I should have got nothing from neither side. I was not intending to do, but a man asked me to go in, as they were paying the voters, and I went in and they gave me 6*l.* without asking for it.

28,813. Somebody gave you 6*l*?—It was given to me from the table where Mr. Cross was sitting.

28,814. You never asked for it?—I went up, and they asked me what I wanted, and I said "The same as you give the others." I understood they were paying two days wages. I never agreed for any amount. They gave me what they thought proper.

28,815. What committees were you on?—I was on none; I never had anything to do with them at all.

28,816. You were on neither committee?—No, I never had anything from them, only that.

28,817. You got nothing for voting for Schneider?—No.

28,818. And you got nothing for not voting for Fenwick?—No, nothing.

28,819. All you got was 6*l.*?—Yes.

28,820. How did you vote at the election before?—For Fenwick.

28,821. What did you get then?—I got 5*l.* Mr. Welch left 5*l.* at my house.

28,822. This time, when there were three candidates, you were going to vote for them for nothing?—I intended to vote for both men for nothing. I did not intend to have any more money for voting.

28,823. Why not?—I thought it was not right to take it, and did not intend having any more.

22,824. Why not?—Because I did not want it.

33,825. You did not want the money?—I did not want any more money.

22,826. Are you so rich that you do not want any more money?—I intended to give my vote this time.

22,827. And not to sell it?—As they were paying all the others I thought I might as well have it as the others.

22,828. You did not intend to sell it?—No, I intended to give it to both men.

22,829. What do you mean by both men?—Both candidates.

22,830. There were three candidates?—I meant to give it to Schneider and Lawrence this time.

28,831. Why should you leave out your old friend Fenwick?—These two were what I had promised, and I could not give it to all three.

28,832. Why should you leave out your old friend Fenwick who gave you 5*l.* last time?—I promised Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Schneider. They called at my house, and my wife told them she thought I would vote for them, and as long as they thought so I did not like to change; otherwise I should have plumped for Lawrence.

28,833. Do you mean to say you always intended to vote for both sides?—I intended to vote for Lawrence and Schneider.

28,834. You did not get anything from your old friend Fenwick this time?—No. I did not want to vote for him, and for that reason I did not want to have anything from him.

28,835. (*Mr. Hill.*) You made no application to the Liberal party for any money?—I made none to either side this time.

28,836. You went and asked for what the other people were getting?—I was asked in the street by a man to go up, and he told me they were paying all the voters.

RICHARD BONNELL sworn and examined. *R. Bonnell.*

28,837. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A labourer.

28,838. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

28,839. What did you get?—5*l.*

28,840. Is that all you got?—Yes.

28,841. Did you not get anything for being on the committee?—No.

28,842. Did you get anything from the other side?—No, not a halfpenny.

28,843. We are not talking about halfpence here. Did you get any gold or silver?—No.

28,844. 5*l.* was all you got?—Yes.

28,845. And I suppose as much drink as you wanted?—I got scarcely any; two or three glasses.

28,846. Then you did not get as much as you wanted?—Yes, I did.

EDWARD COOPER sworn and examined. *E. Cooper.*

28,847. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A cabinet-maker.

28,848. Where do you live?—Upper King Street.

28,849. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

28,850. What did you get?—5*l.*

28,851. Who paid it to you?—Benjamin Long.

28,852. Were you on any committee?—No.

28,853. That is all you got?—Yes.

28,854. You got nothing else at all?—No.

RICHARD CARTER sworn and examined. *R. Carter.*

28,855. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—Damside Street.

28,856. What are you?—A hosier and draper.

28,857. How did you vote at the last election?—For Schneider and Fenwick.

28,858. What did you get for your vote?—I got this (*handing a watch to the Commissioners*).

28,859. Is it a new watch?—No, it is not a new one.

28,860. Tell us the story how you came by it?—

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R. Carter.

26 Sept. 1866.

Robert Whiteside, in Leonard Gate, came to me and asked me if I would vote for Fenwick and Schneider, and I said "Yes." He said "Will you be on the committee?" I said I had not time, and I says to him "I will be nothing out this time, if I help you in any way I will be nothing out." The first time I was a voter I was nearly 15*s.* or 16*s.* out of pocket for Mr. Gregson in spending my own money in treating the people. He says "I will take care thou isn't." He is an intimate acquaintance of mine, and has been so 14 or 15 years. He says "I will take care thou is nothing out;" and he came to me in a day or two after, and asked me what I had been out. I said I had been nothing out, I was not going to charge anything. He said "What money did they give you for your vote?" and I said I would have no money. He went and brought me three or four watches to look at, perhaps a month or five weeks after the election, and he said "Which wilt thou have?" and he said "This one used to belong to the Reverend Rowley, the chaplain," and I says "Oh, I will have that."

28,861. Because it came from the church?—It came from Mr. Rowley, and him and me very intimate, and I respect the honour of the old man very well.

28,862. You took the watch?—Yes.

28,863. What is Whiteside?—A grocer in Leonard Gate.

28,864. Did he tell you where he got the watch from?—From Beesley.

28,865. Did he say what he paid for it?—No, he did not; I never asked him.

28,866. You were quite right. What do you think it is worth?—I will leave you to put the value on it.

28,867. (*To Mr. Vickers.*) Take that watch in your hand, and put a value upon it.

28,868. (*Mr. Hill.*) Your selling price. What would you sell me such a watch as that for?—About four guineas.

28,869. (*Mr. Newton.*) You think that is a fair price?—Yes.

28,870. Can I go to your shop and buy as good a one for four guineas?—Yes.

28,871. (*To the witness.*) You would not have voted if it had not been for that?—I had voted.

28,872. You would not have voted without you were to get free of all expenses?—Yes I should, on account that it was Mr. Schneider who was coming into Mr. Gregson's shoes.

28,873. Do you always vote for the man that comes into the dead man's shoes?—Yes.

J. Bannister.

JOHN BANNISTER sworn and examined.

28,874. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—At the "Sun Inn."

28,875. What is the rental of the "Sun Inn"?—60*l.* a year.

28,876. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

38,877. What did you receive?—Nothing at all, only my refreshment bills.

28,878. How much were your refreshment bills? The first bill was 50*s.*, which Mr. William Storey paid, and the next was 5*l.* paid by Mr. Gibson for the rent of the committee-rooms which they had for three weeks, and 45*l.* was the refreshment bill during the election.

28,879. What else?—That is all.

28,880. You call 51*l.* 10*s.* nothing at all? How much was spent at your house besides?—I really cannot say.

28,881. 20*l.* or 30*l.*?—No, not that.

28,882. About 10*l.* or 20*l.*?—Perhaps about that.

28,883. About 20*l.*?—I do not think it would be as much as that.

28,884. Shall I say 15*l.* or shall I say 19*l.*?—About 15*l.*

28,885. Spent by the captains at your house in treating?—Yes.

28,886. Was there anything else given to you?—No.

28,887. Did you receive any other sums of money?—No.

28,888. Did you pay anybody, or receive any other sums of money?—No not anything, except what was paid to me for refreshments.

28,889. Did you set apart any room for the committee?—Yes.

28,890. That was the room in which they met?—Yes.

28,891. And in which they had the drink represented in this bill?—They had two committee-rooms. The head sitting room which they had for the private committee room. There was very little drink went in there. I think there was more went in on the election day.

28,892. But there was before?—Well, one night I think.

28,893. That was the only night they deliberated there, perhaps?—No, it was not the only night they deliberated there; they had several meetings in that room, but I think it was only one night that they had drink in that room.

28,894. That is 66*l.* 10*s.* altogether you got?—Yes.

28,895. By whom was your committee-room taken?—Mr. Cooper and Mr. Greenall came in and said they had come for the room the same as they had for Mr. Saunders.

28,896. What was said about price?—Nothing at all. They never made any bargain. I charged that in my bill for the use of the rooms.

28,897. Do I understand you that you charged something for the use of the rooms in the 45*l.* 10*s.* besides the 5*l.*?—No, the 5*l.* was for the use of the rooms.

28,898. And the 45*l.* was for drinking and eating?—The 45*l.* was for eating and drinking.

28,899. I put "drinking" first, advisedly?—That 45*l.* was all for eating and drinking.

R. H. Harrison.

ROBERT HOLT HARRISON sworn and examined.

28,900. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A nail maker.

28,901. Where do you live?—China Lane.

28,902. Who paid you?—Thomas Foster.

28,903. How much?—12*l.*

28,904. Who was present when you were paid?—I cannot say that there was any one.

28,905. You voted for Lawrence?—I voted for Fenwick and Lawrence.

28,906. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get anything besides?—30*s.* from Knowles Allinson.

28,907. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get anything from Danson?—No.

28,908. Did you get anything to spend in drink?—No.

28,909. Nothing?—No.

28,910. What did Knowles Allinson give you 30*s.* for?—I was delivering circulars out one or two days.

28,911. For Messieurs Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

28,912. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you get nothing from Schneider's party?—I got 30*s.* from Knowles Allinson.

28,913. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not get anything from Mr. Lawrence's party to spend in drink?—Alexander Harrison gave me 30*s.*

28,914. What else did you get besides?—Nothing.

28,915. Was 15*l.* all you got?—Yes, that is all.

28,916. Is William Harrison in this part of the world?—He is in Yorkshire somewhere.

28,917. Do you know what he got?—I cannot say.

28,918. He is a nail maker too, is he not?—Yes, he is.

28,919. He is some relation of yours?—He is a brother of mine.

28,920. For which party did he vote?—He voted a plumper for Lawrence.

28,921. Do you not know what he got?—No, I was not in the room at the time he was paid.

29,922. Did you hear what he said he got?—No.

28,923. Did he ever mention it to you?—No.

28,924. What do you believe he got?—I cannot say.

28,925. Do you think he voted without being paid?—No. I think he got something, but I cannot say what.

28,926. Have you ever voted before?—I have.

28,927. What did you get for that?—5*l.* I think, but I cannot say exactly.

28,928. That was when you voted last time?—Yes.

28,929. You do not care about voting except to sell your vote?—The money was offered to me, or else I should not have taken it. I did not go to look after it.

28,930. Was it offered to you on both occasions?—Yes.

28,931. For whom did you vote the time before?—For Mr. Fenwick.

28,932. Why did you vote for Lawrence this time?—Because I thought they were the two fittest persons to go.

28,933. (*Mr. Hill.*) What wages do you make at nail making?—It depends; sometimes as much as 5*s.* and 5*s.* 6*d.* a day, and 4*s.* some days.

28,934. You are at work now, are you not?—Yes.

28,935. Did you go off work to get this 3*l.*—I was off work at times.

28,936. For how long?—A week before the election.

28,937. Do you ever go and work down Kingswinford way?—No.

JAMES MARSH sworn and examined.

J. Marsh.

28,938. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—New Street, Lancaster. That is my place of business.

28,939. What are you?—A brass founder.

28,940. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

28,941. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

28,942. What part did you take in the election?—The only part that I took in the election was to pay Mr. William Parkinson for coming from Bradford 2*l.* for his expenses here and back, and I suppose other expenses. He told me if he was disposed to sell his vote he could get 12*l.* or 15*l.* for it, but he was not disposed to sell it, and simply wanted his expenses, but could not find anyone to get them from, and I said I would apply to Mr. Henry Welch, and get them for him.

28,943. He was in the market?—No, he was not in the market. He told me he would not sell his vote, but wanted his expenses. He had been written for, and he thought he ought to have them, and wanted to go away by an early train.

28,944. You went to Mr. Welch and got his expenses?—Yes.

28,945. What other money did you get from Mr. Welch?—None. I took no part in the election till then.

28,946. When was this?—On the day of election.

28,947. At what time?—Early in the morning, between 8 and 9.

28,948. You had taken no part in the election till then. What part in the election did you take after?—I assisted in bringing voters to the poll.

28,949. Like everybody else?—Yes.

28,950. You assisted to get voters to come?—Yes.

28,951. Who told you to do that?—Nobody.

28,952. Did you go and get money from anybody?—No.

28,953. Did you see anybody paid?—No.

28,954. Did you pay any body yourself?—None but the one I have already told you of.

28,955. What shop is it you keep in New Street?—A furnishing ironmongers and a brassfounders shop.

28,956. Was there much going on there that morning of the election in New Street?—Nothing very particular that I know of. It was not a very thronged place.

28,957. At what time did you poll?—The first hour.

28,958. After you had polled you went and assisted?—Yes.

28,959. Do you represent to us that you got nothing for rendering that assistance?—No. I should be very sorry to take money for my vote.

28,960. I asked you whether you got anything for your assistance?—I consider my assistance is not worth anything, and I told you distinctly that I did not get anything for my vote or assistance, and I should consider myself insulted if I were offered anything.

28,961. I ask you again, further, do you still adhere to that statement, that you got nothing for your assistance which you rendered. Give me an answer, yes or no?—I got nothing.

28,962. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you not canvass before the election?—No.

28,963. You did not ask anyone for their vote?—I might have asked some friend or other, but I do not remember doing so.

28,964. You do not remember asking anyone for their vote on behalf of Fenwick and Schneider?—I do not remember doing so, but I might possibly do so.

28,965. I should think you would remember a thing of that sort?—I do not remember doing so.

28,966. Do you really mean to say you do not know whether you did or not?—No, I do not.

28,967. Then why did you not say so at once? Is this all you had to do with the election, getting this 2*l.* for expenses for Parkinson?—Yes, that is all.

28,968. How did you assist on the day of the election?—One portion of the day I assisted Mr. Charles Cleminson to carry Dr. Lee, who had come from Buxton at his own expense, I believe, up to vote. Mr. Cleminson said he wanted some one to assist him, and he did not want to be carried up by the railway porters; and I said I would go and assist in carrying him to the poll booth, and also in taking him home afterwards. He was an invalid, and required carrying up.

28,969. So I assumed from what you said. Is that all you did?—No. I went down to St. George's Quay.

28,970. What did you do there?—It was not exactly St. George's Quay, but in that direction. I went to a man of the name of Lawson Swain.

28,971. What did you do there?—I do not know that I did anything particular, any more than go to the place and assist in bringing him up to the poll.

28,972. He was not an invalid?—He had a broken leg.

28,973. You were the head of the ambulance corps?—I do not know that I was at the head of it.

28,974. Swain was paid by Henry Welch 10*l.* Did you assist in paying him?—No. I do not know anything about paying.

28,975. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you assist in paying money at all?—No.

28,976. That you swear to us that you know nothing about money matters?—No.

28,977. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who knows most about money matters in your street; who was looking after it?—It is only a small street, and I do not suppose it would want much looking after.

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J. Marsh.

26 Sept. 1866.

28,978. What little it did want looking after, who did it?—I do not suppose anybody went paying in our street. It is a street composed of tradesmen.

28,979. What of that? We have a pretty good list of them already?—They ought to be above it.

28,980. That is one thing; but who did the paying in New Street?—I do not know.

28,981. You living in New Street, have you not heard at all?—No.

28,982. Who was it?—I do not know anything about it. I never saw anyone pay money.

28,983. I did not ask you whether you saw it, but from information you have received, from gossip in the town, and common talk, who was it paid in New Street?—I cannot tell you. I do not suppose any money was paid in New Street.

28,984. Do you mean to tell me that there was not one single person in New Street who was paid?—Not to my knowledge.

28,985. I am not asking you of that. I am asking you, from the information you have had, and from your belief?—There is Gorst, but you have had his name already.

28,986. Was he doing any paying?—I think so, but it is only hearsay, and I do not know who told me of it either. It was merely common report.

28,987. You would call him a respectable tradesman, would you not?—I do not know.

28,988. He took 6*l.* and asked for 4*l.* more?—So I have heard.

28,989. Who was paying in New Street?—I do not know.

28,990. Whom have you heard of?—I have not heard of anyone.

28,991. How many voters have you in New Street?—I do not think I could tell you without I had the list and went over it.

28,992. Five or six?—Not more I should think.

28,993. Amongst those, do you not think any of them were paid?—I should think not.

28,994. Not by anybody?—I should think not.

29,995. Did you see Mr. Schneider in your street on the day of nomination?—No.

28,996. Are you sure of that?—I never saw him in the street.

28,997. You did not see him in the street on the day of nomination?—No.

28,998. Where did you speak to Mr. Schneider on the day of nomination?—At the side of the "Queen's Hotel."

28,999. Did you not speak to him also in New Street?—I do not remember doing so.

29,000. What did you say to him at the side of the "Queen's Hotel?"—I told him they had no occasion to come and canvass me, as I should vote without any canvassing.

29,001. Did you not also say something about other people in New Street?—No.

29,002. Are you quite sure of that? Just recollect?—I do not remember saying anything.

29,003. Not about anybody else in New Street?—No.

29,004. Do you not recollect seeing one of Mr. Schneider's friends (I will not mention his name now) in New Street on that day looking after voters?—I do not remember it.

29,005. On the election day, did you see Mr. Schneider there?—No.

29,006. Did you see any of his friends there on the election day looking after voters?—I do not remember seeing anyone, but I might see plenty passing backwards and forwards.

29,007. Who took the New Street voters to the poll?—I do not know that.

29,008. Were you there all day?—I was not in New Street. I closed my shop on the day of the election.

29,009. Then you cannot tell me who did the New Street work?—No.

29,010. Are you quite sure you never saw Mr. Schneider there on the nomination day?—I am quite sure.

29,011. You did not mention the name of any New Street person to him?—I am quite sure I did not.

29,012. Is this William Parkinson that you have mentioned of Cable Street?—Yes.

G. Sergeant.

GEORGE SERGEANT sworn and examined.

29,013. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—I live in the Freehold now. I did live at 59 Penny Street.

29,014. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

29,015. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,016. What did you get for your vote?—1*l.* 10*s.*

29,017. Nothing else?—No.

29,018. Who paid it to you?—Benjamin Long.

29,019. What was that for?—He paid it to me two or three days after the election for loss of my time.

29,020. What time had you lost?—What time I did lose it was my own fault. I need not have lost any, but at election times we do lose time.

29,021. Is that 30*s.* all you got?—Yes.

29,022. You were on no committee?—No.

29,023. Had you no money given you to drink with?—No.

29,024. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you lose your time?—I never went to work at all on the nomination and election day.

29,025. What wages do you earn in a week?—I do not make much, perhaps 18*s.* I never work before breakfast in the morning. I have not been very well.

29,026. You lost two days' work?—I lost more than that altogether.

29,027. How many days did you lose?—I could not tell to an hour or two; perhaps four or five days altogether.

29,028. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are employed by Messrs. Gillow?—Yes.

29,029. Are you not well enough to work full days?—No.

29,030. You are not strong enough to work full days?—No.

29,031. When you do work full days, what do you get?—24*s.* or 26*s.* a week. We work by the piece.

29,032. Was there any arrangement between you cabinet makers at Messrs. Gillow's as to how you should vote?—No.

29,033. You all did vote one way nearly, did you not?—The majority would vote for Mr. Lawrence, I think.

29,034. Have you ever been paid for your vote before?—No. I never did vote but once before.

29,035. Were you offered anything else besides?—No.

29,036. By anybody?—No.

29,037. How long after the election were you paid?—Either two or three days after.

29,038. Did you go and ask for it, or did they bring it to you?—They brought it to me.

29,039. Who brought it?—Benjamin Long.

29,040. (*Mr. Newton.*) Benjamin Long had told you beforehand that you would be paid?—No.

29,041. What made you leave your work?—For my own pleasure.

W. Speight.

WILLIAM SPEIGHT sworn and examined.

29,042. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A beer-house keeper.

29,043. What is the sign of your house?—The "Coachmakers' Arms."

29,044. In Leonard Gate?—Yes.

29,045. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

29,046. Was your house taken by the Conservative party ?—Yes.

29,047. By whom ?—George Danson.

29,048. When ?—About a fortnight before the election.

29,049. Was anything said as to what he was to pay you ?—No.

29,050. Nothing ?—No, nothing.

29,051. What was you paid ?—I got 5*l.* through Mr. Coupland.

29,052. Who paid it ?—A person at the "Boar's Head," in Nicholas Street.

29,053. What refreshments were paid for previous to the election ?—They were down two separate nights, and there would be 2*l.* spent in drink, altogether.

29,054. Had you a bill besides ?—No.

29,055. You only got those 2*l.* for refreshments ?—For drink, and 1*l.* from George Danson on the day of the election, after the election was over.

29,056. What was that 1*l.* for ?—For drink.

29,057. Then you got 3*l.* for drink ?—Yes. They paid for this 2*l.* as it came in.

29,058. All you get out of the election was 8*l.* ?—Yes, that was altogether.

29,059. You got nothing more than 8*l.* ?—No, nothing more.

29,060. Did you get anything from the other side ?—Nothing.

29,061. Did not Allinson come and try to hire your house ?—No.

29,062. Why not ?—He knew I was a Conservative and it was no use to interfere with me.

29,063. Have you always been "Blue" ?—Yes, always.

29,064. As I understand, the 2*l.* was paid for the drink as it was drunk ?—Yes, as it went into the room.

29,065. They came down there two nights ?—Yes.

29,066. Who were the captains ?—A person of the name of Harrison was the principal man.

29,067. It was open house very nearly, I suppose ?—Merely for the party that came down.

29,068. To do you a turn, I suppose ?—Yes, I suppose it was.

EDWARD BRADLEY sworn and examined. *E. Bradley.*

29,069. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A beerhouse keeper.

29,070. What is the name of your beerhouse ?—The "Royal Oak."

29,071. Was your house taken ?—Yes.

29,072. By whom ?—By Towers.

29,073. How much money was given you for it ?—5*l.* for the house.

29,074. When were you paid that ?—It might be a week after the election.

29,075. What bill had you ?—I got 2*l.* 10*s.* for refreshments, and 5*l.* for the house; that was all I got.

29,076. Was the 2*l.* 10*s.* sent in a bill ?—No, it was altogether.

29,077. Was that all that was spent there at all ?—Yes.

29,078. You voted for Fenwick and Schneider ?—Yes.

GEORGE COWELL is called but does not answer. *G. Cowell.*

(*Mr. Patteson, Secretary.*) I have received the following letter from George Cowell :—"This is to "sertify that i, George Cowell, Cannot a tend through "Bad helth ; i Got 7*l.* 10*s.* For my Hous, and 7*l.* 10*s.* "For refrements ; my Wife Got 1*l.* 10*s.* from the "Blue Partey to treat a lot of their Partey that Was "in our Hous ; this is the Truth So help my God.—"GEORGE COWELL."

GILBERT HALL sworn and examined. *G. Hall.*

29,079. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You keep a public-house at Skerton ?—Yes.

29,080. Is it a licensed house ?—Yes.

29,081. What is the sign of your house ?—The "Millstone."

29,082. Your house was taken for Fenwick and Schneider at the last election ?—Yes.

29,083. What did you get ?—7*l.* 10*s.*

29,084. What did you get for refreshments ?—They paid for it as it went in, but as near as I can tell it would come to about 5*l.*

29,085. Who paid for it ?—William Towers.

29,086. Did he come every night and pay ?—Yes, he paid for the drink as he got it.

29,087. Did you send in any bill ?—Yes.

29,088. You received nothing else but that ?—No.

29,089. Do you know George Cowell ?—Yes.

29,090. Have you seen him lately ?—Yes.

29,091. When did you see him ?—Yesterday.

29,092. How is he ?—Poorly.

29,093. What is the matter with him ?—I cannot say. He is in the doctor's hands.

29,094. (*Mr. Hill.*) Has he been drinking too much of his own drink, or anything of that sort ?—I cannot say.

29,095. You do not know at all ?—No, I do not.

THOMAS ROBERTS sworn and examined. *T. Roberts.*

29,096. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live ?—In Leonard Gate.

29,097. What are you ?—A tin-plate worker.

29,098. How did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,099. What did you get for your vote ?—Edward Johnson arranged with a son of mine and me together —my son Charles, from Barrow—and I told him I was not in the habit of taking money for my vote; and he said, "I know that." He said, "I was the captain in your district last election ;" and I said, "Well, I got nothing from you," and he said, "No." I then said my son would want arranging with, that he would be a good deal out of pocket coming from Barrow and stopping here and going back again, and that he would want something decent. He says, "Come in and I will arrange with you both," and he counted 13*l.* down; and he said, "I hope that will satisfy you both."

29,100. You got 6*l.* 10*s.* ?—No, I got 5*l.* of it, and no more.

29,101. 13*l.* was paid ?—I asked how he would divide it; and I said I could not expect to have anything like my son had.

29,102. Why not ?—Because of his expenses from Barrow. He was above a week engaged.

29,103. You got 5*l.* ?—Yes, but I think Edward Johnson charges me with 7*l.*

29,104. (*Mr. Hill.*) Yes, he does. He says he gave your son 7*l.* and 1*l.* for his expenses, and you 7*l.* ?—Yes, but that is not correct. I did not have it in that way. I got no more than 5*l.*, and I am positive that he gave me no more than 13*l.*

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T. Roberts.

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29,105. Your son got 7*l.*?—No, he got 8*l.* altogether.

29,106. (*Mr Newton.*) How many committees were you on?—None. I never interfered at all with the election in no way. I used to be rather fond of it, but this election I never interfered at all. I was not well.

29,107. You were not up to the drink?—No, I am not one of that sort much.

29,108. (*Mr Hill.*) Was your son Charles present when you were paid?—Yes. Johnson says, "Take it "altogether, and you can arrange it amongst your-"selves."

29,109. Did he give it to you or your son?—He gave to me altogether, and told me to count it, and said, "You can arrange with yourself," and I said, "I should like you to name how it is to be divided;" and he said, "There is 5*l.* for you and 8*l.* for your son."

J. Pimm.

JOHN PIMM sworn and examined.

29,110. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A tailor.

29,111. Where do you live?—St. George's Quay.

29,112. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,113. What did you get from William King?—8*l.*

29,114. Did you get anything else?—No.

29,115. Was that all you had?—Yes.

29,116. Were you on any committee?—No.

29,117. You touched no money at all except the 8*l.*?—No.

29,118. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you ever voted before?—Yes, many a time.

29,119. How have you voted?—I have always voted for the Liberals.

29,120. You are a Liberal in politics?—Yes.

29,121. Are you a scholar?—Part; not very much of a scholar.

29,122. (*Mr. Hill.*) Can you read the newspaper?—Yes.

29,123. (*Mr. Newton.*) What do you pay for your house?—8*l.* a year.

R. Talbot.

RICHARD TALBOT sworn and examined.

29,124. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Marton Street?—Yes.

29,125. I think you are an ironfounder?—Yes.

29,126. You voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

29,127. Mr. Marsden gave you something at the last election?—Yes.

29,128. I forget at this moment how much it was?—He gave me 10*l.*

29,129. Is that all you received?—Yes.

29,130. Were you on any committee?—No.

29,131. You received nothing to drink—no money to spend in drink?—No, not any.

29,132. Did you get anything from Lawrence's people?—Not anything.

29,133. 10*l.* is all you got?—Yes.

J. Talbot.

JOSEPH TALBOT sworn and examined.

29,134. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,135. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

29,136. Who paid you?—Mr. Marsden.

29,137. Were you on any committee?—On no committee.

29,138. Have you voted at previous elections?—Yes.

29,139. How have you voted?—For the Liberals generally.

29,140. Do you care about having a vote?—Not so much.

29,141. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—10*l.*

29,142. I mean in 1864, at Fenwick and Saunders's contest?—I got 30*s.*

29,143. Do you care about having a vote?—Not so much.

29,144. Only for the money, I suppose. Are you a scholar?—Yes.

29,145. You are able to read?—Yes.

29,146. What rent do you pay?—Not any.

29,147. You live with your father?—Yes.

29,148. What rent does he pay?—Eight guineas a year.

J. Tomlinson.

JOHN TOMLINSON sworn and examined.

29,149. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—Damside Street.

29,150. What are you?—A tailor.

29,151. How far is that from Bridge Lane?—Not far.

29,152. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,153. What money did you receive?—5*l.*, after I voted.

29,154. Was that from Slater?—No, Barsby.

29,155. Did you receive anything from William Slater?—No.

29,156. What else did you receive?—1*l.* 10*s.*, committee money.

29,157. From whom did you get that?—Mr. Allinson.

29,158. Did you get anything else?—No.

29,159. Are you quite sure you got nothing from Slater?—Positive.

29,160. Were you in the "Blue Anchor?"—Yes, a few minutes.

29,161. Did you receive the money from Barsby at the "Blue Anchor?"—No.

29,162. Where did you receive it from Barsby?—At the "Commercial Inn," Market Street.

29,163. Do you know Richard Tomlinson, junior?—Yes.

29,164. Is he dead?—I have a brother called Richard Tomlinson, who is dead.

29,165. Did he live in Henry Street, shoemaker?—I believe so.

29,166. You ought to know. He was your brother?—I do not know exactly where he lived.

29,167. How much did he get?—According to the evidence that I read in the paper he got 15*l.*

29,168. But I want to know what you know yourself?—He got 15*l.*, according to what I have seen in the papers.

29,169. But besides the papers?—I do not know.

29,170. Did you not see him get any money?—No.

29,171. Did you not talk to him about getting money?—Not particularly that I know of.

29,172. Generally, what did you say to him?—I had very little conversation with him at all.

29,173. Did he not tell you what money he got?—I do not recollect that he ever did.

29,174. I see you got this 5*l.* from Cole through Barsby?—Yes,

29,175. What other Tomlinsons on the register are

there that are your relatives?—Thomas Tomlinson, Monmouth Street.

29,176. Do you know what he got?—No.

29,177. Then there is Edward Tomlinson?—He is dead. He is an uncle of mine.

29,178. Who is the other that is dead?—My father.

29,179. What was your father's name?—Richard.

29,180. Is Thomas Tomlinson any relation of yours?—A brother.

29,181. What did he get?—I do not know.

29,182. Then Richard Tomlinson, junior; is he any relation of yours?—He is dead.

29,183. He was your brother?—Yes.

22,184. You have lost your uncle, brother, and father. You do not know what any of them got?—No.

29,185. Excepting what you have seen in the paper?—No.

ROBERT WILSON sworn and examined. *R. Wilson.*

29,186. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Skerton.

29,187. You are a cabinet maker?—Yes.

29,188. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

29,189. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

29,190. Who paid you?—George Wilson.

29,191. Who is he?—A cabinet maker at Skerton.

29,192. What did you get for being on the committee?—30*s.* George Danson paid me.

29,193. Did you get anything else?—George Danson paid me a few shillings besides.

29,194. What for?—To treat myself with, I suppose, and others.

29,195. Did you get anything else?—I got a few shillings from Watson, of North Road.

29,196. How much shall I say?—I should think about 7*s.* or 8*s.*; not more.

29,197. What did George Danson give you the second time?—He gave me 5*s.* one time, and about 4*s.* another, as near as I can think, but I cannot say to a shilling or so.

29,198. You got about 2*l.* altogether, besides what you got for your vote?—Yes, I daresay.

29,199. Is that all you got?—Yes.

29,200. How long have you been upon the register?—Twenty years.

29,201. Have you always voted "Blue"?—Nearly about.

29,202. When did you vote on the other side last?—It is a good deal of years since. I cannot recollect.

29,203. What did they give you for voting "Blue"?—When?

29,204. The last time before this?—2*l.* 10*s.*

29,205. What do you pay for your house?—I do not know; 5*l.* a year, I think.

29,206. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you care about having a vote?—Yes.

29,207. Why?—Because I can suit myself who I poll for.

29,208. You can sell it?—No, I do not know that I particularly want to sell it.

ENOCH MONKS sworn and examined. *E. Monks.*

29,209. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—At Cheapside.

29,210. What are you?—A clogger.

29,211. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,212. What did you get?—10*l.*

29,213. Were you on any committee?—No.

29,214. Did you not get anything else besides the 10*l.*?—That is all the money I got.

29,215. From either side?—Yes, from either side.

THOMAS WOODMAN sworn and examined. *T. Woodman.*

29,216. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Lawrence.

29,217. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.* on one side and 8*l.* on t'other.

29,218. Who gave you the 10*l.*?—Blue 10*l.*

29,219. Who gave it to you?—He is a stranger to me. I do not know him.

29,220. Is that all you got?—Yes.

29,221. Where did the stranger pay you?—At Overton.

29,222. In your own house?—No.

29,223. Where?—At a public house.

29,224. From where did you get the 8*l.* from the "Yellows"?—In Lancaster.

29,225. Who paid you?—I do not know him. He was a stranger to me. He is a Lancaster man, I suppose.

29,226. What are you?—A stonemason.

29,227. Where do you live?—At Heysham.

29,228. You got 18*l.* for your vote from two benevolent strangers?—Yes.

29,229. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you tell them, when they bought your vote, that you could only give them a split vote?—They only asked me for one of the "Blues."

29,230. What did you get at Fenwick and Saunders's election?—I believe I got 6*l.* or 7*l.* the last election before.

29,231. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you always been selling your vote?—Generally so.

29,232. That is what you like to have a vote for?—Well, it is very useful.

29,233. Are you a scholar?—Not much.

29,234. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a stonemason, or have you got some property of your own?—I am a stonemason.

29,235. Have you some property of your own?—No.

29,236. You were not paid by Proctor Hutchinson, were you?—I do not know the man by name.

29,237. Was he a young man from Welch's shop?—He was a stout man. I never saw the man before nor since.

29,238. Is there a Thomas Woodman that lives at Barrow?—Yes.

29,239. Do you know him; is he any relation of yours?—Yes, a half cousin of mine.

29,240. He was over here to vote, was he not?—I suppose he would be, but I did not see him.

THOMAS BINLESS sworn and examined. *T. Binless.*

29,241. (*Mr. Newton.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,242. What did you get for your vote?—5*l.*

29,243. Who paid you?—Mr. Stewardson.

29,244. Where did he pay you?—At the "Commercial Inn" yard.

29,245. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—No.

29,246. Is 5*l.* all you got?—Yes.

29,247. Did you get nothing from the "Blues"?—No.

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M. Winder.

26 Sept. 1866.

MATTHEW WINDER sworn and examined.

29,248. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—In Leonard Gate.

29,249. What are you ?—A sawyer.

29,250. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,251. What did you get ?—8*l.*

29,252. Did you get anything else besides ?—No.

29,253. Did you get no committee money or anything of that sort ?—No.

29,254. 8*l.* is all the money you touched ?—Yes, the only money I got.

J. King.

JOHN KING sworn and examined.

29,255. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live ?—Slyne.

29,256. What money did you get for the purposes of the last election ?—I received up to and previous to the day of election 24*l.* 10*l.*

29,257. And after ?—5*l.* from Mr. John Cross.

29,258. From whom did you receive the first sum ?—George Clark.

29,259. What did you do with the 24*l.* 10*s.* ?—I paid 3*l.* to Joseph Bond Richmond and Thomas Crossfield. They are returned in Danson's evidence as being paid by him, but I received the money from Danson, and paid it to them.

29,260. You say you received 24*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Clark ?—No, the whole sum I received was 24*l.* 10*s.* I received 6*l.* from Mr. Clark.

29,261. That is not what you said. From whom did you receive the 24*l.* 10*s.* ?—6*l.* from George Clark, 3*l.* from Mr. Coupland, and 15*l.* 10*s.* from George Danson.

29,262. Now tell us what you did with it ?—I paid 3*l.* to Joseph Bond Richmond, and Thomas Crossfield 30*s.* each ; 1*l.* 5*s.* to Joseph Bond Richmond for money that he had expended; 7*l.* 10*s.* to Nathaniel George Richmond for his vote ; and 1*l.* to Joseph Bond Richmond on the morning of the election.

29,263. What was that for ?—He had been assisting me. I had him on the committee, and he came to me in the morning of the election, and said he thought he ought to have something for drink, and I gave him a sovereign, and I spent 12*l.* or 11*l.* 15*s.* during the canvassing in treating and so on.

29,264. On what day did you receive the first sum ?—A fortnight or so before the election ; I do not know the exact date.

29,265. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did you do with the 5*l.* ?—That was given to me by John Cross for my services.

29,266. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where did you spend the greater part of the 12*l.* ? — Part at Slyne, Bolton, Kellett, Carnforth, and Lancaster, but the greatest portion in Halton.

I. Greenwood.

ISAAC GREENWOOD sworn and examined.

29,267. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live ?—At Slyne.

29,268. How did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,269. What did you get for your vote ?—Nothing.

29,270. Did you get any money for being on any committee ?—No ; I never was on any committee.

29,271. Did you get no money to treat with ?—No, not a penny.

29,272. Did you treat anybody ?—No.

29,273. Did you pay anybody ?—No.

29,274. Did you see anybody paid ?—No ; I merely recorded my vote ; I was up in London on the inquiry, but was not called upon.

29,275. May I ask you what you are ?—A gentleman.

29,276. Did you go up to London to the committee ?—Yes.

29,277. For what reason ?—I was subpœnaed.

29,278. By whom ?—The "Blues ;" by Mr. George Clark, I suppose.

29,279. The state of things now before us is very different from what it was before the House of Commons. Do you know anything now that you can tell us with regard to the election of 1865 ?—No ; I took no part in the election, except recording my vote, and I never got a penny for any vote in my life.

29,280. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you canvass anybody ?—No.

29,281. Or treat anybody ?—No.

29,282. Did you ever hear that a man named Hadfield said that Wearing had paid you 15*l.* ?—Yes, I heard that there was a report current, but there was nothing substantiated at all.

29,283. You heard that Mr. Hadfield made a statement—not that a report was spread—to a solicitor that you had received 15*l.* from Wearing ?—Yes, I have heard such a thing.

29,284. You have now an opportunity of saying whether it is true or false ?—It is a falsehood.

29,285. A very deliberate falsehood on the part of Mr. Hadfield ?—Yes, a deliberate untruth. I never got a penny for my vote in my life.

29,286. Did you see Mr. Hadfield here this morning ?—No.

29,287. Do you know him by sight ?—No.

29,288. You did not see him come in and speak to a person here ?—No, I do not know him. If I were to see him I should not know him.

29,289. I am very glad you have had an opportunity of clearing your character from the imputation. You have cleared your character from this imputation which no one who has the slightest knowledge of Mr. Hadfield would be likely to believe?—I never received anything for my vote in my life.

J. Ward.

JOHN WARD sworn and examined.

29,290. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A quarryman.

29,291. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,292. What did you get ?—8*l.* 10*s.*

29,293. From whom ?—From Edward Bradshaw.

29,294. Did you get anything else ?—Nothing at all.

29,295. Did you get anything else of any sort or description ?—No.

29,296. Bradshaw says he paid you 8*l.*, so that you put on 10*s.* Was the 10*s.* paid separately ?—No, it was paid all at once.

R. Smith.

ROBERT SMITH sworn and examined.

29,297. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,298. What did you get ?—10*l.*

29,299. From whom did you get it ?—Mr. Slater I believe they call him.

29,300. What did you get from the other side ?—Nothing.

29,301. Nothing at all ?—No.

29,302. Are you quite sure ?—Yes.

29,303. Were you on any committee?—Yes; I got 35*s.* from the same party I think.

29,304. What same party?—From Knowles Allinson.

29,305. What else did you get?—A shilling.

29,306. Is that all that you got?—Yes.

29,307. 11*l.* 16*s.*?—Yes.

29,308. You are quite sure you got nothing from Lawrence's people?—Yes.

29,309. Are you any relation to the two witnesses we have had here before?—Yes.

29,310. Brother?—Yes.

29,311. You were not so fortunate as they were?—No, not quite.

JOHN LAYTHAM sworn and examined. *J. Laytham.*

29,312. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you live in Lune Street?—Yes.

29,313. You are a labourer?—Yes.

29,314. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,315. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

29,316. Who paid you?—Mr. Slater.

29,317. What did you get for being on the committee?—Nothing.

29,318. Were you on no committee at all?—No.

29,319. That is bad luck. On neither side?—No.

29,320. 10*l.* is all you got?—Yes.

MATTHEW GREGSON sworn and examined. *M. Gregson.*

29,321. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A smith.

29,322. You live at the Pot-houses?—Yes.

29,323. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,324. How much did you receive?—10*l.*

29,325. Did you get anything else for being on the committee or anything of that sort?—Yes, 30*s.* from Mr. Tilly's office.

29,326. Anything else?—No.

29,327. You did not get on to the other committee did you?—No, I did not.

29,328. Is 11*l.* 10*s.* all you got?—Yes, that is all.

29,329. Did you go to Tilly's office to draw your wages on the last Saturday before the election?—Yes, I think it was.

29,330. You did not know it a week before?—No, I did not. It was a sinecure I think.

29,331. What was a sinecure?—The office was.

29,332. No, I think not?—I mean my office as committee man.

29,333. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote the election before?—For Mr. Fenwick.

29,334. (*Mr. Hill.*) Your cares as a committeeman did not keep you awake at night?—No, they did not indeed.

29,335. (*Mr. Newton.*) Had you been canvassed by anybody?—I was canvassed by the candidates themselves.

29,336. What did you tell them?—I told them I would vote for Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider.

29,337. How came they to pay you if you were going to vote for them?—Do you mean as committeeman?

29,338. No; how came you to be paid for your vote if you were going to vote for them?—Mr. Slater of Barrow paid me.

29,339. Should you have voted for them if you had not been paid anything?—Yes, I should have voted for them any way.

29,340. How came you to be put on the committee, do you know?—I do not know exactly.

29,341. Because you were a staunch man they put you on?—I cannot say for that. Mr. Moser put me down on the committee.

29,342. Is Moser a great friend of yours?—Not particularly.

29,343. He put down all his friends on the committee?—I cannot say for that. He put my name down—that is all I know.

29,344. Have you always voted "Yellow?"—Yes.

29,345. What did you get on the previous election? Fenwick and Saunders's contest?—I think 2*l.* or 3*l.*

29,346. Did you vote for Fenwick or Saunders?—For Fenwick.

RICHARD JEMMISON sworn and examined. *M. Jemmison.*

29,347. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,348. What did you get?—10*l.*

29,349. Who paid you?—Mr. Slater.

29,350. Did you get anything more than 10*l.*?—30*s.* from Johnson in Tilly's office.

29,351. Anything else?—1*l.* from George Danson. He sent it to me by William Parker.

29,352. Is 12*l.* 10*s.* all you got?—Yes.

29,353. Did you get any money to spend in drink?—No.

29,354. (*Mr. Hill.*) How came George Danson to give you money?—I do not know. I did not see him. He sent it me.

JOHN TAYLOR sworn and examined. *J. Taylor.*

29,355. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A cabinet maker.

29,356. Where do you live?—I live in Skerton now; I did live in Chapel Street.

29,357. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

29,358. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*

29,359. Who paid you?—Thomas Garnett gave it to me, but Mr. Cross gave it to Garnett I think.

29,360. What did you get for being on the committee?—5*s.* from Garnett.

29,361. Only 5*s.*?—Yes.

29,362. Did not Danson put you on?—No, not that I am aware of. I did not get anything if he did.

29,363. You only got 5*s.*?—Yes.

29,364. Were you not on the other committee?—No.

29,365. Is this the first time you have voted?—Yes.

29,366. (*Mr. Hill.*) You did not get anything from Clark?—No; I received all I got from Garnett.

JAMES HORNBY sworn and examined. *J. Hornby.*

29,367. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,368. What did you receive?—10*l.*

29,369. Did you get anything for being upon the committee?—No.

29,370. Did you get nothing else besides that 10*l.*?—No.

29,371. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Slater, of Barrow

29,372. What are you?—A painter.

29,373. A master painter?—No, a journeyman.

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29,374. Are you one of Williamson's men?—Yes. A summons came to my house for my son, but he is out of town.

29,375. What is his name?—Edward Clark Hornby.

29,376. For whom did he vote?—He voted for Lawrence.

29,377. What did he get?—I do not know. He was not living with me at the time.

29,378. Have you heard him say what he got?—No.

29,379. We shall have to send for him?—I do not know where he is. He went through here two months since. He is on the tramp to seek work.

29,380–1. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you ever hear him say that he got anything?—No, I never did personally.

29,382. Have you heard that he got anything?—Yes, I heard that he got 10*l.*

29,383. From whom?—From Lawrence's party.

29,384. From whom?—I believe he was paid at the "Sun," from what I heard, but I cannot exactly say.

29,385. From whom did you hear that?—I cannot speak to anyone particularly. I think it was John Harrison, joiner, that said so.

29,386. You think he told John Harrison and John Harrison told you?—Yes.

29,387. You think he got 10*l.* at the "Sun"?—Yes.

29,388. Where does John Harrison live?—He is a joiner and lives in St. Mary's Place.

29,389. You cannot tell us anything more about your son than that?—No.

29,390. Is there anybody else you can tell us anything about?—No.

J. Mounsey.

JAMES MOUNSEY sworn and examined.

29,391. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

29,392. What did you get for your vote?—9*l.*

29,393. Who paid you?—Mr. Bradshaw.

29,394. You are a silk dresser?—Yes.

29,395. Not a silk comber?—They are both the same.

29,396. Which are you put down on the register as?—I daresay I should be put down silk spinner.

29,397. Is your son here?—No.

29,398. Do you know what your son got?—No.

29,399. You did not see him paid?—No.

29,400. Did you not come to vote with him?—I came to town with him, but I did not see him paid.

29,401. You know he was paid?—No, I do not.

29,402. Has he never spoken to you about it?—No; he never said aught to me about it.

29,403. You came up together, and voted?—I did not vote when he did.

29,404. You came up from Galgate with him?—Yes.

29,405. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get the money for both?—No.

29,406. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where were you paid?—At the "Commercial Inn."

29,407. Did you see your son at the "Commercial Inn"?—Yes; but I did not see him paid.

29,408. Did you never hear that your son had received money?—Well, I do not know whether he received money, or not.

29,409. Why do you not answer at once?—I do not know whether he got aught, or not.

29,410. You saw him with the rest of the voters, at the "Commercial Inn"?—Yes.

29,411. (*Mr. Newton.*) You know he got money very well?—No; I do not know whether he got money, or not.

29,412. What was your son doing with the other Galgate voters, at the "Commercial Inn"?—I do not know. Getting something to drink I should think.

29,413. Was he doing like the rest?—Yes; he seemed to be.

29,414. Did you go one by one into the room to Mr. Bradshaw, to be paid?—Yes.

29,415. Did you see your son go into that room?—I cannot tell as he did.

29,416. Where is your son?—At Galgate.

29,417. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you sure you did not vote for both?—No; I did not vote for both.

29,418. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you sure you did not receive your son's money?—Yes.

29,419. What did all the Galgate men get?—I cannot tell; I can only speak for myself.

29,420. You know perfectly well what they got?—I cannot tell.

29,421. You know perfectly well?—How can I tell what they got.

29,422. What did they get?—I do not know.

29,423. Tell us what they got?—I cannot.

29,424. Yes you can?—No, I cannot.

29,425. Have you heard them say what they got?—No, I have not.

29,426. Do you mean to say you did not talk about it going home, what each of you got?—No; I do not know that we went home together.

29,427. You talked about it?—Nay; I do not know that we did.

29,428. You did?—I do not know that we did.

29,429. What did you talk about; you told your son what you got?—Nay; I did not.

29,430. (*Mr. Hill.*) What relation are you to William Mounsey?— Brother.

29,431. He and you got the same?—My brother is here.

29,432. You and he got the same?—We got our money.

29,433. You got the same amount of money, for your vote respectively, you, and William Mounsey, shoemaker?—William Mounsey, shoemaker, is not my brother, he is my uncle.

29,434. You got the same?—I do not know what he got.

29,435. What did your brother get?—I do not know.

29,436. There were four of you paid at the same time, James, John, William, and William; where is your son?—At Galgate; he lives with me at Galgate. He has not been summoned.

R. Threlfall.

ROBERT THRELFALL sworn and examined.

29,437. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Galgate.

29,438. What are you?—A silk dresser.

29,439. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,440. Did you get paid for your vote?—Yes.

29,441. How much?—9*l.*

29,442. By whom?—Mr. Bradshaw.

29,443. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—I never was on the committee.

29,444. You were all paid I believe at the "Commercial Inn"?—I was paid at the "Commercial Inn."

29,445. Was James Mounsey paid?—I cannot tell. I did not see him paid.

29,446. You know whether he was paid?—I do not. I was paid.

29,447. Was he paid there?—I cannot tell. I did not see him.

29,448. Have you heard it said so?—Yes; I have heard so.

29,449. Have you heard what he got for his vote?—No.

WILLIAM PARKER sworn and examined. *W. Parker.*

29,450. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A smith.
29,451. Where do you live?—At the Pot Houses.
29,452. For whom did you vote, at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.
29,453. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*
29,454. From whom?—Mr. Slater.
29,455. Did you get anything else?—1*l.* from George Danson. He sent for me, and gave me 1*l.*
29,456. Did you get anything else?—No.
29,457. Is 11*l.* all you got?—Yes.
29,458. How came you to take the 1*l.* from Danson?—He sent for me by Bingham, and he gave me 1*l.* I did not ask him what it was for.
29,459. Was that before or after the election?—The Saturday night before the election.
29,460. That 1*l.* had no effect upon you; it did no good in turning you round?—No.

RICHARD TAYLOR sworn and examined. *R. Taylor.*

29,461. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.
29,462. What did you get for your vote?—9*l.*
29,463. Who paid you?—Edward Bradshaw.
29,464. Did you get anything else?—No.

THOMAS GREGSON sworn and examined. *T. Gregson.*

29,465. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you come from?—The Pot Houses.
29,466. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick, and Schneider.
29,467. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*
29,468. Who paid you?—Slater, I believe it was.
29,469. You were on no committee?—I got a sovereign from George Danson.
29,470. Is that all you got?—Yes.
29,471. You did not get anything for being on any committee on the other side?—That is all I got from George Danson on that side.
29,472. Did you get anything else from the other side?—I got 30*s.* from Tilly's office.
29,473. Why did you not say so when I asked you. You have come here to speak the whole truth?—I thought you said from George Danson.
29,474. I asked you what you got altogether, and you said you got nothing more than the sovereign from George Danson?—I did not off that side.
29,475. Who paid you that 30*s.*?—I think a clerk of Mr. Johnson's.
29,476. Did you get anything else?—No.
29,477. You got altogether 12*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.
29,478. Is that the whole?—Yes.
29,479. That you will swear to?—Aye.

WILLIAM MOUNSEY sworn and examined. *W. Mounsey.*

29,480. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.
29,481. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.
29,482. How much did you get?—8*l.*
29,483. You got more than that?—No.
29,484. You were paid by Bradshaw?—Yes.
29,485. He says he gave you 10*l.*?—Yes, but it is wrong.
29,486. Are you sure of that?—Yes.
29,487. Who else was present when you were paid?—Mr. Pilkington.
29,488. How did he pay you—in a note or gold?—In gold.
29,489. Are you quite sure that that 8*l.* is all you received from Bradshaw?—Yes.
29,490. What else did you receive?—Nothing.
29,491. Did you not get anything from George Danson?—No.
29,492. Nothing from anybody else?—No.
29,493. What relation is James Mounsey to you?—Cousin.

JOHN STIRZAKER sworn and examined. *J. Stirzaker.*

29,494. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a gardener?—Yes.
29,495. In Meeting House Lane?—Yes.
29,496. Is your garden your own freehold?—Yes.
29,497. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.
29,498. Did you get any money during the election time?—I did not get a farthing.
29,499. Did any of your friends get any money?—No.
29,500. Are you quite sure?—Yes.
29,501. You are quite sure that no relation of yours got any money?—My son got something for electioneering purposes, but nothing as a bribe.
29,502. How do you know that?—I know from what he says.
29,503. Do you know Joseph Wilson?—Yes.
29,504. Did you see him the evening before the election?—I saw him at our house the day before the election.
29,505. Did he say anything to you about voting?—He said nothing to me.
29,506. To whom did he say anything?—He was talking to my son.
29,507. Did he not say anything to you at all?—I do not recollect his saying anything to me.
29,508. Did he not ask you for your vote?—No, he did not. He knew I was a reformer, and did not ask me at all for my vote.
29,509. Did you not say anything to him?—No.
29,510. Do you mean to say that Joseph Wilson came to your house and you said nothing to him?—I had no conversation with him.
29,511. Do you mean that you did not say a single word to him?—I do not know that I did.
29,512. Do you wish us to believe that Joseph Wilson came to your house, and you never asked why he came?—His conversation was with my son.
29,513. You know Joseph Wilson quite well?—Yes, he is there (*pointing to a person in the body of the Court*).
29,514. You know him quite well?—Yes, I know him well. I have been a freeman 54 years, and never received a bribe in my life.
29,515. Did you say anything to your son about voting?—Did I say anything to him?
29,516. Did you?—Not about voting. I talked to him about not taking anything as a bribe before the election.
29,517. When was that?—I should say so, several times. I cannot tell you any time in particular.
29,518. Did he tell you he had received anything from Joseph Wilson?—Joseph Wilson wanted him to go and help him.
29,519. Did your son tell you he had received any money from Joseph Wilson?—Yes, for electioneering purposes.
29,520. When did he tell you that?—I think it was after the election that he got it.
29,521. Do you swear that it was after the election?—I think so.
29,522. Do you mean to say that your son said nothing to you about having received money from Joseph Wilson on the night of the nomination?—I do not recollect that he said anything to me about it then.

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J. Stirzaker.

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29,523. Will you swear he did not?—I could not say. I cannot say either way.

29,524. You know that memory very often is a very convenient thing?—When you get to be as old as I am your memory will not be quite so good as it is now. I am a man between 70 and 80 years of age.

29,525. Elections do not come every day?—They do not.

29,526. Cannot you really remember whether your son spoke to you the night of the nomination upon the subject of money?—I don't think he did.

29,527. When did you first hear he had received money from Joseph Wilson?—I did hear it, but I could not say to a day or two when it was.

29,528. Did he offer you any portion of that money? He never did.

29,529. If he received any money for you he did not pay it over to you?—He did not receive any for me, nor did he pay any over.

29,530. How do you know he did not receive any?—I know he did not.

29,531. How do you know it?—I am certain of it.

29,532. Is that your only reason for not knowing it, that you are certain of it?—He said nothing to me about it, nor offered me nothing.

29,533. Do you mean to tell us that your son never offered you any money for your vote?—He never offered me a farthing.

29,534. And never told you that he had received money from Joseph Wilson for your vote?—No, he never did.

29,535. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the election in 1864?—For Mr. Fenwick.

29,536. What did you get for your vote then?—Do I not tell you that I never received a bribe in my life.

29,537. I ask you the question?—That will answer it.

29,538. What did you get for your vote, then?—I got nothing, I tell you.

29,539. When Wilson came to you that morning what did he say to you?—I cannot hear what you say.

29,540. When Wilson came to you that morning what did he say to you?—I cannot hear you.

29,541. Yes you can?—I cannot, indeed.

29,542. When Wilson came to you that morning what did he say to you?—It was not in the morning.

29,543. When Wilson came to you what did he say to you?—Did I not tell you before that he did not direct his conversation to me at all.

29,544. When he came to you on the morning of the polling, what did he say to you?—He never did come the morning of the polling.

29,545. Did he come the morning of the nomination?—Yes, the day of the nomination.

29,546. What did he say to you?—I have told you before he said nothing to me.

29,547. What did he say to you?—His conversation was not directed to me.

29,548. What did he say to you?—I say his conversation was not directed to me.

29,549. He would not come to you for nothing?—I do not know what you say.

29,550. You know perfectly well what I say?—I do not.

29,551. What did he come for?—He came to talk to my son; to ask him to help him at Carnforth about the voters.

29,552. He came to you?—No, he did not.

29,553. What did he say to you?—He said nothing to me. Mr. Wilson is here; put the question to him.

20,554. Do not speak to me. Understand that you must be respectful to us; be careful?—He is here, and if I am telling a falsehood he can answer it.

29,555. I am asking you a question, and not Mr. Wilson. When Mr. Wilson came to you what did he say to you?—Do not I tell you he said nothing to me.

29,556. What did he say?—He said nothing.

29,557. What did he say when he came into your house?—He began talking to my son.

29,558. Tell me what he said when he first came into the house?—I cannot tell you what he said.

29,559. Why not?—Because I do not know. I have not come here to tell a parcel of lies.

29,560. You have come here to tell the whole truth, and you shall do so?—I should not be telling you the truth if I were to begin telling you what he said, because I do not know what he said.

29,561. What did he say when he first came into the house?—I do not know what he said.

29,.562. What did he say when he first came into the house?—He came to talk to my son about going to Carnforth.

29,563. What did he say when he first came into the house?—I cannot tell you that.

29,564. Did he talk about money?—He never talked about money to me.

29,565. Did he talk about money at all?—I do not recollect his mentioning money in the house. I believe it was outside where he gave the money to my son.

29,566. What did he say outside the house about money?—I do not know.

29,567. What did he say outside the house about money?—I could not hear through the wall.

29,568. What did he say outside the house about money?—I cannot say.

29,569. What did he say outside the house about money? Answer the question.—I cannot. I was in the house, and they were outside.

29,570. How do you know they talked about money outside the house?—I know it from my son; from what he said.

29,571. What did he say?—He said that Mr. Wilson wanted to get him to go to Carnforth with him, and that he would give him money to help the voters on.

29,572. Did he say what money?—I believe he got about 20*l.*

29,573. To go to Carnforth with?—Yes. He paid a man 10*l.* for voting, and returned 8*l.* 10*s.*, I think, to Joseph Wilson.

29,574. What did he give you?—He gave me nothing. He could not give me much out of 30*s.*

29,575. Out of what 30*s.*?—If he paid 10*l.* and gave 8*l.* 10*s.* back to Joseph Wilson, there would be but 30*s.* left.

29,576. (*Mr. Hill.*) When did William Halstead come to you?—It would be a few days before the election.

29,577. He offered you and your son 17*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

29,578. What answer did you give him?—He was talking to my son.

29,579. What answer did you give him?—We would not take it.

29,580. What answer did you give him?—Do you think it likely we should take 17*l.* 10*s.* when the same party had offered us 20*l.*

29,581. Halstead made you an offer of 17*l.* 10*s.*, and I ask you what answer did you give him?—We would not have it.

29,582. Did you say to Halstead you would not have it?—Most likely I should.

29,583. Did you say to Halstead you would not have it?—It was my son he was offering it to.

29,584. Did you or did you not say to Mr. Halstead that you would not have it?—I never said I would have it.

29,585. It is a plain question; did you say to Halstead you would not have it?—We did refuse to take it.

29,586. Did you or did you not say to Halstead you would not have it?—Without a doubt we should say so.

29,587. Did you or did you not?—Then I must say we did, if that will do.

29,588. Can you separate yourself from your son for a moment?—He never offered it to me.

29,589. I asked you if he offered you 17*l.* 10*s.*, and you said "Yes?"—It was my son.

29,590. Answer my questions. I am putting as plain questions as possibly can be. William Halstead came to your house?—He came into the garden.

29,591. William Halstead offered you 17*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

29,592. To whom did he make that offer?—To my son, for his vote and mine; one vote for Lawrence, but we had had 20*l.* from the same party before.

29,593. You mean had had offered, I suppose? I do not wish to catch you?—Yes, and it is not likely we should make such a bargain.

29,594. William Halstead offered you and your son 17*l.* 10*s.*? Did you give an answer to that or not?—I do not think I should.

29,595. Did you or did you not?—I do not think I did.

29,596. Did you or did you not to the best of your belief?—Then I just say I did not.

29,597. What was the next offer he made when he found you would not take the 17*l.* 10*s.*?—We had had another offer.

29,598. I am coming to that. I know all about the offers perhaps as well as you do. What was the next offer Halstead made?—None.

29,599. Did he then offer to give your son a thrashing?—He said that my son had made a fool of him, and he had a good mind to thrash him.

29,600. They did not part very pleasantly?—I do not know how they parted.

29,601. Did a thrashing take place?—My son was not there, he said it to my daughter.

29,602. He did not offer to thrash your daughter? Did he offer your daughter any money for you?—No.

29,603. How do you know that?—I am sure he did not.

29,604. How are you sure of it?—Because I am positive she would have told me.

29,605. What took place between Halstead and your daughter?—He came to the door; he was vexed, and he said he had a good mind to thrash my son for his behaviour as he had not taken his money.

29,606. Do you mean really to tell us that. You have said it once before in London, and do you mean to tell us it again now?—What?

29,607. That Halstead came and told your daughter that he had a good mind to thrash your son because he would not take 17*l.* 10*s.* for his vote?—Yes, I say so now.

29,608. When did John Hargreaves come and make you an offer?—I think it would be a week before that time.

29,609. What did John Hargreaves offer you?—20*l.*

29,610. For which side did he offer it?—Lawrence.

29,611. Did he offer that to you or your son?—He offered it to both.

29,612. 10*l.* apiece?—Yes.

29,613. What was done about that?—We refused it; we would not have it.

29,614. Was it not enough?—We did not want money.

29,615. You refused it?—Yes, the same as the 17*l.* 10*s.*

29,616. What was the next offer?—The 17*l.* 10*s.* of Halstead's.

29,617. What other offer had you?—Then Marshall came.

29,618. He came at 3 o'clock in the morning?—A little after 4, I think; between 4 and 5.

29,619. How much did he offer?—He offered that as Halstead had offered.

26,620. 17*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes; he came from Halstead, I believe.

29,621. That was from Lawrence?—Yes, for our vote for Lawrence.

29,622. You looked out of the window and spoke to him?—I looked out of the window, and then went down to him, and talked to him at my door, and my son too, and then I went upstairs again.

29,623. He had got the money in his hand?—I imagine so; I thought I saw something in his hand. I understood him to say he had brought the 17*l.* 10*s.*, but he says he did not.

29,624. You did not take that 17*l.* 10*s.* then?—No, we took no money of any description.

29,625. Did you tell Marshall you were astonished at his coming again?—No, I do not know that I did. I had very few words with him.

29,626. Did your son hear what took place between you and Marshall?—Yes, he was there.

29,627. He came down too?—He came down too.

29,628. Did he go to bed again afterwards?—I cannot say that.

29,629. Was he dressed when he came down?—We were only half dressed. He would most likely go upstairs again.

29,630. Are we to understand that between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning you and your son came down to talk to Marshall about the money and that both of you went to bed again?—I daresay we should. I am sure I did.

29,631. What made your son get up—was it not enough for one to do it?—We both went down.

29,632. Did you tell him you had received something from the other side?—I received nothing from the other side.

29,633. Did you tell Marshall that you had received something from the other side?—I did not, and could not tell it to him without telling a lie.

29,634. Did you tell him that you were going to receive something from the other side?—No.

29,635. What bill had you for plants and flowers supplied to some person on the Liberal side at that time?—I sold no plants; you mean the vicar, I suppose, and I have not sold a plant to him for these three years.

29,636. Have you had any money from any person connected with Mr. Schneider?—No.

29,637. Not for plants?—No, I never sold a plant to him in my life.

29,638. Do you swear that?—Yes, I will.

29,639. After the last election did you receive anything for your services?—I did not; I never rendered any services; I never went about; I only went to the poll. I went from my house to the poll and back again home.

29,640. Did you get anything for your services and going to the poll?—No, I got nothing.

29,641. Did they not send you a present?—They gave me nothing.

29,642. Did they give your wife anything?—Nothing.

29,643. Did they give your daughter anything?—Nothing.

29,644. Were you not rather surprised at all these people coming continually to the house offering you money?—They wanted my vote, and I was not going to vote that way for money.

29,645. Did you tell them the first time that it was a monstrous thing?—I told John Hargreaves I did not want the money, and that I was not going to vote that way.

29,646. They knowing very well that you would not vote for them, do you wish to represent that they took the trouble to come down at 3 or 4 in the morning with the money in their hands?—They had been down before that.

William Mounsey sworn and examined.

W. Mounsey.

29,647. (*Mr. Newton.*) You come from Galgate?—Yes.

29,648. How did you vote?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,649. What did you get for your vote?—7*l.* 10*s.*

29,650. Who paid you?—Bradshaw.

29,651. Were you on any committee?—No.

29,652. Did you get anything from Mr. Tilly?—No.

29,653. Nothing?—I got 5*s.* from Mr. Bradshaw for getting my son John from Preston.

29,654. Is that all you got?—Yes.

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W. Mounsey.

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29,655. You got no money for being on the committee?—No.

29,656. Neither from the Blues nor the Yellows?—No.

29,657. All you got was 7*l.* 10*s.*?—That is all with the exception of 5*s.*

29,658. Did you pay that to your son?—No, I got it for looking him up and getting him from Preston.

29,659. Did you pay it to your son?—No; that was for my own expenses. I had to write for him, and I should have gone for him but he came the night as I was going.

29,660. It did not cost you 5*s.* to write to him?—No.

29,661. You got 7*l.* 15*s.* for your vote?—The 5*s.* was for getting my son from Preston.

Adjourned for a short time.

C. Fawcett.

CHRISTOPHER FAWCETT sworn and examined.

29,662. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a cabinet maker?—Yes.

29,663. Of Leonard Gate?—Yes.

29,664. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,665. What did you get?—8*l.*

29,666. Did you get anything else?—Yes, 35*s.* from Mr. Tilly.

29,667. Did you get anything from the other side?—Yes.

29,668. How much did you get from the other side?—2*l.* 5*s.* from George Danson.

29,669. Is that all you got?—Yes.

29,670. There is a Christopher Fawcett who is dead now, is there not?—No; Robert Fawcett.

29,671. Was he a relation of yours?—No; there is a young man who got paid at the time I did; he was here yesterday, but he is not here to-day.

29,672. What is his name?—William Roberts, iron-turner, of St. Leonard Gate.

29,673. He was paid by King, was he not?—Yes.

29,674. Were you paid by King too?—Yes.

29,675. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you present when Roberts was paid?—No, he went into the room after me.

29,676. And you saw him come away with the money?—Yes; that was all he got; he was on no committee.

29,677. Did he get anything from Tilly?—No, he never got nothing.

29,678. Nor from Danson?—No.

29,679. How came that?—I asked him this morning; I went to see him and he said he did not.

29,680. How much did he get?—8*l.* for his vote.

29,681. William Roberts, iron-turner, is that the man?—Yes.

29,682. You are sure that he got nothing for being on the committee?—Yes.

29,683. That is he has told you so?—He has told me that he got nothing.

T. Whiteside.

THOMAS WHITESIDE sworn and examined.

29,684. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you of Alfred Street?—Yes.

29,685. Cabinet maker?—Yes.

29,686. And you voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

29,687. What did you get for your vote?—I received 2*l.* 15*s.* a few days after the election.

29,688. From whom did you receive it?—I received 2*l.* from Benjamin Long, and 15*s.* from Mr. Thomas Cleminson.

29,689. For what did you receive this 2*l.* 15*s.*?—You may call it for what you like.

29,690. For giving assistance?—Yes.

29,691. It was not for your vote?—Well, I took it for assistance, you can call it what you like.

29,692. Is that all you received?—Yes.

29,693. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

29,694. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you give any assistance?—Yes; I lost several days' work.

29,695. (*Mr. Newton.*) That was because you choose to do so?—Yes. I may also state that Edward Whiteside, cabinet maker, received the same amount as myself.

29,696. How do you know that?—Because he told me.

29,697. Were you present when he was paid?—No.

29,698. Is he here to-day?—No, he is not here.

29,699. Is that Edward Whiteside, of Margaret Street, cabinet maker?—Yes.

29,700. Did he authorize you to come and state this?—Yes.

29,701. Why did he not come here to-day?—Well, I do not know; he thought perhaps that there was no occasion for both of us to come.

29,702. If he authorized you to come, and you tell him you have told us, there will be no occasion for him to come here to-morrow?—He does not intend to come as long as I have told you.

29,703. I have him down as having been paid by Cleminson?—15*s.* from Cleminson.

29,704. He was paid 2*l.* 15*s.* by King and Cleminson?—In all.

29,705. Is he your brother?—No, he is my father.

J. Sharples.

JAMES SHARPLES sworn and examined.

29,706. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are James Sharples, of Heysham, shoemaker?—Yes.

29,707. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Schneider and Fenwick.

29,708. What did you get?—I got 9*l.* for my vote.

29,709. From whom did you get it?—From Edward Hutchinson.

29,710. What else did you get?—I received 2*l.* from Mr. Henry Welch.

29,711. What was that for?—It was about a fortnight after the election, for working.

29,712. What work did you do?—For helping him during the time of the election.

29,713. Help is very general; what did you do?—Looking up and down after the voters; delivering bills out.

29,714. What else did you get?—I got 1*l.* for services a week before the election.

29,715. What were those services?—For the same concern.

29,716. What else did you get?—That is all, I believe.

29,717. That is 12*l.* in all?—My wife got 1*l.* for a new dress.

29,718. That was for her services in the cause?—Yes.

29,719. I daresay they were as valuable as yours every bit?—Aye, exactly.

29,720. What else did you get?—I believe that is all.

29,721. 13*l.*?—Yes, I calculate it at that.

29,722. Did your wife get a Blue dress or a Yellow dress?—There were Yellow stripes in it.

29,723. At what place did you get the dress; where did you buy it?—I forget the name of the mercer.

29,724. Was it a Yellow mercer or a Blue mercer?—A Yellow mercer.

29,725. You are all in the Yellow line?—Yes, and will be.

29,726. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you vote at the last election?—Yes, the last of all I did.

29,727. How did you vote in Fenwick and Saunders' time?—I voted for Fenwick.

29,728. Have you always voted Yellow?—No, not always.

29,729. When did you vote before?—I voted for Saunders once.

29,730. When was that?—The first time that Saunders put up.

29,731. What made you change sides?—Because his principles did not suit me.

29,732. What did he pay you?—He never paid me at all.

29,733. What did Fenwick pay you in 1864?—30*s.*

29,734. And therefore you have remained Yellow ever since?—Yes.

29,735. (*Mr. Hill.*) The principles of Mr. Saunders that you did not like were the principles of non-payment?—No, that was not it.

29,736. What was it then?—Because I thought he was not a poor man's friend.

29,737. In what way?—He wanted to do away with the freemen's rights.

29,738. Mr. Saunders did?—Yes.

29,739. (*Mr. Newton.*) Fenwick pays the freemen, and Saunders does not; is that it?—I did not say so.

RICHARD CASSON, junior, sworn and examined.

R. Casson.

29,740. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are of Heysham, husbandman?—Yes.

29,741. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

29,742. What did you get?—10*l.* for voting.

29,743. Who paid you?—Edward Richardson gave me 8*l.*

29,744. Who gave you the rest?—I do not know the man who gave me the other 2*l.*

29,745. Was he a stranger?—Yes.

29,746. Where were you paid by the stranger?—At Peter Moore's, of the "White Lion."

29,747. Was that all you got?—I got 1*l.* for my expenses coming out of Yorkshire.

29,748. Anything else?—10*s.* for a man fetching me.

29,749. That did not go to you, did it?—I got it, and I gave the man it.

29,750. Anything else?—1*l.* for my wife for a new dress.

29,751. Did you get anything besides that?—No.

29,752. That is all you got?—Yes.

WILLIAM BATTY sworn and examined.

W. Batty.

29,753. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—No. 2, West Greaves.

29,754. What are you?—A railway clerk.

29,755. Are you a voter?—Yes.

29,756. How did you vote?—For Fenwick and Lawrence.

29,757. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a farthing.

29,758. Are you quite sure of that?—Positive.

29,759. Did you get anything for your assistance?—Not a farthing. I did not assist.

29,760. A great many people say that you have been paid?—Well, but I was not.

29,761. It was told us yesterday that you got paid?—Who told you so?—I think not. I think he said he offered me money.

29,762. Did he offer you any money?—He did.

29,763. (*Mr. Hill.*) What have you to say to it?—I have only to say that I did not want it. He offered me 20*l.* for my vote.

29,764. Was that McKinlay?—Yes, he offered me 20*l.* if I would vote for Schneider and Fenwick.

29,765. (*Mr. Newton.*) But you kept to your prinples?—I voted as I intended to vote at first.

29,766. You told him to go about his business?—Yes.

29,767. I wonder you did not kick him?—I dare say he deserved it.

29,768. Was this the first time that you had voted?—Yes. I had a vote at the last election, but I did not vote then.

29,769. Why not?—Because I was not wishful to vote. I have no other reason to give you.

29,770. Who canvassed you?—Only Mr. Schneider and Mr. Fenwick. I do not think that I saw Mr. Lawrence.

29,771. Did you get any circular sent to you?—Yes.

29,772. But not by anybody connected with the railway?—No.

29,773. Did any director or official of the railway ever speak to you about your vote?—No, never.

THOMAS TAYLOR THOMPSON sworn and examined.

T. T. Thompson.

29,774. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A farmer.

29,775. Of Heysham?—Yes.

29,776. What rent do you pay?—130*l.*

29,777. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,778. What did you get?—5*l.*

29,779. Anything else?—No.

29,780. Were you not on any committee or anything of that sort?—No.

29,781. And had you no money given to you to spend?—No.

29,782. Who gave you the 5*l.*?—I did not know him.

29,783. Where did you get it?—At the "White Lion."

29,784. Peter Moore's?—Yes.

29,785. Do you know a man named Hutchinson?—I do not know him.

29,786. Have you always voted Yellow?—No.

29,787. How did you vote at the previous election?—I have voted Yellow twice.

29,788. How did you vote at the previous election between Fenwick and Saunders?—For Fenwick.

29,789. What did you get that time?—I cannot say.

29,790. Was it 3*l.* or 4*l.*?—I fancy it would be 4*l.*, but I am not sure.

29,791. It was not 5*l.*?—No, I do not think it was.

29,792. Do you recollect how you voted the time before?—Yes, I had always voted Blue before.

29,793. Have you ever been paid by Fenwick and Saunders?—No.

29,794. Never anything?—No. The election before I was in Liverpool, and I got 1*l.* for expenses in coming.

29,795. What made you take the money in Fenwick and Saunders' election?—My landlord wished me to poll for Fenwick and Schneider.

29,796. But I am asking you about Fenwick and Saunders' election in 1864; what made you take the money then?—They gave me it.

29,797. But you voted against your principles then; can you give us any reason for that?—No; only my landlord wished me to vote for Mr. Fenwick.

29,798. Was that in 1864?—Yes.

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T. T. Thompson.

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29,799. Who is your landlord?—Mr. Smalley, of Skerton.

29,800. And since you have lived under him have you voted Yellow?—Yes.

29,801. (*Mr. Newton.*) The money has no influence with you at all?—No, I never made any charge; they gave it to me.

29,802. You lived under Mr. Smalley at the two last elections, and you voted Yellow accordingly; is that so?—Yes.

29,803. Has Mr. Smalley a vote?—Yes.

29,804. Is that Mr. Richard Smalley, of Lune Villa?—Yes.

29,805. He votes Yellow?—Yes.

29,806. Was any inducement held out to you by him to lead you to vote as he wished?—No; he only wished me to do it.

29,807. He did not say that you would have to leave, or anything of that sort, if you did not vote the way he wished?—No.

J. Richardson.

JOHN RICHARDSON sworn and examined.

29,808. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you of the Brewery Yard, labourer?—Yes.

29,809. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,810. What did you get?—10*l.*

29,811. You are a shoemaker, are you not?—No, a labourer.

29,812. Who paid you?—Slater.

29,813. Did you get anything else?—Yes, I got 2*l.* for committee.

29,814. Who paid you?—It was at Tilly's office.

29,815. Anything else?—No.

29,816. 12*l.* is all you got?—Yes.

H. R. Jackson.

HENRY RICHARD JACKSON sworn and examined.

29,817. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A gentleman.

29,818. How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

29,819. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

29,820. How much?—10*s.*; not for my vote.

29,821. My question is, how much did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

29,822. What did you get?—I got 10*s.* ten days before the election for the election.

29,823. Who paid you?—Mr. George Clark, the bookseller in Market Street.

29,824. What else did you get?—Nothing.

29,825. That is all you got?—Every farthing; that was 10 days before the election. It was for canvassing.

29,826. If you are a gentleman, do you charge for canvassing?—No.

29,827. How was it that you got paid?—The reason was this, Mr. Robert Richardson, the maltster, of Slyne, and Mr. Thomas Baxter, who was the farm bailiff for Samuel Edward Bolden, Esq., came and asked me would I go with them for some money.

29,828. Where to?—To Mr. Clark's we went. In the first instance we went to the committee-room, and Mr. Clark went with us to the shop, and gave me 10*s.* in the presence of these two parties. I was asked would I go with them to get this. We had been 10 days or a fortnight in the election, and you may be pretty well aware that it would cost something at those sort of times. I was a good deal more money out of pocket.

29,829. You did it out of love for the cause?—Yes.

29,830. Is that all you did for the election?—Yes. I gave out of that 10*s.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to each of the others, and kept 3*s.* 4*d.* myself.

29,831. You divided the 10*s.* among you?—Yes.

29,832. Have you been summoned?—I have, to-day.

29,833. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you anything further to say that you have not told us of?—No, I have nothing more to say.

29,834. (*Mr. Hill.*) You were a captain in the Bolton district, were you not?—This is the first time I knew of it. I did not know I was a captain.

29,835. Who told you to go canvassing?—Nobody told me at all. I went as an independent person into the committee-room, and I went of my own accord afterwards.

29,836. You were not a captain then?—I do not know that I was a captain.

29,837. Did you not talk to some persons about the price of their votes?—Never.

29,838. Then if it has been said that you did that is a mistake, is it?—Yes, I will swear it.

W. Wright.

WILLIAM WRIGHT, of Marton Street, is called but does not answer.

J. Wright.

JAMES WRIGHT sworn and examined.

29,839. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are the son of William Wright?—Yes.

29,840. Your father is a voter for the borough of Lancaster?—Yes.

29,841. What is the matter with him?—He has had an apoplectic stroke.

29,842. Lately?—About 12 months ago.

(*Mr. Patteson, the Secretary.*) I have received this certificate, with reference to William Wright: "Lancaster, September 21, 1866. I certify that William "Wright, of 13, Marton Street, had an appoplectic "attack twelve months ago, which has left him so "far paralysed, both in the powers of motion and "speech, as to make his appearance before the Commissioners (if not impossible) at least highly undesirable. (Signed) WILLIAM HALL, M.R.C.P., "Edinburgh."

29,843. (*Mr. Hill. To the witness.*) For whom did your father vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

29,844. What money did he receive?—10*l.*

29,845. Do you know from whom he received it?—From a stranger; he did not know the man.

29,846. Did he receive anything on any committee do you know?—No.

29,847. Have you asked about that?—No, I did not ask that, but I think he did not.

29,848. You asked him what money he had had?—Yes.

29,849. And he told you 10*l.*?—Yes.

29,850. To the best of your belief is that all that he received?—Yes.

JOHN COTTAM sworn and examined. *J. Cottam.*

29,851. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of the Marsh Late?—Yes.

29,852. What are you?—A farmer.

29,853. What is your rent?—I have different portions now.

29,854. What is your rent?—I cannot tell exactly what it is altogether; it is a good bit.

29,855. What is your rent?—It is hard on to 400*l.* a year altogether; I have not added it up.

29,856. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

29,857. What did you get?—8*l.*

29,858. Who paid you?—I cannot say the man's name; I did not know him.

29,859. Where were you paid?—At Peter Moore's.

29,860. Did you receive anything more than 8*l.*?—No.

29,861. Is 8*l.* all that you received in the course of the election?—Yes.

WILLIAM NEWTON sworn and examined. *W. Newton.*

29,862. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Edward Street Lancaster, painter?—Yes.

29,863. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

29,864. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

29,865. Who paid you?—Mr. Slater.

29,866. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—30*s.*

29,867. Who paid you that?—I was paid at Tilly's office.

29,868. Did you do anything when you were on committee?—No, I was not called on.

29,869. Did you get anything else?—No.

29,870. From nobody?—No.

29,871. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

29,872. By whom were you canvassed?—Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider came down to the shop, and Mr. Lawrence too.

29,873. Did either Mr. Fenwick or Mr. Schneider see you alone?—No, there was a good lot of us altogether.

29,874. Is Thomas Newton your brother?—Yes.

29,875. Where is he?—At Kirkby Lonsdale.

29,876. Do you know what he got for his vote?—No, I do not.

29,877. Do you know how he voted?—No, I do not exactly, but I believe that he voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

29,878. Have you seen him lately?—No, not lately.

29,879. How long is it since you have seen him?—Four or five months.

29,880. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is he doing at Kirkby Lonsdale?—He is working there.

29,881. For whom?—I do not know.

29,882. (*Mr. Newton.*) And you do not know what he got for his vote?—No.

29,883. Have you never heard him say?—No.

29,884. Mr. Slater paid you?—Yes.

29,885. Were you both paid at the same time?—No.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON sworn and examined. *W. Richardson*

29,886. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are of Britannia Street, and are a Joiner?—Yes.

29,887. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

29,888. What did you get?—8*l.*

29,889. Were you on any committee?—Yes, I got 2*l.* off the committee.

29,890. From whom did you receive it?—I got it at the office, I suppose.

29,891. At Tilly's?—Yes.

29,892. Anything else?—George Danson has got 30*s.* down against me, but I never received it.

29,893. How much of it did you get?—Nothing.

29,894. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

29,895. Did you get any Blue money at all?—Never a farthing.

29,896. It was all Yellow money?—Yes.

29,897. 10*l.* was all you got?—Yes, every farthing.

29,898. Are we to write down that George Danson did not give you anything?—Never a penny.

29,899. Did you see George Danson pay anybody?—No.

29,900. How came he to put you down for 30*s.*?—I cannot tell you that.

29,901. Have you had any talk with him about it?—No, not till I heard it mentioned here.

29,902. Did you go and speak to him then?—Yes, I spoke to him then, and he said he had me down in his list, and I said he had no business to put me down for I never got the money.

29,903. What did he say to that?—He said he should have to go by his list.

29,904. Did you tell him that it was all untrue?—Yes, I did.

29,905. Had you ever spoken to him before in your life?—No, never; I never got a penny from him in my life before.

29,906. Had you ever spoken to him in your life before?—No, never.

29,907. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you James Richardson?—No.

WILLIAM ATKINSON sworn and examined. *W. Atkinson.*

29,908. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A painter.

29,909. Of Edward Street?—Yes.

29,910. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

29,911. What did you get?—10*l.*

29,912. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Slater.

29,913. Anything else?—5*s.*

29,914. From whom?—Mr. Hadfield.

28,915. What was that for?—To spend.

29,916. Anything else?—No.

JOHN DOBSON sworn and examined. *J. Dobson.*

29,917. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—I live in Edward Street now, it is Damside Street on the list.

29,918. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

29,919. How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

29,920. What did you get?—10*l.*

29,921. Who paid you?—Francis Miller.

29,922. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—No.

29,923. 10*l.* was all you got?—Yes.

29,924. Had you voted at any previous election?—Yes.

29,925. What did you get for that?—About 5*l.*

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J. Dobson.

26 Sept. 1866.

29,926. Who did you vote for then?—Fenwick.

29,927. What made you change then?—Because I was working for Mr. Coupland.

29,928. What rent do you pay for your house?—About 7*l.*, 6*l.*, or 7*l.* I do not know exactly how much.

29,929. (*Mr. Hill.*) How many voters are there in Mr. Coupland's employ?—Five or six.

29,930. Did they all vote for Lawrence?—No, I think not. I think there was one that voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

29,931. And the others all voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

29,932. Did Mr. Coupland make you any promise about it?—No, he only asked me for my vote, and I said I should give it to him.

29,933. Is the man who voted on the other side still in Mr. Coupland's employ?—Yes.

29,934. He has not had notice to go?—No.

29,935. When Mr. Coupland canvassed you, did he make you any promise as to what you should get?—No. I see George Danson has got 30*s.* down against me, but I never got it. I saw it in the paper.

29,936. Is Mr. Danson in court, because this is a very serious accusation against him, and it is the second that has been made to day?—He asked me one day if he did not give me 30*s.*

29,937. When did he ask you that?—I think it was about the first week that this started.

29,938. And he did not pay you?—No.

29,939. What did you tell him?—I told him it was wrong, that I did not get anything.

29,940. Was that before you saw it in the newspaper?—Yes.

29,941. Although you told him you did not get anything, he came and told us that he paid you 30*s.*?—Yes; he asked me in the back side, if he did not give me 30*s.*, and I said no, he did not, and he said "Well then somebody else has gotten it for you," and I said, "I have nothing to do with that."

29,942. You know when we began to sit here, how long before that was it?—It was since the Commission started.

29,943. Between the time of the Commission starting, and the time when he gave his evidence?—Yes, it would be about three weeks since, I should think.

29,944. Three weeks from now?—Yes.

29,945. Between the starting of the Commission, and the day he gave evidence?—Yes; I was not in court when he gave his evidence.

29,946. But you read it in the newspaper?—I do not know, it is not very often that I look at the paper.

29,947. But you must have looked at the paper, or you would not have known that he had said it?—There was just a list of names that had got 30*s.* each, that was the paper I saw it in.

29,948. (*Mr. Hill.*) To the best of your belief, Danson said this to you before he gave his evidence?—I believe it was before.

29,949. Did you hear Danson speak to anybody else at the same time?—No.

R. Ralph.

ROBERT RALPH sworn and examined.

29,950. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A railway porter.

29,951. North-western?—No, Midland.

29,952. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

29,953. Who canvassed you?—I never was canvassed.

29,954. Not by any person connected with the railway?—No.

29,955. Are you sure of that?—Yes, I am sure of it.

29,956. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*

29,957. From whom?—Mr. King.

29,958. Where you on any committee?—No.

29,959. On neither side?—No.

29,960. Was 8*l.* all that you got?—Yes.

29,961. Did you not get anything to spend;—No.

29,962. You say you are in the service of the railway company; what are your duties?—I was porter at the time; I am now in the goods yard.

29,963. What are your wages?—Four shillings a day.

29,964. Is that for seven, or for six days in the week?—Six days.

29,965. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you paid before or after you voted?—After I had voted.

29,966. Would you have voted for Fenwick and Schneider if you had not been promised money?—Yes.

29,967. (*Mr. Hill.*) Had not anything been said to you about money, before you voted?—I was asked if I would be content with the same as the rest.

29,968. That was before you voted?—Yes.

29,969. And you said that you would be content?—Of course.

29,970. And then you went and voted, and afterwards you got your money?—Yes.

R. Jemmison.

RICHARD JEMMISON recalled and further examined.

29,971. (*Mr. Hill.*) You wish to add something to your evidence?—Yes; I wish to say that Thomas Newton received 10*l.* for his vote; he received nothing else.

29,972. Did you see him paid?—Yes.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Thursday, 27th September 1866.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

PRESENT:

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON.

Mr. HILL.

C. Baynes.

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CHRISTOPHER BAYNES sworn and examined.

29,973. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Queen's Place.

29,974. What are you?—A stonemason and builder.

29,975. Are you a freeman or a householder?—A freeman; at least I voted as a freeman.

29,976. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

29,977. Did you take any part in the election?—Not at all: not any.

29,978. Did you receive any money?—No.

29,979. Neither yourself nor through any other person?—No, I had nothing whatever to do with it in any shape or form.

29,980. Did you spend any money in treating?—No, not any.

29,981. Or did you lend any person any money to influence his vote?—Not any.

29,982. You confined yourself entirely to voting?—That is all I did.

29,983. Did you see much of what was going on at the election?—No, I saw nothing of it. I went to Grange after I had voted.

29,984. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who was active in your district?—I really do not know; I took so little notice of the election that I do not know who was active in that district; I suppose there would be many, but I knew nothing about it in any shape or form.

29,985. You have no information to give us?—No, I have not or I would be very glad to do so.

J. Barrow.

JOHN BARROW sworn and examined.

29,986. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Alfred Street, cabinet maker?—Yes.

29,987. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

29,988. Did you take any part in the election?—No, none whatever. I simply went and voted.

29,989. You did not receive any money for your vote?—No, not a farthing.

29,990. Did you get any money to treat with?—No I had no connexion with it.

29,991. Were you on any committee?—None whatever.

29,992. And you know nothing about it?—No, I know nothing about it.

29,993. Can you give us any information with reference to the election?—No.

29,994. Do you know anybody in Alfred Street who was active on behalf of the Conservatives?—No, I cannot say I do.

29,995. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a master cabinet maker?—No, a journeyman.

29,996. For whom do you work?—For Mr. Gillow.

29,997. Have you always voted Blue?—I have voted at 10 contests and never received a farthing in my life.

29,998. Have you always voted Blue?—Yes, always.

F. Gardner.

FRANCIS GARDNER sworn and examined.

29,999. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are of Bath Street, plasterer?—Yes.

30,000. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

30,001. What money did you receive?—15*s.*, 30*s.*, and 10*l.*

30,002. You received 10*l.* from whom?—George Danson.

30,003. 15*s.* from whom?—George Danson, and 30*s.* from George Danson.

30,004. The 30*s.* I suppose was for committee?—Yes.

30,005. What was the 15*s.* for?—For committee too,—nine days.

30,006. You had a good deal of work on the committee then? You seem to laugh at that, it was light work was it?—Yes, it was.

30,007. What are you by trade?—A plasterer.

30,008. Which is the heaviest work of the work, plastering or committeeing?—I should fancy committeeing was a heavier job.

30,009. In what way was it heavier?—It was.

30,010. How was it heavier?—Of course there is more pleasure in being comfortably at work.

30,011. It is more comfortable to be at work than setting about and wasting your time?—Yes.

30,012. Did you receive anything besides what you have told us?—No.

30,013. (*Mr. Newton.*) What sort of wages do you get?—27*s.* a week when I am at full work.

30,014. (*Mr. Hill.*) How long were you off work while this election was going on?—Nine days before the election and two days afterwards.

30,015. You lost eleven days work then?—Yes.

30,016. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did anyone offer you any money on the other side?—Yes.

30,017. Who was that?—Mr. Cleminson.

30,018. What did he offer you?—20*l.*

30,019. Where was that?—In the market-place, close to the "Cross Keys;" he offered Benjamin Mason the same as me; we were both together; it was on the nomination day at night.

30,020. Was this in the open street?—Yes.

30,021. Which Cleminson was it?—I do not know; he is a master joiner; I think it is Thomas. Thomas Harrison was with him at the time and Mr. Mason.

30,022. I suppose you have always voted Blue?—Yes.

30,023. Was there anyone else with you?—Only Benjamin Mason.

30,024. Did Benjamin Mason vote for Lawrence?—Yes.

30,025. Had he always voted Blue before?—Yes, I believe he had.

30,026. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was Mason paid the same amount that you were?—Yes.

30,027. Did you see him get it?—Oh, no; I did not see him get it.

30,028. How came they to offer you as much as 20*l.*?—I really cannot tell.

30,029. How came you not to take it?—I said to Mason "Never mind, we will not alter our principles "for a few pounds, as we always voted that way we "will stick to our side."

30,030. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I suppose you would have voted for Mr. Lawrence if no money had been offered you?—Yes.

30,031. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you really mean that?—I do.

30,032. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was this 10*l.* to vote for Mr. Lawrence promised to you before you voted?—We were not promised then; we got it before we voted, but I do not know that we expected it. When that was promised we did not know that we would get it.

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30,033. What time in the day were you paid?—It would be perhaps about half-past 8.

30,034. At what time did you vote?—Right away before 9 o'clock I think we voted.

30,035. Are you the head man of a lot of plasterers? Oh, no.

30,036. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are getting very good wages?—No; it is common wages in Lancaster.

30,037. For plasterers?—Yes.

G. K. Kendall.

GEORGE KNIPE KENDALL sworn and examined.

30,038. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—An upholsterer.

30,039. In George Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

30,040. Where do you live?—In George Street.

30,041. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

30,042. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

30,043. Did you get any money at all at the election?—Yes, for work done in the general committee-room.

30,044. What did you get?—7*l.* 10*s.*

30,045. Your work was of the same character as that which we have heard of from other witnesses?—No; it was writing principally, making out district lists and voting cards.

30,046. Making out voting cards?—Yes; writing them out and sending them out, and district lists and street lists.

30,047. How long were you engaged?—Off and on about 13 days; I have generally been poll clerk, but they wished to keep me in the committee-room, and so for the last day I had 1*l.*

30,048. Who paid you?—I was paid after the election.

30,049. By whom were you paid?—At Mr. Tilly's office.

30,050. Was all this paid at Mr. Tilly's office?—No; I got 3*l.* from Mr. Knowles Allinson on account.

30,051. Where did you get the rest?—At Mr. Tilly's office, and 1*l.* before the election in the room; that made 7*l.* 10*s.*

30,052. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did Mr. Tilly pay you that?—At his office.

30,053. Did Mr. Tilly pay you the 1*l.*?—No; a youth from Mr. Tilly's office. I do not know his name.

30,054. When was the balance of 3*l.* 10*s.* paid?—It would be paid about three or four weeks after the election.

30,055. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When was the second amount paid?—I should get that perhaps 10 days or a fortnight after the election.

30,056. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are an upholsterer?—By trade.

30,057. How many hours were you absent from your shop?—I was in no regular employment at that time.

30,058. You are only a journeyman?—I am in no regular employment as an upholsterer; I have been.

30,059. (*Mr. Barstow*) You attended to your work partially at least, did you not, during this time?—Very little, if any.

30,060. (*Mr. Hill.*) Had you any work?—No.

30,061. Had you left off work?—As a master-man.

30,062. You had not been successful?—No.

30,063. (*Mr. Newton.*) How have you always voted?—As a rule I have always voted on the Liberal side.

30,064. In 1864 how did you vote?—For Fenwick, of course.

30,065. And in 1859?—For Gregson and Fenwick.

30,066. (*Mr. Hill.*) How many hours in a day were you at work making out these street lists?—I used to go at 9 in the morning; the hours at night were unequal, sometimes 6, sometimes 7, and sometimes later.

30,067. When it got near to the time of the election you were later I suppose?—On the night before the nomination day it was as late as 11 o'clock.

30,068. I find you down in the legal expenses only for 7*l.*; I do not know whether the other 10*s.* is here or not?—I do not know; I got 7*l.* 10*s.*

T. Winder.

THOMAS WINDER sworn and examined.

30,069. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Alfred Street.

30,070. What are you?—An attorney's clerk.

30,071. Who is the attorney?—Mr. Christopher Thornton Clark.

30,072. How did you vote at the last election?—For Messrs. Fenwick and Lawrence.

30,073. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

30,074. Did you get anything for your services?—I got a guinea as poll clerk.

30,075. At which polling booth were you engaged?—St. Thomas's district; No. 5 I think on the list.

30,076. Where is that?—In Marton Street.

30,077. That is not near the National School?—No.

30,078. You got a guinea for acting as poll clerk?—Yes.

30,079. Who put you on the list?—Mr. Clark.

30,080. And you split your vote?—Yes.

30,081. What time in the day did you poll?—About noon.

30,082. We have heard of personations having taken place; to your knowledge was there any at your booth?—There was one attempted, but I requested the deputy Mayor to administer the oath, and the man bolted through the room; he was afraid of being caught.

30,083. Could you tell the number on the register of the man for whom he came to vote?—If I had the register I could point out the name I daresay; opposite to the name of the man who was attempted to be personated there is something written which would enable me to point it out directly.

30,084. Have you kept copies of the lists as you took the votes down?—Yes; the book is at the office.

30,085. Have you any other papers besides that list at the office connected with the polling?—Only the register and the inspector's book.

30,086. I think if you will go and fetch the register and the inspector's book it will assist us very much?—I will fetch them and bring them here as soon as I can.

J. Albright.

JOSEPH ALBRIGHT sworn and examined.

30,087. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a druggist?—Yes.

30,088. Where do you live?—In Penny Street.

30,089. Are you any relation to the tobacconist?—His brother.

30,090. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Schneider and Fenwick.

30,091. You are sure of that?—Yes.

30,092. What part did you take in the election?—I went to Slyne to look after the voters, but Robert Hodgson had been there making a speech and so I only saw one voter.

30,093. Robert Hodgson making a speech did not prevent you from seeing voters did it?—It collected all the voters together.

30,094. What did you do with this one voter that you saw?—I asked him if he would have a glass of ale.

30,095. And did he accept your offer?—Yes, he accepted it and drank it off, and said he would have another as he had forgot to drink my health, and so I paid for another. I could not find any voters, and so I went out in the place and fetched two or three labouring men into the house.

30,096. So as to make a show?—Yes.

30,097. Well?—Then Sharples, the old man, wanted another glass; and I asked the landlady if she had much beer on the tap, for I thought she would be short at the election, and I left him there.

30,098. Did you engage him to vote?—No, I never asked him for a vote.

30,099. What did you give him this beer for then?—I thought I would not be shabby.

30,100. Did he know on which side you were?—Yes.

30,101. How did he know that?—He knew me.

30,102. But though he knew you he might not know on which side you were?—He would guess.

30,103. He was a man of penetration?—If I had called for a glass of brandy he might have thought there was something nice coming after.

30,104. What did you offer him?—I offered him nothing; I paid for his drink, that was all.

30,105. When did you do anything at Slyne?—I went there again, but never saw any voters at all.

30,106. That was worse still, but it was more economical?—I took a "Tinker" with me, but they had such false bottoms that we could not mend them.

30,107. Was the tinker a voter?—It was Alfred Tinker.

30,108. He would not do any good?—No; it is reported that he offered Sharples 25*l.*, but I do not believe it is true.

30,109. Did you offer Sharples anything?—No.

30,110. Did you offer any person any money?—No.

30,111. Did you not offer money to any of those persons that you saw there?—No. When we went by they shouted out, "Oh, shabby! what, are you going home this time of night?" Tinker was with me, and he said, "Go in and pay for some more glasses if you have got the money in your pocket;" and so we left them.

30,112. Did you not do anything to retrieve your character?—No, we could not; they were a bad lot there altogether.

30,113. That is they were not under your influence?—Hodgson was a great man there, and we had no chance at all.

30,114. How many of them did you get at last?—We got none.

30,115. Did they all vote the other way?—We never looked after them.

30,116. Did they all vote the other way?—I think so, I have not looked at the list.

30,117. You took no interest in it, did you?—No, because they were a noted bad lot.

30,118. What were the next set of people that you went among?—I came home.

30,119. Did you not do anything more in the election?—Somebody shouted my name as I was passing the "White Lion."

30,120. Peter Moores?—Yes; and I went upstairs and saw Tinker, and he said, "There are two men going up to vote, will you go with them?"

30,121. That was on the election day?—Yes; and I went and heard them vote and came back, and they went up into the room and he paid them 10*l.* each.

30,122. What were their names?—I do not know their names. I know one of them by sight well enough: he works for the canal company. I have known them all my life, but I never knew their names.

30,123. Tell us something about what you did yourself?—Well, I did nothing.

30,124. Do you say you did not receive any money for the purposes of the election at all?—Not a penny.

30,125. How much did you pay?—2*s.* 3*d.*

30,126. And you never had that repaid to you?—No.

30,127. You were 2*s.* 3*d.* out of pocket?—Yes.

30,128. And the journey to Slyne?—Yes. I expected to get a ride from Fenwick and Schneider, but they passed by me altogether; but they called the next day to make an apology, and I said it was all right.

30,129. Do you know anything more about the election?—No.

30,130. What money did you receive yourself?—Nothing.

30,131. You say that Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider made an apology to you; did they not do something more than make an apology?—No. They said they were sorry they had not picked me up.

30,132. Did they not say something about being better friends for the future?—No. I told them that Stewardson was on the box, and he takes a great deal of room, and so it was of no consequence.

30,133. You know nothing more about the election than you have told us?—No.

30,134. You received no money yourself and paid none, except the 2*s.* 3*d.*?—No.

30,135. You were not a successful operator then?—No.

THOMAS ALBRIGHT sworn and examined. *T. Albright.*

30,136. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a tea dealer, in Market Street?—Yes.

30,137. And you voted at the last election for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

30,138. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I was paid officially as a clerk on the committee, writing in the committee room.

30,139. What were you paid?—I think, to the best of my knowledge, I was paid 10*s.* a day for 11 or 12 days.

30,140. Who paid you?—Mr. Moser. I received the money. I went to Mr. Johnson's office to get a note from Mr. Tilly, I think, but I will not be quite certain.

30,141. How many days were you engaged?—I do not know whether it was 11 or 12 days, but I got somewhere about 6*l.* or 6*l.* 5*s.* I think it was for my services.

30,142. You say you got a note from Mr. Tilly, and the note was paid by Moser?—Yes, at least I think I did. I called at Mr. Tilly's office.

30,143. Is that all the money you received?—It is.

30,144. Did you do nothing in the way of canvassing?—No, I was kept employed in the committee room from morning till night.

THOMAS ALBRIGHT sworn and examined. *T. Albright.*

30,145. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a watchmaker?—Yes.

30,146. Of Lune Street?—Yes.

30,147. How did you vote at the last election?—I did not vote at all.

30,148. Why did you not vote?—I am employed in the post-office.

30,149. And you took no part in the election?—No. I had 10*s.* to look after two voters, that is all.

30,150. Then you did take a little part in the election?—Yes, I looked after two voters.

30,151. Who were the voters that you looked after?—One was William Cumpsty, and the other was William Jackson.

30,152. Is that William Cumpsty, of Anchor Lane?—Yes.

30,153. What did you get for looking after those two voters?—10*s.*

30,154. Who paid you?—I got paid at Mr. Tilly's office.

30,155. On what day were you paid?—It would be about a week after the election that I was paid.

30,156. Who employed you to look after Cumpsty and Jackson?—I think it was Mr. Moser.

30,157. How was it you went to Mr. Tilly then?—

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Mr. Moser gave me a note to take to Mr. Tilly to get paid.

30,158. Did Mr. Tilly know that you were employed in the post-office?—I do not know.

30,159. Did he ever make any inquiry about it?—I do not know that he did.

30,160. Did you tell him that you were employed in the post-office?—No.

30,161. How long have you been a clerk in the post-office?—About five years and a half.

30,162. Did you perform any other services besides looking after the two voters?—No, that was all I did.

30,163. What did you do in the way of looking after these two men?—There was a man after Cumpsty, and I did my best to prevent his being taken away.

30,164. You took care of him and gave him drink?—Yes. I was with him I daresay a week before the election, more or less.

30,165. You did not stay all day and all night with him, I suppose?—I was with him as much as I could be. I was with him a good part of the night I daresay.

30,166. Did you poll both these men?—No, I did not; they both polled the first hour when I was away.

30,167. Do you know what William Jackson got for his vote?—No, I do not.

30,168. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which William Jackson was it?—The watchmaker; he is since dead.

30,169. Who paid him?—I do not know. I believe Bradley paid them both, but I am not sure. I had to go away.

30,170. William Jackson junior, of Nicholas Street, watchmaker, is that the man?—Yes.

30,171. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Which Cumpsty do you say it is?—William Cumpsty, a tinman.

30,172. He was paid by Kirby?—Yes, Kirby and Bradley.

30,173. And Jackson also was paid by Kirby?—It would be either Kirby or Bradley; they were both in the same district I believe.

30,174. *Mr. Hill.*) Were you interested in elections before you went into the post-office?—No, not much, I did a little at the last election.

30,175. Had you ever voted before?—No, I never voted at all.

30,176. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where were you with Mr. Cumpsty during the night?—I was with him at several places; I was with him at the "Commercial Inn" for one place.

30,177. You used to take him to some inn and sit with him?—Yes. I was with him at the "Green Dragon," and different places up and down in Lancaster.

30,178. And Jackson in like manner?—Yes.

30,179. Is this all you did at the election?—Yes.

30,180. Have you given us a full account of all the money you received and everything you did?—Yes.

T. Winder.

THOMAS WINDER recalled and further examined.

30,181. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you got your book?—Yes.

30,182. Can you tell us now who the voter was that was attempted to be personated?—There was a man attempted to personate John Wilkinson, No. 926 on the register. I found out on referring to the register that he was dead, and I requested the deputy-mayor to administer the oath to him, and upon my doing that the man went through the room and ran away.

30,183. Was there any other case of personation so far as you know?—No, that was the only one I saw.

30,184. Do you know who the man was who ran away?—I do not; he went off directly.

30,185. You, of your own knowledge, knew that Mr. Wilkinson was dead, and so stopped the man from voting?—Yes.

30,186. Did you get anything more besides the 1*l.* you have told us of?—I got a guinea for being a poll clerk or inspector.

30,187. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not receive any other money at all?—Not a farthing.

30,188. Let me look at your poll book (*the poll book is handed to the Commissioners*). This is the polling book at the National Schools?—Yes, I was in that district.

30,189. Did you call down the names?—No, I had a check clerk who did that.

30,190. Where is he?—He is at the foundry.

30,191, Has he got a list?—I daresay I should take them both to the office.

30,192. Have you a list in which you took down the names of voters?—They would be in the returns that were sent to the "Royal Oak" to Mr. Clark; all that he wrote was sent to Mr. Clark, what we call the returns.

30,193. Have you kept no copy?—No.

30,194. Do you know what became of them after Mr. Clark got them?—I daresay they are in his possession.

30,195. Is Mr. Clark in court?—No, he is at the office.

30,196. What would those returns show?—The names of the voters and how they voted.

30,197. Would they show also the hours at which they voted?—Yes, the hours are marked at the top. I sent the returns off every hour.

30,198. Have you the returns from every polling booth, and the different hours?—I daresay they are in the office.

30,199. Can you get them for us?—I only had to deal with those in St. Thomas's district.

30,200. We want everything in your office of this nature respecting the polling?—I cannot speak positively to anything that occurred except in St. Thomas's district.

30,201. Have you these lists at the office?—Very likely they are there.

30,202. (*Mr. Hill.*) You sent off these sheets every hour I suppose?—Yes.

30,203. Five minutes before each hour you sent them off, full or not full?—Yes.

30,204. Those are what we want?—Do you want those for St. Thomas's district only?

30,205. We want those for the whole of the districts; we want the returns from the five polling booths?—I will see if I can find them.

30,206. (*To Mr. Maxsted.*) Have you a similar book in your office?—I have the original returns.

30,207. Will you be kind enough to get them for us?—I will do so.

C. Albright.

CHARLES ALBRIGHT affirmed and examined.

30,208. (*Mr Hill.*) What are you?—An ironmonger, with Mr. Clark of Penny Street.

30,209. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

30,210. What monies did you receive for the purposes of that election?—Nothing.

30,211. Did you not receive any money at all?—Nothing.

30,212. Had you nothing given you to spend upon voters?—No.

30,213. Had you nothing to do with the election?—I went with my father to Overton, but I had nothing to do with any money.

30,214. Your father is a tobacconist?—Yes.

30,215. What did you do with him over at Overton?—I went with him merely for an out.

30,216. Did you not see any of the voters?—Yes, I saw them.

30,217. Were you not interested in finding out how they would vote?—Yes, but they had a good hand over them; there was not much to be done with them.

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C. Albright.

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30,218. Were you too late in the field?—We were rather late.

30,219. Were you too late?—No, we got some.

30,220. Were there any persons with whom you discussed the price of votes when your father was not present?—No. I discussed nothing about it; I simply listened to what he said.

30,221. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You went to serve an apprenticeship in electioneering, I suppose?—Yes.

30,222. (*Mr Hill.*) That is all you know about it?—That is all.

EDWARD GARTH sworn and examined. *E. Garth.*

30,223. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A labourer.

30,224. Where do you live?—At Galgate.

30,225. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

30,226. What did they give you?—11*l.*

30,227. Who gave it to you?—John Hewertson I think they call him.

30,228. Is 11*l.* all you got?—Yes.

30,229. Did you get anything from Lawrence's people?—I think I got half-a-crown the day before the election.

30,230. Did you get anything else?—No.

30,231. You are quite sure of that?—Yes.

JOSEPH EMLEY sworn and examined. *J. Emley.*

30,232. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a husbandman at Warton, are you not?—Yes.

30,233. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

30,234. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

30,235. How much?—8*l.*

30,236. Who paid you?—Joseph Wilson.

30,237. What else did you get?—Nothing.

30,238. I suppose you were on committee?—No.

30,239. Had you voted in other elections?—Yes.

30,240. How had you voted?—Generally on the Liberal side.

30,241. Would you have voted this time on the Liberal side if you had not been paid?—I do not know.

30,242. Not if the other side had offered you 10*l.*?—Nobody offered me anything.

30,243. If they had offered you 10*l.* you would have voted for them, I suppose?—No, I think not.

30,244. You would have remained staunch to your own side?—Yes.

THOMAS JACKSON sworn and examined. *T. Jackson.*

30,245. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A husbandman.

30,246. Where do you live?—At Overton.

30,247. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

30,248. What did you get?—10*l.*

30,249. From whom did you get it?—I did not know the man; he was a strange man.

30,250. Did you receive that over night or the next morning?—The night before the election.

30,251. The nomination night?—Yes.

30,252. What else did you get?—Nothing.

30,253. Did they not give you something next day?—No, not a farthing.

30,254. Did they not give you a few shillings to spend when you first came down?—They gave me something to drink.

30,255. You were brought over in an omnibus?—Yes.

30,256. Were you all paid in the omnibus?—No, we were paid the night before.

30,257. All of you?—I do not know that all might be; some was.

30,258. Did you receive it in gold—in sovereigns?—Yes.

30,259. What did you do with your 10*l.*?—I took it home.

30,260. All of it?—Yes.

30,261. To whom did you give it?—I gave it to my wife.

30,262. What did she do with it?—I cannot tell you

30,263. It was not spent in drinking?—No.

30,264. Did you buy anything with it?—Yes.

30,265. What did you buy with it?—Nay, I cannot tell you. I had nothing to do with it after I delivered it up.

30,266. (*Mr. Newton.*) Had you voted at other elections?—Yes.

30,267. And always sold your vote?—Always voted for the Conservative side.

30,268. What made you take money for voting this time?—I do not know; because they gave it me. I did not ax them for it.

30,269. Would you have voted this time for Mr. Lawrence unless you had been paid for it?—Yes, I should.

30,270. (*Mr. Hill.*) But you would have voted on the other side if they had given you something more, would you not?—No, I never have yet.

30,271. What did they pay in Fenwick and Saunders's election?—I do not know. I never got nothing. My wife got something, but I never knew what it was.

30,272. Do you care about having a vote?—No, I do not care nothing about it. I do not care whether I have one or not.

30,273. (*Mr. Hill.*) It would not break your heart if you were to lose it to-morrow, would it?—No.

WILLIAM JACKSON, jun., sworn and examined. *W. Jackson, jun.*

30,274. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Middleton?—Yes.

30,275. What are you?—A husbandman.

30,276. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

30,277. What did you get?—8*l.*

30,278. Who gave it you?—I suppose it would be Mr. Hutchinson, but I did not know him at the time.

30,279. Was that all you got?—Yes.

30,280. You did not get anything to spend in drink?—No.

30,281. (*Mr. Hill.*) Had you ever voted before?—Yes.

30,282. On which side had you voted before?—The Liberals.

30,283. Have you always voted for the Liberals?—Yes; I only voted twice.

30,284. If you had not had this money given to you which way should you have voted?—For the Liberals.

30,285. Suppose the other side had offered you anything, how should you have voted?—I think I should have voted for the Liberals.

30,286. You think so?—Yes, I think so. I have got my father's summons, and my brothers and all

30,287. What is your father's name?—William Jackson.

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W. Jackson, jun.

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30,288. Of Heysham?—No, of Middleton; he was at Heysham at the time of the register.

30,289. What did he get?—8*l.*

30,290. He voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

30,291. Did he get it from Mr. Hutchinson?—Yes.

30,292. Do you know whether that is all he got?—Yes, I believe it is all he got.

30,293. Can you speak to any other Jackson?—My brother, Ralph Jackson.

30,294. He was paid by Hutchinson also?—Yes.

30,295. Did he also get 8*l.*?—He did.

30,296. You do not know that he got anything more?—No, he got nothing more.

30,297. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were all paid together, perhaps?—No, my brother and me were paid together.

30,298. How do you know that your father got 8*l.*?—He told me he did.

30,299. When?—He told me this morning.

30,300. Do you know of any other Jackson?—There is a Samuel Jackson, of Middleton.

30,301. Samuel Jackson, of Heysham, farmer, would that be him?—Yes.

30,302. He was paid something?—I do not know what he was paid. I have not got his summons.

30,303. He has not authorized you to appear for him?—No, he has not. There is 1*l.* that Mr. Richardson said he gave to a sister of mine; that is a mistake.

30,304. He did not give anything to a sister of yours?—No, he did not.

(*The two sets of polling papers referred to by Mr. Winder and Mr. Maxsted are handed to the Commissioners.*)

T. Winder.

THOMAS WINDER recalled and further examined.

30,305. (*Mr. Newton.*) I do not see that in these papers there are any hours given. We cannot tell from what appears in them at what hour each voter voted?—I was under the impression that the hours were mentioned.

(*Mr. Hill.*) Mr. Maxsted's papers show the hours.

(*The Witness.*) I wish to make an explanation why I voted for Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Lawrence. It was simply out of the regard I had for Mr. Fenwick as a gentleman and politician, and I voted for Mr. Lawrence out of respect to Mr. Clark. I wish also to call the attention of the Commissioners to a statement made by Mr. George Danson that I had received 30*s.* from him. I never received such a sum.

30,306. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you receive any money from him?—No, not a farthing.

30,307. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you remember in what part of Mr. Danson's evidence it was that he mentioned your name?—It was at the close of the evidence. It was published a few days ago in the "Lancaster Guardian." I never received that sum or any sum. Mr. Clark wished me to mention that if you would like to keep those returns you are quite at liberty to do so.

30,308. (*Mr. Hill.*) How long have you been with Mr. Clark?—Upwards of 12 years.

30,309. Then you were there when he was agent for Mr. Fenwick?—Yes, I was.

30,310. What makes you think that the Mr. Winder to whom Mr. Danson says he gave the money is meant for you?—Well, I just wanted to call your attention to it in order that the wrong person might not be put down as having received such a sum. There are two other Thomas Winders.

30,311. All you mean to say is that you are not the Thomas Winder who received 30*s.* from Mr. Danson?—No; I have seen Mr. Danson about it since, and he says it was the one at Skerton.

T. Barrow.

THOMAS BARROW sworn and examined.

30,312. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Middle Street.

30,313. What are you?—A cabinet-maker.

30,314. How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

30,315. Did you get anything for your vote?—No; I never got a farthing for my vote in my life.

30,316. How have you always voted?—Always Blue.

30,317. Have you never been paid?—No.

30,318. Did you get anything for being on any committee this time?—No, never in my life; I never did.

30,319. Were you canvassed for Mr. Lawrence?—Yes, I was canvassed by all three.

30,320. Were you canvassed by Mr. Fenwick and Schneider?—I was canvassed by them all.

30,321. Did your wife get anything?—No.

30,322. Are you certain of that?—Yes.

30,323. Is it possible for her to have got anything without your knowing it?—It is possible; but I am positive she did not, because I am sure she would have mentioned it to me if she had had anything.

30,324. Have you any brothers?—Yes, two. One has been examined here this morning. John and William polled for Fenwick.

30,325. John is your brother?—Yes.

30,326. And is Thomas any relation of yours?—William, of Darnside Street, is a relation.

30,327. But Thomas Barrow, of Hillside, draper?—No, he is nought to me.

30,328. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who do you work for?—Gillow. I have wrought there all my lifetime.

B. Mason.

BENJAMIN MASON sworn and examined.

30,329. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—In Brewery Yard.

30,330. What are you?—A plasterer.

30,331. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

30,332. What did you get?—I got 15*s.*, and 30*s.*, and 10*l.*

30,333. Besides that were you offered anything by the other side?—Yes.

30,334. Who offered you money?—Mr. Cleminson.

30,335. Where?—In Market Street.

30,336. What did he offer you?—20*l.*

30,337. Was that Thomas Cleminson?—Yes.

30,338. What was the reason why you did not take it?—Because it was against the colour.

30,339. Was not 20*l.* and Yellow, better than 10*l.* and Blue?—No.

30,340. Not in your judgment?—No.

30,341. However, you did not take it?—No.

30,342. If there had been no money going at all, which way would you have voted?—I would have voted for Mr. Lawrence.

30,343. You would have voted without money according to the way you did vote with money?—Yes, I would.

30,344. (*Mr. Newton.*) Suppose there had been no money on the Blue side, and plenty of money on the Yellow side, on which side would you have voted?—I would have voted for Mr. Lawrence.

30,345. Do you mean to say that this money was forced upon you?—No.

30,346. Then why did you take it if you would have voted for Mr. Lawrence without money? Why on earth did you take it?—Well——

30,347. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did you do with the money?—I spent it.

30,348. Not in drink, I hope?—Part of it.

JOSEPH BARROW sworn and examined.

30,349. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I am a cabinet-maker by business, but at present I am storekeeper at the waggon office.

30,350. Where do you live?—In Rydal Road.

30,351. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

30,352. What did you get?—I had a place assigned to me as poll clerk in the St. Thomas's district; but when I got there I was too late to take the books up, and some one had got the situation, so I was appointed from the "Royal Oak" room to assist the captains at the top end of Penny Street with the voters that came in from the Ellel district. I had occupied the post of check clerk at the previous election.

30,353. What did you do then?—I went to the top end of Penny Street and saw Mr. Lawson and Mr. Rothwell.

30,354. What money did you receive for all this?—I received 2*l*, for which I gave a receipt to Mr. Gibson a week after the election.

30,355. Was that for one day's work?—Yes.

30,356. (*Mr. Newton.*) At how many elections had you voted before?—Five.

30,357. How had you voted?—Always Blue.

30,358. Who made you poll clerk this time?—I was poll clerk on the previous election, and they sent for me. I had gone round with Mr. Saunders at the previous election with the books.

30,359. How came you to be late that morning?—I was at my usual employment.

30,360. When you went to the polling booth did you find that some one had gone into your place?—No, I asked off.

30,361. But you asked to be appointed to some other service to make up the 1*l*. you had lost by not being poll clerk. Do you understand me?—No.

30,362. You asked, did you not, for some other place to make up the 1*l*. you had lost by not being a poll clerk?—No, I did not. When I got to the "Royal Oak" I was assigned to that situation.

30,363. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What took you to the "Royal Oak" when you found you were too late?—That was where I ought to have received my books.

30,364. Who did you see at the "Royal Oak?"—Mr. Robert Hall and Mr. Gibson.

30,365. (*Mr. Hill.*) What do you call the office that you held? If you were describing it in short what should you call yourself—a sub-captain?—I should think that would be what they might designate it.

30,366. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you at this time looking after the waggons, or what was your employment?—I was there at that time.

30,367. You were storekeeper at the waggon office? Yes, I was.

30,368. Why did you cry off your bargain of being a poll clerk?—I do not know that I did.

30,369. But you told Mr. Barstow just now that you asked off?—I went there for my books, and they sent me where I went.

30,370. But you were appointed to act as poll clerk?—Yes.

30,371. Why did you not execute the office which had been assigned to you?—When I got to the "Royal Oak" I was too late to take up the books, and they had sent up some one else.

30,372. You got there too late?—Yes, I ought to have been there at 8 o'clock.

30,373. When you found that you were too late did you then go to the "Royal Oak?"—That was the place where I was sent to.

30,374. Did you then ask to be employed in some other office?—No.

30,375. Who employed you then?—Either Mr. Robert Hall or Mr. Gibson.

30,376. What did they say to you?—That I was to keep in that place till they sent me on any particular message that they might want to send to any part of the town; but at first I was to go to the top end of Penny Street, and assist Mr. Lawson and Mr. Rothwell.

30,377. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you engaged five days altogether?—No.

30,378. Then if you are reported in Mr. Gibson's book as having been engaged for five days at 2*l*. that is not true?—I was not engaged five days.

30,379. Is there any other Joseph Barrow who was at work in this way?—No.

30,380. Then is this entry in Mr. Gibson's book correct: "Joseph Barrow, five days ditto, 2*l*.;" is that untrue?—Well, I certainly made myself useful to them in any way I could.

30,381. But you were not engaged five days?—No.

30,382–3. Did you do any work at all except that one day?—No, I did not.

30,384. (*Mr. Newton.*) At what time did you poll?—About half-past 8 or a quarter to 9.

30,385. Had you received this appointment when you voted?—Yes, I had.

30,386. And you had a promise of 2*l*. for it?—No, I had not any promise of any money.

30,387. Did they tell you what you would get for doing it?—No.

30,388. You knew, did you not, that if you were appointed you would be paid for it?—Yes.

30,389. And you did in fact receive 2*l*. for one day's work?—I did.

30,390. Had you any conversation with anyone to the effect that you were to be employed, except on this day?—No.

30,391. You made no agreement with anyone, except on this day?—No.

30,392. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you ever speak to Mr. Gibson?—No.

EDWARD PEARSON sworn and examined.

30,393. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Preston.

30,394. Did you come over from Preston at the Lancaster election in 1865?—I did.

30,395. When?—On the nomination day.

30,396. On the morning of the nomination?—On the afternoon of the nomination.

30,397. Did anybody come with you?—John Southworth.

30,398. At what time did you arrive?—4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon; it might be a bit later, but I do not know exactly the time.

30,399. In the course of that afternoon did you see anybody you knew lived at Preston?—No.

30,400. Did you on the following morning?—Yes.

30,401. Where were you when you saw them?—Facing the "Queen's Arms."

30,402. Do you know Lancaster?—Not very well; I have only been here a few times.

30,403. You saw some one whom you knew to be a Preston man, when you were facing the "Queen's Arms?"—Yes.

30,404. Who was that man?—Mr. Fort.

30,405. Did you see anyone else?—Yes; I saw five or six persons, besides Mr. Fort, who had come from Preston.

30,406. Who were those men?—One was Richard Pearson.

30,407. Your name is Pearson?—Yes, but my name is Edward Pearson.

30,408. You did not look at yourself in the glass?—No.

30,409. What were the other names?—I cannot tell you the other names.

30,410. You saw three or four more?—Yes.

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E. Pearson.

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30,411. At what time in the morning was this?—Between 5 and 6 o'clock.

30,412. You got up early?—Yes.

30,413. Did you see these four or five people do anything?—No, only walking about.

30,414. Did you see them doing anything during the day?—Yes, we saw them two or three times during the day. We saw them assisting in personating one of the voters in Lancaster.

30,415. What was it you saw?—We saw them going into the school to personate one of the voters at Lancaster, and as soon as they saw us they ran away.

30,416. And you ran after them?—No, we did not run after them, we kept first going to one school and then to another.

30,417. Both of you?—Yes; to see if we could catch the persons who came from Preston who intended to personate the voters of Lancaster.

30,418. Did you catch anyone?—That was one that was assisting.

30,419. You did not catch him?—No; we saw him going in, and before we got up to the schools they had voted him, and then they ran away.

30,420. What was the name of that Preston man?—That went away?

30,421. That voted?—He was not a Preston man that voted.

30,422. I understood you to say that it was a Preston man that personated the Lancaster voters?—The Preston man was with the individual who was personating.

30,423. Who was personated?—No, personating.

30,424. What sort of a man was this individual?—He was rather a lusty man.

30,425. A stout man?—Yes.

30,426. How do you know he was not a Lancaster voter?—Because I have seen him knocking up and down Preston many a time.

30,427. Have you ever found out his name?—No; I know many a score in Preston, but I do not know their names.

30,428. I wonder you have come over from Preston to tell us this long story. You have told us nothing. How do you know he was not a voter; there are a good many voters of Lancaster who live at Preston?—I know he is not a voter.

30,429. How do you know it?—Because he got into some hobble in South Lancashire for personating.

30,430. How do you know he is not a voter for South Lancashire?—I do not think so.

30,431. It is only your belief?—Yes.

30,432. What was the hobble he got into?—He got personating, and was caught.

30,433. What was his name?—I do not know.

30,434. If he was caught they would not let him go; you must know his name; it is a misdemeanour, and he would be handed over directly to the police?—It was stated to me that he was caught in South Lancashire; that is all I know.

30,435. In the same way as you caught him here?—Yes, perhaps so.

30,436. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are the names of any of the Preston men you saw?—One was Richard Pearson, and another, James Holden.

30,437. Were either of those men one of those whom you describe as personating?—Holden was with him.

30,438 Where did you see Holden and Pearson when they were personating?—It was Leonard Gate schoolrooms where they were personating. I think it is the National School.

30,439. What did you see them do?—I see them go into the school.

30,440. What time in the day was that?—Between 12 and 1 o'clock.

30,441. Did you go in after them?—Yes.

30,442. How soon after them did you get into the school; how close did you follow them?—We were 500 or 600 yards behind them.

30,443. When you say "we," who do you mean?—Southworth and I.

30,444. Were any Lancaster people with you?—No.

30,445. You kept by yourselves?—Yes.

30,446. Were you in the booth at the same time with these people, Holden and Pearson?—No, they were coming out of the other door as we went in. They had voted him.

30,447. You were not in the booth with them?—No.

30,448. When you say "they had voted him," what do you mean?—They had taken in the person who was going to personate. They had personated some one.

30,449. Who was with these other people, Pearson and Holden?—Pearson was not there, it was only Holden.

30,450. I understood you to say that Pearson and Holden were together?—No, we saw Pearson and Holden together in the morning.

30,451. I thought you said you saw them together at Leonard Gate school?—Only Holden.

30,452. You were never actually in the booth with Holden and this other man?—No.

30,453. How do you know they had personated anyone?—We could tell by their ways.

30,454. Describe the way by which you can tell that a man has been personating another?—They never go straightforward, they are always sneaking first in one corner and then another, when they see anybody they know.

30,455. That is one of the initia of a man personating another, that he does not go straightforward, but sneaks from corner to corner?—Yes.

30,456. Do you know the name of the voter they personated?—No, I do not know; we did not get there in time.

30,457. When you got to the booth did you say to the poll clerk, "That man is personating a voter?"—No.

30,458. What did you say?—We said nothing, we could not object.

30,459. Why did you say nothing?—We did not believe we could object; we were not voters at Lancaster.

30,460. Why did you not say anything?—Because we had not a right to say anything. They would take no notice of us; we were not voters at Lancaster.

30,461. Did you tell anyone?—Yes, we told Mr. Fort.

30,462. Is Mr. Fort a voter for Lancaster?—Yes.

30,463. Did you go with Mr. Fort anywhere?—No.

30,464. (*To Mr. Towers.*) Who was Mr. Lawrence's poll clerk at Leonard Gate; was Winder?—No, it was not Winder. I do not know his name, but I know him by sight.

30,465. Were you at this booth?—Yes, and at the exact time this gentleman speaks to.

30,466. (*Mr Hill to the witness.*) You say this was between 12 and 1, and you are distinct in saying there was a person personating?—Yes, they were going to personate a person.

30,467. There were four persons only who voted during that hour for Fenwick and Schneider. There was Bartholomew Sharples; he was not personated. We have had him before us. Robert Fell; we know he was not personated. He has not been before us, but will be. Then there was William Kelsall; we know he was not personated; he will be before us. And there is William Gunson, who we know was not personated; so that your story is altogether false, completely false upon this, and you must have known it; and I want to ask you this further—on your oath, was it not you and Mr. Southworth who came over to personate, and were being watched by the other side?—No.

30,468. That is my belief, and that is by far the most probable thing. As for going together it is absurd when your interest was as detectives for one to go to each booth, and not to keep together. Your story is altogether improbable, and, I believe, utterly false?—Well, it is not.

JOHN SOUTHWORTH sworn and examined.

30,469. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A grocer.

30,470. Where?—At Preston; Fylde Road.

30,471. What were you doing at the last election at Lancaster?—I was sent over here by Mr. Fort on the nomination day.

30,472. When did you receive instructions from Mr. Fort to come over?—He had spoken to me about it a week or two previous to the election, and I came over on the nomination day.

30,473. Did you come over with the last witness, Pearson?—Yes, we both came together.

30,474. What were your instructions as to coming over?—It had been very currently reported in Preston——

30,475. What were your instructions as to coming over?—That we were to look after persons that had come over to Lancaster from Preston.

30,476. Had you ever been in Lancaster before?—Once or twice before.

30,477. Why did they send you over?—We knew the parties that were reported as being here.

30,478. Who were the parties reported as being here?—Mr. Satterthwaite, and other parties with whom he is connected.

30,479. What Mr. Satterthwaite is that?—The chemist and druggist.

30,480. The Mr. Jones?—Yes, I think so.

30,481. Did you think Mr. Satterthwaite was coming over here personating?—That was reported at Preston.

30,482. Mr. Satterthwaite was, I suppose, a man very well known at Preston?—Yes, very well known.

30,483. Do you think he was a likely man to come over here to personate voters?—It was currently reported that he had been over here the election before, and a great deal had been said about the personation that had been practised at that election.

30,484. Do you think it likely that a person so well known as Mr. Satterthwaite should be sent over from Preston here to personate voters?—I mean to say that he would be sent over from Preston to engage people in Lancaster to personate.

30,485. Why should they require to send over a Preston man to look after people to personate Lancaster voters?—That is the office he generally fulfils in elections at Preston.

30,486. He may do it in Preston, but would not that be a reason why they should have a Lancaster man to do it in Lancaster?—I suppose it was considered that he was something superior in that sort of work, and that was the reason he was sent over.

30,487. What rubbish! What did you see when you came over?—We saw no Preston people till the morning following, between the hours of 5 and 6.

30,488. Where did you stop in Lancaster?—I think it is the "Sun Inn."

30,489. To whom did you apply for your instructions in Lancaster?—Mr. Danson; I think that is the gentleman's name.

30,490. What were the instructions which Mr. Danson gave you?—We were already instructed what we had to do.

30,491. Were you told where the booths were?—Yes.

30,492. You did not know Lancaster?—No.

30,493. Were you told which booths you were to look after?—We were to go about the town generally.

30,494. Generally, doing what?—Looking after those people from Preston.

30,495. Following them?—Not exactly following them, but to watch them.

30,496. How were you to watch them?—To see if they brought any persons whom we suspected were not really voters.

30,497. Where did they stay the night before?—I cannot say. We never traced them the night before. We only found them in the morning.

30,498. And then you followed them about the town?—We found them at different booths on our traversing the town. We came across them at different booths.

30,499. They knew you as well as you knew them?—Of course.

30,500. They knew you were dogging them?—They spoke to us in the morning, and asked us what we wanted over here.

30,501. They knew you were dogging them?—Very likely.

30,502. Were they dogging you too?—I cannot say. They would be very suspicious I daresay.

30,503. At which booth did you see anything take place?—There was an attempt at personation at the Town Hall booth in the morning.

30,504. At what o'clock?—I cannot speak to the hour. It was early on in the morning.

30,505. You have been in court during the examination of the last witness?—Yes.

30,506. And you will not tell me what o'clock it took place?—I cannot say.

30,507. Was it 9 or 10 o'clock?—Perhaps it would be between 9 and 10; but I will not positively swear to it. The superintendent of police from Preston was there with me at the time, and I took it from him that an attempt at personation had been made.

30,508. Did you report it to the police, or did the police report it to you?—The superintendent reported it to me. Mr. Dunn knew me, and knew I was from Preston.

30,509. The policemen came to look after you, not you to look after the police?—I do not know that they came to look after me.

30,510. What was this attempt at personation?—I was not in the school at the time it took place; but I tell you Mr. Dunn, the superintendent of police, told me there had been an attempt at personation.

30,511. When you heard of the attempt what did you do?—We stood about to see if we could pick out any person whom we knew.

30,512. The policeman told you there had been an attempt at personation?—Yes.

30,513. And you stopped about there?—Yes.

30,514. What for?—To see if we could pick out any person we knew.

30,515. But they had done it?—Yes; but they might do it again if the opportunity was afforded.

30,516. You thought it was your duty to stand about after the thing was done—to shut the door after the horse was stolen?—They would have done it again if they had an opportunity.

30,517. Were you with the other witness all the time?—Chiefly.

30,518. Why did not one of you pick out one booth and one another?—We thought it was better, as both of us were strangers to the town, to keep together and visit the different booths.

30,519. Neither of you knowing anything of the town you represent that you were the persons selected to come over here and look after people personating?—I do not know that we were selected.

30,520. Will you tell us in what way you could trace personation better than those persons who knew the voters?—We could not trace it better than those persons who knew the voters.

30,521. Would not the Lancaster people know the voters better than you or Mr. Pearson?—Yes, of course they would.

30,522. How many did you try to personate yourself that day?—Not one.

30,523. Whom did you bring over from Preston with you?—No one but Mr. Pearson.

30,524. Did the police officer come with you?—No, the policeman came in the morning.

30,525. Did you know the policemen were coming?—I did not know the police were coming before they arrived here.

30,526. Or else you would not have come yourself perhaps?—I had promised Mr. Fort to come.

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J. Southworth.

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30,527. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you in the police force at Preston?—No.

30,528. You are not a detective?—No.

30,529. Are you the gentleman who personated some one at South Lancashire?—I never personated anyone.

30,530. Are you the gentleman who personated some one at South Lancashire?—No.

30,531. I should think you were. Did you see any attempt at personation here yourself?—I did not myself.

30,532. How much money did you receive for yourself?—I think Mr. Fort handed over 11*l.* or 12*l.* to me some time in September.

30,533. Was that for you and Mr. Pearson?—Yes; and other expenses that had been incurred.

30,534. How much did you give of that to Pearson?—We had 3*l.* each when we balanced up.

That would be very ample for you to pay your expenses from here to Preston and back again. You will not get any from our secretary.

30,535-6. (*Mr. Hill.*) You never succeeded in personating anybody?—No. I never tried.

J. Mashiter.

JOHN MASHITER sworn and examined.

30,537. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—Carnforth.

30,538. What are you?—A joiner.

30,539. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

30,540. What did you get?—Nothing.

30,541. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all.

30,542. Do you mean that you received no money at all during the election?—I received nothing at all myself. No money was paid to me whatever.

30,543. To whom was any money paid on your behalf?—I believe my wife received the money.

30,544. You know your wife received it?—Not at the time I did not.

30,545. You know your wife received it?—I know it now.

30,546. Then why did you not say so? Do not shuffle with us in that manner or we will refuse you your expenses. How much did your wife receive?—I believe, from what I know, she received 15*l.*

30,547. Who gave it her?—Mr. Wilson, for anything I know.

30,548. Do you not know Mr. Wilson gave it to her?—Yes, for anything I know, he did.

30,549. That was for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so.

30,550. How often have you voted for the borough of Lancaster?—Only twice.

30,551. How did you vote before?—For Mr. Fenwick.

30,552. What did you or your wife get before?—Before?

30,553. Yes; in Fenwick and Saunders's election?—2*l.* 10*s.* I believe.

30,554. What caused this great rise in the price?—I really cannot say I am sure.

30,555. Were you offered money from the other side?—Yes, I was.

30,556. Who offered it to you?—Mr. Hodgson, of Carnforth Lodge.

30,557. He offered you what?—He offered me 7*l.* 10*s.*

30,558. Did you tell him you would take it?—No, I did not. I said I would not vote that way at all.

30,559. Is the 15*l.* your wife got all the money you received for your vote?—For anything I know it is.

30,560. Did you get anything yourself?—I never got a halfpenny.

30,561. And you know of nothing more?—Nothing more.

30,562. (*Mr. Hill.*) What do you believe your wife had besides?—Nothing as I know of.

30,563. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you in London?—Yes, I was.

30,564. Were you asked there whether you had received any money for your vote?—Yes, I was.

30,565. What did you say?—I said I received no money whatever for my vote. I said there was nothing paid to me.

30,566. That is not what you said. What was your answer?—I said there was no money paid to me whatever.

30,567. Were those the words you used? At that time no doubt you knew your wife had received this money?—I did not know what she had got at that time.

30,568. I am going to put to you the question you were asked and the answer you gave. Do you remember being examined by Mr. Karslake?—Yes.

30,569. Do you remember his putting to you this question—"Just attend to my question. Now we "put Joseph Wilson out of the way. Did you "receive a sum of money for giving your vote?" Do you remember that?—Yes, I do.

30,570. What did you say to that?—I said I never received no money at all myself.

30,571. Your answer is, "No." Then you are asked again, "Has anybody for you received it and given you the money?" and your answer is, "Well I can't swear it?"—No, I could not. I never see'd no money paid.

30,572. You knew perfectly well at that time your wife had had the money. Then you are asked, "Do "you know anybody, a friend of yours, or an ac-"quaintance who has got money which is coming to "you by and by, you think?" And your answer is, "There has nobody received anything for me that I know of." Was that true or untrue?—I did not know that there was any money paid, not to tell the truth.

30,573. Just answer me. When did you first know that your wife had received this money?—It was time after the election.

30,574. Do you mean to say she did not tell you the day after the election that she had received the money?—She did not say she had received any money at all to me.

30,575. When did you first know your wife had received money on your behalf?—She told me when I came back from London that she had got 15*l.*

30,576. Do you mean to say upon your oath that that was the first time she told you she had received money in your behalf?—She did not say anything about any money and I did not put any questions to her.

30,577. Did you not know that she had received money before you went to London?—Well, I had some idea that there was something of that sort going on.

30,578. Did you not know she had received money for you before you went to London?—No, I did not, not for truth; not exactly.

30,579. What do you mean by not knowing it exactly?—She never said to me she had got any money; only she said she had got used the same as anybody else. She had got behaved to the same as anybody else.

30,580. When did she say that to you?—It would be a few days after the election very likely.

30,581. Did she not say that to you before you went to Lancaster to vote?—No, she said nothing at all about that. She said that Joseph Wilson had promised her something.

30,582. (*Mr. Newton.*) You know you told the committee that you did not know that your wife had got any money at all, or anybody, and you know perfectly well that she told you of it the day after the election?—Yes.

30,583. (*Mr. Hill.*) Not only that, but you have said, "Before I went to vote she said Joseph Wilson had promised her something;" and when you were asked in the House of Commons, "Do you know anybody, "a friend of yours, or an acquaintance, who has got

"money which is coming to you by and by you "think?" you answer on your oath, "There has nobody received anything for me that I know of?"—I could not swear it.

That is a direct contradiction to the answer you have just now given. There is no escaping from that. There are the best part of six columns of examination, every word of which is a gross prevarication if not an absolute lie. Some of it certainly is absolutely false.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) It is direct perjury.

(*The Witness.*) If the money had been paid personally to me I should not have gone to London and said I had not received any.

(*Mr. Newton.*) You knew perfectly well that Joseph Wilson had applied to you for your vote, and told you that your wife was to get something for it.

30,584-5. (*Mr. Hill.*) When you say Hodgson, of Carnforth, offered you 7*l.* 10*s.*, was not that for a split vote for Schneider?—No.

30,586. Did Hodgson never say a word to you about a split vote?—No, he did not. He said if there was a split there would be nothing for it.

30,587. What did Hodgson say to you?—I said I should not go against Mr. Fenwick; I should vote one for Mr. Fenwick.

30,588. Did not Hodgson say to you, "I will give you 7*l.* 10*s.* for the other vote or the split?"—No; he said if we split there would be nothing for it.

Isaac Bradshaw affirmed and examined. *I. Bradshaw*

30,589. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a cabinet-maker, in Church Street?—No. I took up my freedom by serving my time as a cabinet-maker, but I am not a cabinet-maker now, and have not been for nearly 30 years.

30,590. What are you?—A confectioner.

30,591. Where do you live?—In Church Street.

30,592. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

30,593. Did you get anything for voting for Fenwick and Schneider?—No.

30,594. You shake your head as if you were astonished?—I do not know that I was even canvassed. I cannot charge my memory with it.

30,595. Do you say that you were not canvassed?—I am not aware of it; I might be.

30,596. Sometimes people do get something although they are not canvassed?—Yes, we find it out so.

30,597. Did anybody come to you after the election?—No, certainly not.

30,598. If they did not come at all they could not have come with any money?—They neither came with money or anything else.

30,599. You got nothing before or after the election for your vote?—No, neither before nor after.

30,600. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—I took no part in the election further than tendering my vote.

30,601. Either for one side or the other?—Either for one side or the other.

William Backhouse sworn and examined. *W. Backhouse.*

30,602. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are our summoning officer?—Yes.

30,603. Did you serve a summons upon William Thornton, of Littledale?—I did.

30,604. Did he say anything to you at the time you served him?—He did.

30,605. What was it he said?—He said he would not come until he was forced.

30,606. He has not attended here as far as you know?—I have not seen him.

30,607. Were his two sons present at the time?—No, they were not. He told me they were in the field harvesting. "Amongst the corn," I think was his expression.

30,608. Did he add anything to that?—I said he had better come, that he would be obliged to come; and he said, "I will not come until I am forced."

30,609. Did he say anything about the sons?—He said the sons should not come either.

30,610. How far do they live from here?—About four or five miles, and it is a very hilly road.

30,611. We quite know that their time is very important to them now?—I believe it is.

30,612. One of them must attend here to answer the questions about the others. We shall take no steps about it now, because it will be very troublesome and expensive to them, but unless one of them is here tomorrow we shall take steps to compel their attendance?—I will let them know.

(*Mr. Towers.*) I think I can explain: None of those three but William received any money. William is the father of one of them, and the other is his brother. William received the 9*l.*

30,613. (*To Mr. Towers.*) That does not tally with what Backhouse says?—Mr. Backhouse is mistaken. One of them is his brother, and the other is his son. William Bradshaw, of Market Street, Lancaster, paid him, and I was present with him when we made the arrangement.

30,614. (*Mr. Newton.*) You were present when Bradshaw paid him?—Not when he was paid, but when we agreed to pay him.

30,615. They were to have 3*l.* each?—We agreed with William Thornton that if he would come himself and bring his brother and son with him in his own conveyance we would give him 9*l.*, to save us the trouble of sending a conveyance for them, and Bradshaw gave the 9*l.* into William Thornton's hands.

30,616. William Thornton was to bring his brother and son to the poll at 3*l.* a-head?—We agreed to pay William Thornton 9*l.*, and did pay it to him.

30,617. That is 3*l.* a-piece?—Yes.

30,618. We heard from one witness that there were two men from Littledale, whose names were not known, who got money, and the person who gave evidence thought their names were Littledale?—There are no voters in Littledale who voted at the last election who have not been accounted for as receiving money. It was, in fact, myself, in the presence of William Bradshaw, that made the bargain, but I could not be be there and elsewhere, and that is why William Bradshaw paid him. What I agreed with him was, that if he would bring his own conveyance and save us the trouble of sending one we would give him the cost of a carriage and pair of horses, and he did so. I might as well tell you that in Littledale, at that time, there was a John Lamb, a farmer at Bell Hill, who now lives at Carnforth, who promised me he would vote for us, and 12*l.* would not fetch him on the morning, and he has never been here yet.

30,619. Did he vote on the other side?—Yes.

John Blacon sworn and examined. *J. Blacon*

30,620. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A painter.

30,621. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

30,622. What did you get?—Nothing.

30,623. Nothing at all?—No.

39,624. When were you first spoken to about your vote?—I was not spoken to about it at all that I know of.

30,625. When were you canvassed?—I scarcely ever was, I think.

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J. Blacon.

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30,626. When were you in a small way canvassed?—I do not know exactly. I think I only saw one of the candidates,

30,627. That is what I call being canvassed. I suppose the candidate asked you for your vote; he would not ask you to vote against him?—Yes.

30,628. When was that?—A little time before the election.

30,629. How long before?—Perhaps a day or two.

30,630. Who was it?—Mr. Lawrence.

30,631. Did not the other parties wait upon you?—Yes, but I think I did not see them.

30,632. Did they see your wife?—No.

33,633. Are you married?—No.

30,634. Did they see anybody on your behalf?—They would see some one.

30,635. Who was it?—I think it would be my sister.

30,636. Do you know whether your sister got anything for you?—No, she got nothing.

30,637. Did your sister receive anything on account of your vote?—No.

30,638. Did anybody receive anything on account of your vote?—No.

30,639. Are you quite certain?—Yes, positive.

30,640. Did you vote Blue the election previous?—Yes.

30,641. Have you always voted Blue?—Yes.

30,642. I know you will give me a straightforward answer, at least I hope so. Are you quite sure that there has been no money paid on account of your vote at all?—I am positive.

J. Miller.

JOSEPH MILLER sworn and examined.

30,643. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A small farmer.

30,644. Where do you live?—Carnforth.

30,645. What rent do you pay?—35*l.*

30,646. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

30,647. What did you get for your vote?—Joseph Wilson gave me 1*l.* to spend amongst the voters, and 10*l.*

30,648. Did you spend that amongst the voters?—Yes, all but twopence.

30,649. You keep a good account of it. The 10*l.* was for your vote?—Yes. I do not know that it was for my vote. I never got anything for my conveyance the last election, and I said to Joseph Wilson, "I think I ought to have something," and he said, "I will please you on the election day, in the morning."

30,650. Is 11*l.* all you got?—Yes.

A. Bleasdale.

ANTHONY BLEASDALE sworn and examined.

30,651. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

30,652. What did you get for your vote?—I got nothing for my vote. I got 5*l.* from Mr. Tilly after the election for being on the committee.

30,653. What for?—For assisting in the canvass, and being on the committee.

30,654. What was the assistance you rendered?—Going about looking for voters, seeking them up, and asking them to vote for Fenwick and Schneider.

30,655. Give me the name of anybody you asked to vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—There is William Sherson is one, on the Quay, and a man of the name of Bond, I think, who lives in Monmouth Street; John Sherson, of Caton, and a man of the name of Punch, I think it is, and several others who I cannot call to mind.

30,656. What did you do when you were on the committee?—I looked after the voters.

30,657. You were on the committee?—My name was put down in the "Queen's" committee room.

30,658. How many times did you attend?—I cannot say, a good many times.

30,659. About; was it 10 or 20 times?—I should think it was from 10 to 20 times.

30,660. What did you do when you attended those 10 or 20 times?—I did nothing very particular.

30,661. Did you do anything?—No; we were encouraged to do our best to look after the freemen and voters.

30,662. Was there drinking going on every night?—No, not where I was, only one night at the "Malt Shovel," in Penny Street.

30,663. Was it dry pen and ink work, poll books, and that sort of thing?—No, there were no poll books.

30,664. Just describe what it was?—The voters were all called together, and they had something to drink.

30,665. Then there was drinking?—At the "Malt Shovel."

30,666. I mean at the "Queens?"—There were books, and pens, and paper there.

30,667. You are a painter?—Yes.

30,668. Were you out of employment at this time?—No.

30,669. These were services rendered in the evening?—Yes, and the daytime.

30,670. Did you give up your employment?—Yes, I did. I left my business.

30,671. Are you a master painter?—I was at that time, but am not now.

30,672. You put yourself on the committee?—Yes, I did, to do my best for Fenwick and Schneider.

30,673. That is different to what other people did; they left work to go on the committee because it was better pay; was not that the reason why you went on the committee?—No, it was not.

30,674. You canvassed five people, and probably it may be more, and you attended at one or two committee meetings?—I cannot say how many.

30,675. From 10 to 20?—Yes, altogether, perhaps.

30,676. And you put yourself out of work on purpose to do it?—Yes, I did, to do as much as I could for Fenwick and Schneider.

30,677. How long have you been a freeman?—Twenty years or better, I think.

30,678. How many times have you voted?—Only three, I think. I have been out of town.

30,679. Do you care about having a vote?—Yes, I do.

30,680. Have you always voted Yellow?—Yes.

30,681. You are a scholar?—Yes, I can read and write.

30,682. (*Mr. Hill.*) At these committee meetings at the "Queen's," had you a separate room?—Yes, we had the large room at the front.

30,683. (*Mr. Newton.*) Looking on the right-hand side as you go into the door?—Yes.

30,684. (*Mr. Hill.*) How many of you were there sitting there?—A good many, perhaps a dozen or so.

30,685. Not doing any pen and ink work?—I was not.

30,686. Who was?—The clerk was chiefly there.

30,687. He was charged for besides; you were smoking your pipe?—No, I do not smoke.

30,688. You were looking on at other people smoking, doing the same as the other people?—Yes.

30,689. Talking?—Yes.

30,690. And having an occasional glass of beer?—No, I never had one.

30,691. Brandy and water?—No.

30,692. What was it?—No, I had nothing there.

30,693. Soda water?—I might have had a bottle of soda water or ginger beer.

30,694. We have heard of one bottle of ginger beer being drunk; were you the person who drank it?—I do not know.

30,695. You had just enough to keep the cold out?—It was not very cold then.

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R. C. Chester.

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RICHARD CAPSTICK CHESTER sworn and examined.

30,696. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A painter.

30,697. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

30,698. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the election?—Nothing—

30,699. Go on; what were you going to add?—Nothing at all.

30,700. Have you got nothing to tell us at all?—No.

30,701. Had you not anything to do with the election?—No.

30,702. Did you look after any of the painters—No.

30,703. Have you a relation of your name on the register?—Yes, I believe so.

30,704. What is he, your father?—Yes.

30,705. Did you not keep your father?—No.

30,706. Your father worked a good deal at it, did he not?—No, I do not believe he did anything; it would be his cousin, I think.

30,707. You got no money at all?—No.

30,708. And did nothing for it?—No.

W. T. Clarkson.

WILLIAM THOMPSON CLARKSON sworn and examined.

30,709. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I am a shoemaker by trade, but have not followed it these 36 years.

30,710. What are you now?—I am now at Mr. Storey's lodge at the mill, in Moor Lane.

30,711. You are employed by Mr. Storey?—Yes.

30,712. What shall I call you, his lodge-keeper?—Yes.

39,713. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

30,714. What did you get?—A day or two after the election I had 10*s.* sent me; that is all I got. I was not promised anything nor did I ask for anything, neither did I expect anything, and it is the first time I ever received anything at an election.

30,715. Do you know who gave it to you?—I did not know till this morning. My wife had it given to her, and Mr. Edward Riley gave it.

30,716. You did not know that your wife had received it till this morning?—Yes, I knew she had received it, but I did not know who had given it to her. I do not suppose I should have had it given, but I had been off work for three months, and I considered it was sent to me as a present. I did not consider it a bribe.

30,717. How long after the election did it come?—I cannot say exactly to a day or two. It was, I think, a day or two after the election.

30,718. We do not consider it as a bribe either?—I took it as a present.

R. Nelson.

RICHARD NELSON sworn and examined.

30,719. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

30,720. What are you?—I have got a little farm now.

30,721. What were you at the time of the election?—A little farmer.

30,722. Do you hire land, or have you got land of your own?—I take the farm.

30,723. How much do you rent?—It would be, perhaps, 30 long acres.

30,724. How many statute acres is that?—It would be about 48.

30,725. What rental do you pay?—About 60*l.*

30,726. What did you get for your vote?—14*l.*

30,727. Who paid you?—Mr. Joseph Wilson.

30,728. Did you get anything more?—No.

30,729. Had you always voted Yellow?—No.

30,730. Had you been Blue before?—Yes, generally. I gave Mr. Fenwick one the last election before.

30,731. What made you give Mr. Schneider one this time?—I thought I might as well be on the winning side.

30,732. The 14*l.* was too much for you; you could not resist it?—I do not know that.

33,733. Did you get any other money from the Blue party?—There is one of my relations gave me 2*l.*

33,734. Who is that?—John Cross.

30,735. What was that for?—It was before the election.

30,736. What was it for?—To treat amongst the freemen.

30,737. It was not for your vote?—No.

30,738. Did you tell him then how you were going to vote?—No. I could not tell him, because I could not.

30,739. You had had no offer, then, from Wilson?—There was no offer at all about it.

30,740. How was it you got the 14*l.*?—I saw Joseph Wilson on the election day——

30,741. Tell us how it was you got the 14*l.*?—He asked me if I would give him a vote. I said, "Yes," and I said, "Well, there is plenty of money," and he says, "Oh yes, plenty." He says, "Will 14*l.* do?" and I says, "Yes, that will do very well." That is the way it was done, and I went right away with it.

30,742. If you had not got the 14*l.* should you have voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes, this election I should.

30,743. You mean to say that this was a present made to you by Joseph Wilson because you had done what he had intended you to do?—Yes.

30,744. It was not for your vote?—I do not know what it was for. He said there was plenty of money, and I thought I might as well have some of it.

30,745. This was on the election day?—Yes.

30,746. The 2*l.* from Cross was before that?—Yes, two or three days before.

30,747. Had anybody been to you besides Cross?—No.

30,748. Nobody else?—No.

30,749. What did Cross say he would give you for your vote?—He did not say anything.

30,750. You could not come to terms with him?—He gave me 2*l.* to spend.

30,751. You were to have something for your vote, I suppose?—He said there would be as much money as there was on the other side, if I had a mind to take it.

30,752. Cross said so?—Yes.

30,753. You knew if you did not get 14*l.* from Wilson you could get 14*l.* from Cross?—I do not know that so much.

30,754. You could have got 10*l.*?—I daresay I could have got more. I suppose there was plenty on both sides.

30,755. You only got 2*l.* from Cross?—Yes, that is all.

30,756. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you any offer made by any other persons on Lawrence's side?—No.

30,757. You had no offer?—No. I never went near anybody, and if I had met Cross on the election day I should have given him the 2*l.*

30,758. Have you given him the 2*l.*?—No.

30,759. Why not? You have seen him since?—No; I have never seen him since.

30,760. You know where to find him?—Yes.

30,761. (*Mr. Newton.*) I think, after this, he will very likely look you up?—He sent after the election, and I thought he had occasion to do so.

30,762. (*Mr. Barstow.*) He sent to ask for the 2*l.* back?—Yes.

30,763. You say if you had seen him on the election day you would have given it back to him?—Yes.

30,764. When he sent to you for it you determined he should not have it?—Because I had spent it.

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30,765. How much did you get from George Danson?—Not a halfpenny.

30,766. Did you not get anything besides the 2*l.* given to you to spend?—No.

30,767. At what places did you go and drink?—It was two days before the election.

30,768. I ask you at which places you went to drink?—We were not particular when we were at Lancaster.

30,769. You drank at all the places, Blue and Yellow?—Yes.

30,770. You were on both sides?—Yes.

30,771. Which committee did you attend?—I attended no committee.

30,772. Did you not get paid for any committee work?—No.

30,773. How much did you expect to get from Cross if you had voted Blue?—He did not say anything particular at all.

30,774. How much did you expect to get?—He did not say.

30,775. Did you hear how much they were getting on the Blue side?—Yes, I heard as far as 14*l.* and 15*l.*, and some was 20*l.*

30,776. Why did you not go for the 20*l.*?—Because I do not know that I thought of it.

30,777. If you had you would have done it?—When I got to Lancaster I altered my mind to poll for the Liberal side.

30,778. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What were the prices at Carnforth on Lawrence's side?—From 8*l.* to 10*l.*

G. Wilson.

GEORGE WILSON sworn and examined.

30,779. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A tailor I was, but I am too old to follow it now.

30,780. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider. I made an agreement with Mr. Wilson, in Cheapside, about two months before the election, that I was to have 5*s.* a day during the election for looking after the electors, and then he brought me, the day after the election, 3*l.*, so that it was altogether about 5*l.*

30,781. You got 5*s.* a day for the time you were looking after the electors, and then you got 3*l.*?—Yes.

30,782. You were looking after the electors eight days?—Yes; I was about the committee doing anything.

30,783. What were you doing?—Going out with circulars and such like, and opened and shut the doors. I could not do much, as I was too old to run about.

30,784. You were too old to do as much as you had done before, but I daresay you used to be keen enough?—Yes.

30,785. Have you always voted Yellow?—Yes.

30,786. Did you vote Yellow in Fenwick and Saunders's contest?—Yes.

30,787. And in the fight before that?—Yes.

30,788. Without any exception, have you always voted Yellow?—Yes.

30,789. Did you not ever vote for Mr. Green?—Yes, I did.

30,790. 5*l.* was all you got?—Yes, it was.

G. T. Metcalfe.

GEORGE THOMPSON METCALFE sworn and examined.

30,791. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Nile Street.

30,792. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

30,793. What money did you get during the election?—I got 1*l.* before the election, and 5*l.* afterwards.

30,794. Who paid you the 1*l.* before the election?—It was paid at Mr. Tilly's office.

30,795. Who paid you the 5*l.* afterwards?—Mr. Henry Welch.

30,796. What was that for; what were you paid these two sums for?—I asked him if I could not get put on the committee a few days, and he put me on.

30,797. That was the first 1*l.* How did you get the second sum of 5*l.*?—A week or so after the election I asked him if I could not have something for my day's pay on the election day.

30,798. What did you do for the 1*l.*?—I was waiting for a chance if I was wanted to be sent anywhere.

30,799. Were you doing any committee work?—There was not much work going on.

30,800. What little there was going on were you doing anything?—I was there if I was called on.

30,801. Were you a messenger?—Yes.

30,802. You were not a committee man but a messenger?—I was on the committee.

30,803. Were you paid for as being on the committee, or as a messenger?—I was paid for being on the committee.

30,804. For four days?—Yes.

30,805. Were you on the committee four days?—Yes.

30,806. When were you put on?—Five days before the election.

30,807. Was not your committee work done as much after the election as before?—Yes, I daresay.

30,808. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a tallow chandler?—Yes.

30,809. You are employed by Mr. Welch?—Yes.

30,810. You work for him?—Yes.

30,811. (*Mr. Hill.*) Generally?—Yes.

J. Caton.

JAMES CATON sworn and examined.

30,812. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A farm servant.

30,813. How did you vote at the election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

30,814. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

30,815. Who paid you?—John Albright's son.

30,816. Have you been in court all the morning?—No.

30,817. Do you know his christian name?—No, I do not.

30,818. Where did he pay you?—He paid me up at the "White Lion," in the dancing room.

30,819. How do you know it was John Albright's son?—I do not know it. They told me it was; that is all I know.

30,820. You did not know him?—No.

30,821. You were merely told it was John Albright's son?—Yes.

30,822. How long have you been in court?—I came in at 12 o'clock.

30,823. Has he been examined since you have been in court?—No.

30,824. Had you ever seen him at Heysham?—No, I did not see him at Heysham. I saw him at Overton.

30,825. Who was with him?—He was with his father, John Albright.

30,826. You know him by sight?—I do not know that I do.

30,827. What sort of looking man is he?—A slender man.

30,828. With bushy whiskers?—I cannot say.

30,829. Do you recollect at all what he is like?—Not so much.

30,830. The same man as you saw at Overton paid you?—Yes, in the "White Lion" dancing-room.

30,831. Were you on any committee?—No.

30,832. 10*l.* is all you got?—Yes, 10*l.*

30,833. How long have you been a freeman?—This is the first time I voted.

30,834. Do you always intend to vote for the Yellows?—Yes.

30,835. Do you care about being a freeman?—Not so much.

30,836. Are you a scholar?—No.

30,837. Who put you on; who made you a freeman?—Who made me a freeman?

30,838. Who took up your freedom?—I took it up myself. I paid for taking it up.

30,839. You paid for it yourself?—Yes.

30,840. What did you pay?—23*s.*

30,841. Did not anybody repay you that 23*s.*?—Eh?

30,842. Did not somebody repay you that 23*s.*?—Yes, John Albright's son at the election.

30,843. Then you got that in addition?—Yes.

30,844. Why did you not say that when I asked you? I asked you what more you got than 10*l.*, and you said, "Nothing?"—I got nothing more.

30,845. Yes, you did; you got 23*s.*?—I do not mean that.

30,846. It was included in the 10*l.*?—Yes.

30,847. Is that what you got made a freeman for, to get money at the election?—Yes.

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THOMAS WISE recalled and further examined.

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30,848. (*Mr. Hill.*) You told us when you were examined before that the whole of the money you received from Henry Welch and William Wearing was 4*l.*, and that you expended that 4*l.*, in sweets for the children and wives 1*l.*, and refreshments to voters and non-electors 3*l.*?—No; I said I gave Thomas Overend 1*l.*

30,849. You did not tell us that in your previous examination?—Yes, I told you so.

30,850. It is certainly not down on my notes, but that is not the material point. On coming to look through my notes I see that Mr. Wearing says something about some other money. What other money did you receive besides this 4*l.*?—I got 25*l.* for my services.

30,851. Why did you not tell us that before?—You never asked me the question, or I should have told you.

30,852. The gentleman examining you asked you what monies you received at the election?—I received that. It was a misunderstanding my not mentioning it; but it is so. I received 25*l.* for my services.

30,853. When did you receive it?—After the election.

30,854. How long after?—The same day. I believe it was the night after the poll.

30,855. When did Mr. Wearing make the agreement with you to give you 25*l.*?—I think it would be a month or six weeks before the election.

30,856. You agreed to receive it six weeks before the election?—I cannot exactly tell you the date, but it was a long time before the election.

30,857. You agreed to receive 25*l.* for your services, and you received it the night of the election?—Or the next day, I cannot say which. I know it was promptly paid, but it was not altogether for this election that I received that money. Part of it was for the election before.

30,858. The election previously you were not satisfied?—No.

30,859. Were you satisfied this time?—Yes, perfectly so.

30,860. Tell us, besides expending this 1*l.* on the sweets, and the money you say you expended on voters and non-electors, what other work did you do for the purposes of that election?—I did nothing but to attend to the Heysham district.

30,861. What did you do there?—I canvassed the whole of the electors and brought them up.

30,862. How many times did you go to Heysham?—I should think I would go a dozen times.

30,863. Have you got anything else to tell us?—I do not know that I have got anything particular to tell you.

30,864. I did not ask you for anything particular?—If you will lead me to anything, and I know it, I will tell you.

30,865. Do you know anything more about Riley's 10*l.*?—Yes; I know who gave it to him.

30,866. Who gave it to him?—Alfred Tinker. He was wrong when he said I gave it to him. I never gave anyone any money.

30,867. You put it down on the form?—No, Alfred Tinker put it down on the form.

30,868. He got it from you?—No, he got it from Hosking.

30,869. Did it not pass through your own hands?—No, I never touched it.

30,870. You told Hosking who it was for?—I never saw Hosking then.

30,871. Then how do you know Hosking gave it to Alfred Tinker?—Alfred Tinker told Towers so.

30,872. Alfred Tinker's telling Towers would not be information to you?—That is all the information I got about it.

30,873. Was there anybody else that you paid?—I did not pay anyone.

30,874. Will you swear that no money passed through your hands for the purposes of the election besides these 4*l.*?—Yes, I will.

30,875. No other money at all passed through your hands?—No, I do not know that I ever received anything at all. I was several times asked to take money, to go with the voters to the poll, and after they had voted to give them the money; but I would not do it and did not do it, that I know of.

30,876. Who asked you?—Tinker asked me, and Richardson asked me.

30,877. When you were spoken to by Wearing about this 25*l.*, did you tell him there was an account outstanding?—Yes, he knew it.

30,878. You would have nothing to do with the election unless he paid it?—I do not know that I would have had nothing to do with it; but, however, it settled all matters by his giving me that money.

30,879. You agreed to give him your support?—Not my support, my services. He knew he would get my support.

30,880. How did he know it?—I am known well enough for that.

30,881. Did you see anything about the return of the legal expenses?—No, nothing whatever.

30,882. Why were you dissatisfied with the election before?—Because I did not get sufficient money for my services.

30,883. What money did you get?—The election before?

30,884. Yes?—I do not know rightly. I think it would be about 15*l.*, from 12*l.* to 15*l.*

30,885. That is at Fenwick and Saunders's election?—Yes, I think that was the amount, but I am not sure.

30,886. What did you do at that election?—I attended to the Heysham district.

30,887. The same as you did this time?—Yes, the same.

30,888. You have done nothing else this time but to attend to the Heysham district?—I was ordered to do nothing else but attend to it.

30,889. Did you do anything else?—I took one or two men up to Hosking to get paid on the day of the election. I think it was four that I took up. There was Winder, Proctor, Riley, and Jackson I think, but I am not sure whether I took Jackson up or not.

30,890. How many voters are there at Heysham?—18 or 20 perhaps.

30,891. Did it take you 12 days to see them all?—It is a very difficult district to manage is the Heysham

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district, and the voters require seeing more than once, or half a dozen times too.

30,892. (*Mr. Barstow.*) If you had seen them once with plenty of money in your hands that would have done ?—I had not plenty of money.

30,893. Did you get the Heysham people without money ?—No, I do not say that.

30,894. (*Mr. Hill.*) And you would never say that you expected to do so ?—I brought them to Lancaster without asking what money they wanted.

30,895. (*Mr. Newton.*) I do not quite understand the reason why you did not tell us that you got 25*l.* for your services ?—I cannot tell you the reason now. If you had asked me I would have told you.

30,896. I beg your pardon. I have got it all down. Take care what you are about. Why did you not tell us of it at the time ? - For one thing I knew you knew that I got it. Mr. Wearing told you that I had got it.

30,897. What was the other thing ?—What other thing ?

30,898. You say " for one thing I knew you knew it." Now I ask you what was the other thing ?—I do not know what was the other.

30,899. We did know it, but it happened to escape us at the time, but we have found you out ?— Found me out !

30,900. Yes ?—What about ?

30,901. Having told a falsehood ?—Nothing of the kind.

30,902. Take care what you are about. You said, " The whole money I got for the purposes of the election was 5*l.*"—I did not say 5*l.* ; I said 4*l.*

30,903. You said you spent 4*l.* in sweets and refreshments, and that Overend helped you at Overton, and you gave him 1*l.* That is the 5*l.* Then you are asked, " Did you get any other money," and you said, " No, I did not ? "—I got no other money than that for spending.

30,904. You got 25*l.* for your vote ?—I know I did, and you knew it too. Mr. Wearing told you I got it.

30,905. (*Mr. Hill.*) You told a deliberate falsehood ?—I did not.

30,906. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You may stand down. You do not get your expenses.—I tell you I did not tell a falsehood.

S. W. Wearing.

STEPHEN WRIGHT WEARING recalled and further examined.

30,907. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You mentioned going into a room in the " Queen's " on the morning of the election and seeing Mr. Fenwick there ?—Yes.

30,908. You mentioned also that he gave you a bag containing money ?—Yes, I did.

33,909. You said that when he gave you the money he said, " I have the money I spoke to you and Welch about ? "—Something to that effect. I think, if you will look at the notes, you will find that I did not know exactly what the words were, but it was to that effect.

30,910. The question I wish to ask you is, what had you and Welch said to Mr. Fenwick about money, or he to you?—I think it would be perhaps a week before the election. He said he would not spend more than 1,000*l.*, would not give more than 1,000*l.* for the purposes of the election, and considered that that was quite ample for the legal expenses of the election. It was to that effect, but I do not bind myself to the exact words.

30,911. Give us the exact words, however, as near as you can remember them. Do you remember what his words were exactly with regard to the 1,000*l.* ?—I do not, but I assume what I have stated to you is what took place in effect.

30,912. This is what you said when you were examined before, " Fenwick spoke of rumours of " money being offered on the other side. He said he " should not spend more than 1,000*l.* Up to that " time he had not paid money ;" and then goes on what I read to you just now. What I want to know is, what conversation there was between you, Mr. Welch, and Fenwick, at the time this money was mentioned ?—I have told you all I can recollect.

30,913. Is that all you can recollect about it ?—Yes. There would be more said, but that was the import of what took place. I have heard him frequently say he would not spend a penny for illegal purposes during the course of the election ; but that is the only time he spoke with regard to any sum of money.

30,914. And you fulfilled Mr. Fenwick's wish, not to spend money for illegal purposes, by taking that money to Mr. Welch on the morning of the election in gold ?—Most certainly.

30,915. Had he said anything to you about having the money ready by a certain time ?—Never.

30,916. You understood him to say at the " Queen's " that that money which he put into your hands was the money he intended to spend for legal expenses ?—I assumed that, but I daresay he will be able to explain that. I cannot explain what he meant, or what he thought.

30,917. You have already told us what you did with the money ?—Yes.

30,918. Are you quite sure that what Mr. Fenwick said when he had his conversation with you and Mr. Henry Welch was that he would not spend more than 1,000*l.* in legal expenses ?—1,000*l.* altogether. That is the only money he would pay towards the purposes of the election.

30,919. I want it as near as you can recollect. Do you say that he said he would only contribute 1,000*l.* towards the purposes of the election ?—Yes. I do not know that he said the word " purposes," but that was his meaning.

30,920. If he said that he would not contribute more than 1,000*l.* he said it with reference to the election ; it could not have reference to anything else ?—No.

30,921. Have you given us that conversation as well as you remember ?—Yes.

30,922. (*Mr. Newton.*) I do not know whether you told us, but we infer it was so at this time, Mr. Fenwick was staying at the " Queen's ? "—Yes, he was staying there altogether

30,923. Where was Mr. Schneider staying ?—I should say at the vicarage.

30,924. Do you know it for a fact ?—I do not know it for a fact. I never saw him there, but I have no doubt that he was staying at the vicarage.

30,925. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I have omitted to ask when and where this conversation I have asked you about took place ?—It would be in his own room, at the " Queen's." That is the only room in which we ever met Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

30,926. How long before the election ?—I should think a week, not more I should think ; but I cannot say exactly.

30,927. You told us before it was a few days ?—I should think it was not more than a week, but I could not bind myself to a day or two. It certainly was within the fortnight preceding the election, and I should say, perhaps about a week.

30,928. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you know the date at which Mr. Fenwick gave the cheque for 500*l.* ?—I know nothing about it, except from what has transpired since the commission opened.

30,929. Was anybody else present at this conversation besides you, Welch, and Mr. Fenwick ?—I think not ; I think I can say positively there was not.

30,930. Did you or Mr. Welch say anything about what the probable expenses of the election would be at that time ?—No, certainly not ; we knew what the expenses of the previous election were, and I can only speak for myself, and I certainly felt that the expenses of this election would not be less.

30,931. You mean that the expenses of the election of 1865 could not be less than the expenses of 1864 ? —Yes, that was my impression.

30,932. My question is, did you say anything to Mr. Fenwick about it?—It is quite possible I might, but I do not recollect it.

33,933. That the 1,000*l.* would not do it?—I should not say that; certainly not.

30,934. What should you say?—I should say nothing about that.

30,935. What should you say if you made a remark to Mr. Fenwick?—I made no remark of the kind, because my impression was that Mr. Schneider would pay the bulk of the expenses, and that Mr. Fenwick would not. When Mr. Fenwick told me he would not expend more than 1,000*l.* I quite understood that that would really be the case.

30,936. 1,000*l.* towards the election?—Yes.

30,937. Did you at no time have any conversation with Mr. Fenwick about the probable expenses of the election?—Not the last election.

30,938. I am speaking of the last election?—No.

30,939. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, quite sure.

30,940. Had you never told him that the other side were going to spend a good deal of money?—Yes.

30,941. That is what I call the expenses of the election. When did you tell him that the other side were going to spend a good deal of money?—I think it was at the time he spoke about not spending more than 1,000*l.*

30,942. Did you say that before his remark or afterwards?—If I said it all it would be before.

30,943. But you have told me you did say it?—I think it is likely, but after 14 months one cannot recollect everything that passed; I am only speaking to the best of my recollection.

30,944. You told Mr. Fenwick that the other side were going to spend a great deal of money?—No doubt I should say something of the kind.

30,945. Was it in answer to that that he said he would not spend more than 1,000*l.*, or was it before?—I could not be certain.

30,946. Upon that, what further did you say?—I cannot say.

30,947. Did you tell him to what extent you thought the other side were going to spend money?—I could not; I had no idea at all.

30,948. Did you tell him you thought a great deal of money was coming from Liverpool?—I do not think I should; I do not recollect it at all.

30,949. Did he recognize you at all as having anything to do with money matters?—He would know that I had to do with money matters, that I had assisted Mr. Welch the previous election.

30,950. And that you had assisted Mr. Welch in buying votes at the previous election?—No, not by buying votes; handing money to the captains.

30,951. To buy votes?—Yes.

30,952. That is very much the same thing; he knew that?—I should think he would, but I do not know that he would.

30,953. Did he know also, as far as you believe, that any money had been spent for the purposes of the election for Mr. Schneider?—I have no means of knowing.

30,954. Had you had any conversation with him about it?—None whatever.

30,955. When you received that 1,000*l.* in the morning did you not say you had received a certain sum of money from Mr. Schneider?—I did not; I did not know that I had received anything at that time.

30,956. Did you say that there had been a certain sum of money received from Mr. Schneider?—No, not a word.

30,957. Was anything said about the difficulty of getting gold?—Not a word.

30,958. Was anything said about the difficulty of getting gold from the Lancaster Bank?—Not a word.

30,959. Do you know where Mr. Fenwick got that 1,000*l.* from?—I think, during the course of this inquiry, I heard that he got it from the Preston Bank, but whether that applied to the 500*l.* or the 1,000*l.* I cannot say. I think Mr. Maxted said he had received 500*l.* from Mr. Tilly.

30,960. We have had a great deal of our attention directed to these parcels left at your house. Will you tell us who left the parcel of 290*l.* at your house?—I know nothing about it; no one left anything at my house except the parcel of money I spoke about which was left in three parcels, and I folded them into one and gave them to Mr. Welch.

30,961. Who left that parcel of 290*l.* at Mr. Welch's house?—I have no idea.

30,962. Do you mean to say you had nothing to do with it?—No; I had no other parcels except those I have named to you.

30,963. Did you not see some one going into Mr. Welch's shop at a time when everybody else was out?—No.

30,964. Did you see Mr. Schneider go into Mr. Welch's shop?—No, I did not.

30,965. About a month before the election?—No; I do not know that he was in Mr. Welch's shop.

30,966. Did you see Mr. Schneider in Lancaster a month before the election?—I cannot say; if he was in Lancaster I should see him.

30,967. If he was in Lancaster he would come to your shop in all probability?—No; I do not think that necessarily follows.

30,968. Where would he come to you?—He might have called upon me at my shop, or I might have seen him at Mr. Welch's shop.

30,969. Your shop is next door but one to Mr. Welch's?—Yes.

30,970. Can you tell me whether or not he came to your shop on or about the 15th of June?—I cannot; I have no recollection.

30,971. Did he come to your shop at the end of June?—I have no recollection.

30,972. Do you recollect hearing that a parcel had been left with Mr. Welch?—Very likely I should hear it; very likely Mr. Welch, if he had received a parcel of 290*l.*, would say, "I have received a parcel of 290*l.* or 300*l.*"

30,973. You know now from his statement that he did receive a parcel?—Yes.

30,974. You see if he had received it he would have told you of it; do you remember his telling you?—No, not distinctly.

30,975. Have you any recollection of it?—I should have had no recollection of it unless I had read the evidence over.

30,976. I do not ask you that, but have you any recollection?—No.

30,977. What makes you say if he had received it you would have heard of it?—I do not think he kept anything secret from me; I did not from him.

30,078. You know he received it?—I know now.

30,979. Do you not remember his telling you about it?—No; if I were to tell you I did I should perjure myself.

30,980. Do you not remember about that time seeing Mr. Schneider in your shop?—I cannot recollect; he might have been there.

30,981. Did Mr. Schneider ever talk to you about having provided money for the election?—On no occasion.

30,982. Did Mr. Schneider never speak to you about money for the election?—No.

30,983. Never since?—No, never since, neither directly nor indirectly; his conversation was directed on all occasions to Mr. Welch. I was not present at any time when Mr. Schneider spoke about money.

30,984. You never heard Mr. Schneider speak about money?—Certainly not, previously to the election.

30,985. Have you heard him say anything since the election about the parcel left at Mr. Welch's shop?—Not a word.

30,986. Did you ever see Mr. Schneider go past your shop into Welch's about that time?—I have no recollection of it; it is quite possible I might have done, but I cannot recollect it.

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30,987. Have you not told anybody that you saw Mr. Schneider go into Mr. Welch's shop?—Never.

30,988. That you swear?—Yes, that I will swear.

30,989. You saw that old man Wilson, here this morning?—Yes.

30,990. Is it true, as you said in your evidence, that he was offered 10*l.* before?—He told me so on the Monday previous to the election.

30,991. That he had been offered 10*l.*?—Yes; that might be very likely to endeavour to make me give more than I had agreed with him. It is a very usual trick, I suppose, at elections.

Adjourned for a short time.

R. Casson.

RICHARD CASSON sworn and examined.

30,992. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a voter at Heysham?—Yes.

30,993. How did you vote at the last electon?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

30,994. What did you get for that?—I got 8*l.* for my wife, and 1*l.* for my wife.

30,995. And what else did you get?—1*l.* after the election.

30,996. Who paid you?—I do not know; it was a stranger to me; I never saw him before.

30,997. Who paid your wife?—I got it altogether; my wife was not there.

30,998. Where were you paid?—At the "White Lion."

30,999. Had you voted at the election before; I mean at the election between Saunders and Fenwick?—Yes.

31,000. How had you voted then?—For Fenwick.

31,001. What did you get for that?—5*l.*

31,002. You always get something for your vote?—Yes; I do not think that ever I missed.

31,003. You got 10*l.* this last time?—Yes.

J. Smith.

JOHN SMITH sworn and examined.

31,004. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you by trade?—A tailor.

31,005. Where do you live?—In Leonard Gate.

31,006. You are the only John Smith on the register; for whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,007. What did you get?—5*l.*

31,008. What else did you get?—Well, they sent sometimes from the public-house a pint or a quart of ale.

31,009. Did they not send any money?—No.

31,010. Did they not send your wife any money?—No.

31,011. Have you got a wife?—Yes.

31,012. Did they send her a bonnet?—No.

31,013. You got nothing but this 5*l.*?—No.

31,014. That was all you got, was it?—That was all I got.

31,015. Did you get anything from the other side?—No; they offered me something.

31,016. What did the other side offer you?—They offered me 5*l.*

31,017. The Blues offered you 5*l.*?—Yes; they was the first that offered, they always was the first that tempted.

31,018. You were tempted first by the Blues with 5*l.*?—Yes.

31,019. And then you were tempted by your own side with 5*l.*?—I intimated that they had offered me 5*l.* I had no idea of anything before that.

31,020. Then they rose to the intimation?—Yes.

31,021. And then what did the Blue side do?—They did nothing more.

31,022. Did you not intimate to the "Blue" side that you had been offered 5*l.* by the Yellow?—No, I do not think that I did; I do not recollect that I did.

31,023. At any rate, they did not offer you anything more?—No.

31,024. And so you went for 5*l.*?—Yes.

J. Smith.

JOSIAS SMITH sworn and examined.

31,025. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Leonard Gate.

31,026. What are you?—A tailor.

31,027. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

31,028. What money did they give you?—5*l.*

31,029. Had you nothing else?—No, I had nothing else.

31,030. Had no relation of yours anything for you?—No.

31,031. The 5*l.* was all you got?—Yes.

31,032. Who gave it to you?—Robert Whiteside.

31,033. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did John Smith get his from Robert Whiteside?—Yes, he did.

W. Richmond.

WILLIAM RICHMOND sworn and examined.

31,034. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Great John Street.

31,035. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,036. What are you?—A painter.

31,037. A journeyman or a master?—A master.

31,038. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

31,039. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—I was not on the committee; I took no active part in the election at all. I was a poll-clerk during the election day.

31,040. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a householder?—No, a freeman.

31,041. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you get for being a poll-clerk?—A guinea.

31,042. Who paid you that?—I got it at Mr. Tilly's office.

31,043. Was that all the money you got for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

31,044. If you were poll-clerk, what time did your duties begin in the morning?—By 8 o'clock; and it was about half-past 4, I think, before we were done.

31,045. Of course, if your duties began at 8 o'clock, you would poll very early?—Very early; we were very thronged early at our booth.

31,046. And you yourself would poll very early?—No, I did not.

31,047. At what time did you poll?—I polled somewhere about 9 o'clock, I think.

31,048. Are you sure about that?—No, I am not certain.

31,049. What was the number of the booth at which you polled?—No. 5.

31,050. Were you a poll-clerk at the election of Fenwick and Saunders?—Yes.

31,051. What did you get for being that?—A guinea; the same.

31,052. Did you get anything besides?—No.

31,053. Did you canvass?—No, I never did canvass.

31,054. You did not go about assisting anybody?—No.

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31,055. Did anybody assist you?—Do you mean in the booth as poll-clerk?

31,056. Anywhere?—None but the clerk; every poll-clerk has a clerk.

31,057. Did they assist you before the polling day?—No.

31,058. You did not require any assistance?—No, I did not.

31,059. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you mean to tell us that you got no more than this guinea?—Certainly I do.

31,060. Not a farthing more?—No, not a farthing more.

31,061. How came that about, your name being Richmond?—I cannot tell you that, there is a deal of Richmonds.

31,062. We have them down here, a pretty large family of them, and most of them have rated their services, on whichever side they bestowed their vote, at a pretty good price; are you not like the rest of your clan?—No, we were always Liberals before this last election; two of my sons you know voted for the other side, and one and myself that is in the court here voted both for Fenwick and Schneider.

31,063. And had you no offer from either side?—No, I never had an offer in my life.

31,064. How came they to offer your sons' money and not to offer you money?—I knew nothing about it till I read it in the paper after their examination.

31,065. Still a vote is a vote, one would think they would have made an offer to you; how came people to offer your sons money, and not offer you money?—I do not know, I am sure; they never offered me money in my presence.

31,066. Your vote is as good as your sons' vote?—Exactly.

31,067. And in one sense it was in the market?—If I had had money offered to me I would not have taken it. I never received a shilling for my vote in my life.

31,068. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are not quite right about the time you polled?—I do not know the time for certain.

31,069. What relation is Thomas Richmond to you?—He is one of my sons.

31,070. Of Great John Street, painter; what relation is he to you?—My son.

31,071. And you polled immediately after him to counteract his influence?—That is true enough.

B. Richmond.

BENJAMIN RICHMOND sworn and examined.

31,072. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A painter.

31,073. Are you a son of the last witness?—Yes.

31,074. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,075. What did you get?—9*l.*

31,076. Were you on any committee?—No.

31,077. Was 9*l.* all you got?—9*l.* was all; it was given to me half an hour after I had voted.

31,078. By whom was it given to you?—By Mr. Wearing.

31,079. Had Mr. Wearing made any arrangement with you beforehand?—Not at all; I was up at my house at 3 o'clock, or near about it.

31,080. But before?—No, he had never mentioned it.

31,081. But he knew which way you were going to vote?—Yes.

31,082. How did he know that?—I always voted for the Liberals.

31,083. But they had canvassed you, had they not?—No, they had not.

31,084. Had you never been canvassed by anybody?—Mr. Fenwick called at the shop, and said, "Which "way are you going to vote; I suppose it will be "Fenwick?" and I said, "Yes, sir."

31,085. What did you take 9*l.* for?—It was given me.

31,086. But you knew what it was given for?——Yes; but it was never offered to me before; it was given in this kind of manner after I had voted; it was just held out in that manner.

31,087. In the street?—No, at the "Queen's."

31,088. Were you not offered anything by the other side?—No.

31,089. Did you not get anything on the committee?—No.

31,090. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Why did you not follow the example of your good father, and refuse the money?—If the money had been offered to me before I had polled I daresay I should, but it was not.

R. Whormby.

RICHARD WHORMBY sworn and examined.

31,091. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A joiner.

31,092. Where do you live?—At Carnforth.

31,093. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

31,094. We have already heard that Joseph Wilson left something for you?—Yes.

31,095. What was that?—15*l.*

31,096. Is that all you got?—Yes.

31,097. Did he pay you with the rest?—He paid it to my wife, but I was present at the time.

31,098. If you were present at the time, how came Mr. Wilson to give it to your wife?—I really cannot say, I am sure.

31,099. (*To Mr. Wilson.*) Why was it, if this man Whormby was present, that you gave the money to Mrs. Whormby?—Well, I put it down, and the woman took it up, grabbed at it in *this* way (*snatching*).

31,100. (*To the witness.*) Was that so?—It was.

31,101. Did you make a grab at it too?—No, I did not, because when a woman once makes a grab at a thing she is very sure to seize it.

31,102. I hope she stuck to it when she got it?—She did.

31,103. Had you anything else?—No, nothing.

31,104. (*Mr. Newton.*) Had you ever voted before?—Yes, three times.

31,105. How had you voted?—I voted twice before the last election.

31,106. How had you voted?—I voted for Fenwick at the last election, and I think I voted for Mr. Garnett at the election before—for Garnett and Gregson.

31,107. Would you have voted this time as you did unless you had been paid?—I always have done.

31,108. You always have been paid?—I always had been Yellow before.

31,109. I want to know why, if you were always Yellow before, you got 15*l.*?—I should have gone this way.

31,110. Why did you get this 15*l.*?—I should have gone this way whether I had got it or not.

31,111. (*To Mr. Wilson.*) Can you explain this?—Yes, I think I can.

31,112. How do you explain it?—I think this man deceived me a little; he came to me, and when I was asking him for his vote, he said, "I can get a good deal on the other side; unless you give me 15*l.* I shall not vote for you."

31,113. (*To the witness.*) Is that so?—It is.

31,114. That is very dishonest of you; you told me that you should have voted Yellow whether you had had money given to you or not, and you led me to suppose that this money had been given to you quite unnecessarily, instead of which it appears that you imposed upon Mr. Wilson, and told him that you would vote against his wishes unless you were paid; what explanation have you to give of that?—I do not know that I have any.

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31,115. I think it was a most disgraceful proceeding on your part; I was under the impression that Mr. Wilson had tempted you, whereas I think now it is quite the reverse; did anybody offer you anything on the other side?—No.

31,116. (*Mr. Hill.*) Then what you said to Mr. Wilson was untrue?—I told him I could get a good deal more from the other party.

31,117. You are connected with the auctioneering interest, are you not?—No.

31,118. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were in London, were you not?—No, I was not.

31,119. You ought to have told your story simply, and not have shuffled and acted in the disingenuous manner you have done. Is Thomas Whormby your brother?—Yes, he is.

31,120. Were you ill at the time of the last election?—I was.

31,121. What was the matter with you?—I have been ill better than four years.

31,122. You seem to have recovered by this time pretty well?—No, I have not.

31,123. (*Mr. Hill.*) Your illness at that time does not seem to have been thought much of; did you go a good deal to the public-houses about that time?—No, and no one can prove that I did.

31,124. But they suggested it, did they not?—No, they did not.

31,125. You have had fits, have you?—I have had one.

31,126. What sort of fits?—Really I cannot say, I am sure.

31,127. You were up in London, were you not?—No, I was not; my brother Thomas was.

31,128. He was ill too?—He was; he was taken ill just as he was going to be tried.

T. Whormby.

THOMAS WHORMBY sworn and examined.

31,129. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Carnforth?—Yes.

31,130. A husbandman?—Yes.

31,131. You went up to London, did you not?—Did I go up to London?

31,132. Yes, that is my question; did you not go up to London to be examined?—Yes.

31,133. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

31,134. What did you get for your vote?—15*l.*

31,135. From whom did you get it?—Joseph Wilson.

31,136. When did he pay you?—On the morning of the polling.

31,137. Did he bring it to you the night before?—I did not see him.

31,138. Did he come to your house?—I did not see him the night before the polling; I was not at home.

31,139. There was an arrangement made that you should vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—I did not see him the night before the polling at all.

31,140. I did not ask you whether you had seen him or not; I ask you whether an arrangement was not made on the night before that you should vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

31,141. And you were to get paid for your vote?—Yes.

31,142. And you got the 15*l.*?—Yes.

31,143. How had you always voted before?—I have always voted for the Yellow party.

31,144. Why did you take money this time, can you tell? Are you a married man?—Yes.

31,145. And Mr. Wilson had been to your wife, and made an arrangement with her that you should vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—I was not married at the time of the last election.

31,146. (*Mr. Wilson.*) I think the other brother made the arrangement; he was too tipsy himself.

31,146*a*. (*Mr. Newton, to the witness.*) How did you vote at the Fenwick and Saunders's election; You voted for Fenwick, did you not, then?—Not Fenwick and Schneider.

31,147. I am not speaking of the last election, but the Fenwick and Saunders's election; you voted for Saunders then?—Schneider.

31,148. No, you voted for Fenwick then?—Yes, and that was the last election but one.

31,149. What did you get then?—2*l.* I think.

31,150. (*Mr. Hill.*) You do not recollect what took place the night before the election, do you?—No, I do not.

31,151. From whom did you get the money? From whose hands did you receive it?—Joseph Wilson.

31,152. Tell me quite straight, without thinking, but simply wishing to speak the truth, from whose hands did you receive the money?—Joseph Wilson gave the money down.

31,153. On the table?—No, it was on the bed.

31,154. You were in bed?—No, I was in the room.

31,155. But was it on your bed?—No, it was at Lancaster.

31,156. On what bed, then, was it?—On Mrs. Charnock's, at the "Nag's Head."

31,157. What brought you into Mrs. Charnock's bedroom? How came Joseph Wilson to find you there? Was Mrs. Charnock there?—Yes.

31,158. What brought you into that room when Joseph Wilson found you there? Was that a place where they were being paid?—Yes.

31,159. Who else was paid there?—My brother.

31,160. Richard?—Yes.

31,161. And who else?—I cannot say.

31,162. Did Joseph Wilson pay anybody else there?—Not that I know of; I did not see him.

31,163. How long did you stop there?—Not so very long.

31,164. Was any other woman present?—Not that I know of; I did not see anyone.

31,165. And you do not recollect whether the money was ever paid to your sister or your mother?—Not so very well.

31,166. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A labouring man.

31,167. What are your wages; two shillings a day?—Yes, sometimes more and sometimes less.

31,168. (*To Mr. Wilson.*) Who else did you pay in Mrs. Charnock's bedroom?—You have one or two to call up yet.

31,169. But I want you to tell me who the persons were?—Mashiter was one; if you will refer back to the evidence you will find the names; Richard Whormby, Thomas Whormby, Miller, and Wilson, I can recollect.

31,170. (*Mr. Hill.*) Then this was your paying office, was it?—It was.

31,171. What made you pick it out as your paying office?—It was very convenient; there was a large room that she had, which was used as the committee room, and then this bed-room was just at the side; it was done in a very nice, sly way; they were all paid singly.

31,172. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was anybody in the bed?—No.

J. Booth.

JOHN BOOTH sworn and examined.

31,173. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A wine and spirit merchant.

31,174. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For whom did I vote for?

31,175. Yes, you heard my question?—I did not understand you. I voted for Lawrence, a plumper.

The witness is directed to withdraw.

JOHN GIBSON BRIGGS sworn and examined.

31,176. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Church Street.

31,177. What are you?—A hatter.

31,178. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

31,179. Did you get any money for voting for Mr. Lawrence?—About 16 days before the election I received 1*l.* from Mr. Stanton, and about a week afterwards I received 10*s.*

31,180. Anything more?—On the morning of the election I brought four men to the "Royal Oak." You had their names from George Danson, I believe. There were the Dodgsons, father and son, and a man of the name of Garth, and another named Crossfield. George Danson stated in his evidence that he gave them 10*l.* each, but he handed the money to me, and I paid them.

31,181. Did you get any other money for yourself?—Four or five weeks after the election I received 6*l.* from Mr. Gibson, or it might be five or six weeks after.

31,182. What was that for?—That was for expenses. I had been employed for three or four weeks before the election.

31,183. Doing what?—I was looking after some voters.

31,184. Can you tell me the name of any voter that you had been looking after?—Yes.

31,185. Who?—Simon Dodgson and Simon Gibson Dodgson, Thomas Crossfield, Garth, and some others. But those I looked after for some time, and brought them to the poll.

31,186. Did anybody help you to look after these voters?—No.

31,187. You looked after them all yourself?—Yes.

31,188. What other assistance did you render?—I was in the committee room and sorted many circulars and cards, and saw that they were delivered. I gave them to different parties to take out.

31,189. Did you do anything else?—No, that is all.

31,190. You are a master hatter?—Yes.

31,191. And for these services which you have described, you charged 6*l.*?—Well, I had spent some money.

31,192. Are you a householder?—Yes.

31,193. And a voter?—Yes.

31,194. You are supposed to care about having the franchise?—Yes, I hope so.

31,195. And yet you charge 6*l.* for services such as those you have described to us?—I was fully employed for some weeks doing nothing else.

31,196. And for that you received 6*l.*?—I spent, I should say, half of what I had received.

31,197. In what way did you spend it?—I went many times up to Halton, and on the polling morning I paid the toll for the carriages.

31,198. How much toll did you pay?—I do not remember, but I paid three or four tolls that morning, and the railway fare.

31,199. Fivepence a piece?—And the horses.

31,200. Have you any recollection of the amount you paid for toll-bars? Suppose you paid four toll-bars, that would be 4*s.* Tell me anything else that you spent?—I went six or seven times up to Halton, and treated those electors.

31,201. Did you always go on wheels?—I once went with Mr. Danson.

31,202. When you went with him he paid the toll-bars I have no doubt?—We did not go through the gate then.

31,203. Tell me what money you spent for the purposes of the election except the 4*s.* that I allow for toll-bars?—I spent a good deal.

21,204. Tell me any specific sum that you paid?—I should think I paid six or seven shillings on the nomination day.

31,205. Where?—At the "Royal Oak."

31,206. Was not that an open house?—No, I paid for what I got.

31,207. The "Royal Oak" was open on the day of nomination?—No, it was not. I paid for what I got.

31,208. We have always been told that it was open.—I can prove that I paid for what was called for those electors and their friends, both on the nomination day, and the day of election.

31,209. How can you prove that?—I can prove it from the parties that got it, and I think I could prove it from those who would serve it.

31,210. How much did you spend on the nomination day at the "Royal Oak?"—I should say seven, or eight, or nine shillings.

31,211. Did you ever spend any other money except that in refreshments?—Yes, on the nomination day I spent some; indeed, I was always spending.

31,212. But this was on the nomination day?—On the polling day.

31,313. Why every house in the town was open on the election day?—No.

31,214. Tell me any one house that was not?—I paid for what I called for at the "Royal Oak" in this town.

31,215. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What turnpikes are there between this and Halton?—Two of the voters came from Bulh, and I was obliged to go round: two of them lived in Bulh, and two in Halton.

31,216. You received 7*l.* 10*s.* altogether?—Yes.

31,217. And you can make out that you spent nearly a sovereign of that?—I spent half of it.

31,218. (*Mr. Newton.*) You have only given us 4*s.* for turnpikes, and 7*s.*, which you say you spent on the day of nomination?—And I spent money besides in the town among several voters. I was employed the whole time.

31,219. (*Mr. Hill.*) There were two persons that you looked after, Simon Gibson Dodgson and another Dodgson as well?—Yes, the father.

31,220. What is his name?—Simon Mashiter Dodgson. He is on the list as Samuel, but his name is Simon.

31,221. Had you agreed as to the cost of your services before?—No, I did not receive the 6*l.* until five or six weeks after the election. It was paid by Mr. Gibson, and if the services had not been rendered I should not have got it from the losing party.

31,222. Did you do any work in the committee rooms?—Yes.

31,223. In which committee room?—The "Royal Oak."

31,224. That was only drinking with the voters?—I sorted the circulars and the voting cards, and gave them to the men.

31,225. That really would not take a man of business long to do?—There was a great deal to do, they were constantly going in and out.

JOHN WOODMAN sworn and examined.

J. Woodman.

31,226. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a stone mason?—Yes.

31,227. Where do you live?—At Overton.

31,228. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick and Lawrence.

31,229. What money did you get?—I got 10*l.* each side.

31,230. Who gave you the 10*l.* for Fenwick and Schneider?—John Albright.

31,231. Who gave it you for Lawrence?—It was a man that I had never seen before; he came down to Overton the night before.

31,232. What did you say to Albright when he gave you the 10*l.*?—I do not know that I said anything.

31,233. Did you promise to vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—No.

31,234. You never promised him anything?—No.

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31,235. What did you take the 10*l.* for?—For voting.

31,236. But who did you promise him to vote for?—I promised to vote for Fenwick and Lawrence.

31,237. Do you mean to tell us that you promised Albright?—No, I did not promise him.

31,238. I was asking you who you promised Albright to vote for?—He knew who I was going to vote for.

31,239. Did you tell Albright that you were going to vote for Fenwick and Lawrence?—Yes, I did.

31,240. Do you say upon your oath that you told Albright that you intended to vote for Fenwick and Lawrence?—Yes.

31,241. What did he say to that?—He said I should vote for Fenwick and Schneider.

31,242. And did you then promise him to vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—No, I did not.

31,243. Do you swear you did not?—Yes.

31,244. Was this 20*l.* all you got?—Yes.

31,245. Did you promise Albright to vote for Fenwick?—Yes.

31,246. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you tell the Overton stranger that you were going to give the Liberal party a vote?—He sent for me into a neighbour's, and asked me to give Lawrence a vote, and I said "Yes," and he gave me 10*l.*

41,247. Did you tell the other man that you were going to vote for Lawrence?—Yes.

31,248. Did you tell him that you had had money?—No, I did not.

31,249. But you did not keep the secret from either party how you were going to vote?—No, I did not.

D. Dawson.

DANIEL DAWSON sworn and examined.

31,250. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Church Street, Lancaster.

31,251. Are you a householder?—Yes.

31,252. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

31,253. What did you get for your vote?—I got 10*l.*, and 3*l.* for expenses, and 3*l.* for assistance.

31,254. Who paid you for your vote?—Knowles Allinson.

31,255. And who paid you for your expenses?—Knowles Allinson.

31,256. Was that all you got from the Yellow party?—Yes, that is all I got.

31,257. What did you get from the Blue party?—I got nothing.

31,258. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

31,259. Were you not on the Blue committee?—No.

31,260. Were you not asked to be on the Blue committee?—Yes, but I was not upon it; at least, if I was it was unknown to me.

31,261. You got no money for that?—No.

31,262. Did anybody offer you any money on the Blue side for your vote?—I do not know that they did.

31,263. Have you always been Yellow?—Always; but once I voted for Mr. Saunders.

31,264. What did you get then?—I got 5*l.*

31,265. Who paid you?—Mr. Vince.

31,266. What had you got at the election before, in 1859?—I got nothing; I did not even get a glass of ale.

31,267. What are you?—I am a joiner.

31,268. A master joiner?—No.

31,269. A journeyman?—Yes.

31,270. What rent do you pay for your house?—I do not pay any rent; the house is my own.

31,271. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was the 3*l.* expenses for?—That was for assistance; it was not for expenses.

T. Fell.

THOMAS FELL sworn and examined.

31,272. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A grocer.

31,273. Where do you live?—In Church Street.

31,274. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Schneider.

31,275. What did you get?—I got nothing from Mr. Lawrence's party, not anything.

31,276. Why did you vote for them then?—I always voted for that party, and always shall do.

31,277. Then we come to the other side of the account; you voted for Schneider?—Yes.

31,278. Why did you vote for him?—Because I had been always inclined to do so.

31,279. What did you get for that?—I got 10*l.*

31,280. Your inclination was assisted by 10*l.*, was it?—No, it was not.

31,281. From whom did you receive the 10*l.*?—Edward Johnson; I received it three weeks after the election.

31,282. When had you been promised it?—I never was promised it at all.

31,283. When had you agreed that you would vote for Schneider if they would give it to you?—I never agreed with them.

31,284. Come?—I never agreed to vote for money.

31,285. You voted for the opposite party and got 10*l.*, and do you mean to tell the Commissioners that you did not receive that 10*l.* for your vote?—I do not say that I did not; I received it after.

31,286. If you had not been promised 10*l.* should you have voted for Schneider?—Yes, I should.

31,287. Why?—Without either money or anything I should.

31,288. Why?—Because I should, and I felt inclined to do it.

31,289 You would have voted for Schneider and Lawrence?—Yes, I should, without the money.

31,290. Do you really wish us to understand that?—Yes.

31,291. Which committee were you upon?—I was upon no committee.

31,292. And you got nothing?—I got the 10*l.*

31,293. Did you get no money to spend?—No, I did not.

31,294. Did you get nothing else besides the 10*l.*?—I got nothing else.

31,295. (*Mr. Hill.*) How did you vote in 1864?—I do not know, I am sure; I voted for Mr. Greene and Mr. Gregson. Mr. Greene then was a Tory, and then I voted again for Mr. Greene and I think for Mr. Gregson; I think I did it twice over if I am not mistaken, and then I voted for Mr. Garnett and Mr. Gregson.

31,296. We will now come to the contest between Saunders and Fenwick; for whom did you vote then?—I did not vote at all.

31,297. Why not?—Because I did not feel inclined to vote.

21,298. Did not anybody offer you any money?—No, and I never had any offered to me in my lifetime before this last time.

T. Fothergill.

THOMAS FOTHERGILL sworn and examined.

31,299. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of China Laue?—Yes.

31,300. Are you a householder?—Yes.

31,301. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

31,302. What did you get?—I got nothing for my vote; 6*l.* 10*s.*

31,303. You got that for something, for what did you get it?—For working and expenses.

31,304. Who paid you?—Isaac Vickers.

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31,305. (*Mr. Newton.*) If it was not for your vote what was it for?—Henry Welch came three weeks before the election and asked me if I would atend to China Lane.

31,306. And you attended to China Lane?—Yes; at that time my mistress had been bedfast for eight months, and I said, "Now, Henry, let me alone, let "me attend to my shop, my vote is right. I would "sooner stop in my shop."

JOHN WOODMAN sworn and examined.

31,307. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A stone-mason.

31,308. Where?—At Heysham, Middleton, now we live at.

31,309. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

31,310. What did you receive?—18*l.*

31,311. Was that all for one side?—No.

31,312. From whom did you receive the first lot of money?—From Mr. Lawrence's side.

31,313. What did you receive from them?—10*l.*

31,314. Who gave it to you?—A stranger. I got it at Overton.

31,315. Was that the first money that you received?—Yes.

31,316. What was the next money that you received?—8*l.*

31,317. From whom did you receive it?—It was a man at the "White Lion."

31,318. A stranger?—I do not know him, he is a Lancaster man.

31,319. A stranger at Peter Moore's whom you did not know?—No.

31,320. Was it Hutchinson?—I have heard it said since it was, but I did not know the man.

31,321. Did you tell Hutchinson that you were going to vote for Mr. Lawrence?—No.

31,322. When did he give you the 8*l.*?—The day of the election.

31,323. Before you voted?—Yes.

31,324. What made you go to him there?—I was at home. I had been at Overton and got very drunk the night before they came for me; there was both a "blue" carriage and a "yellow" carriage there; they were both at our house at once, and the "blue carriage" had only one horse in it, and the other had two; and I said I could ride in a one-horse carriage any day, and I would go in the big one that day; so I got in and went in the "yellow" carriage and went to the "White Lion"; there was Thomas Overend and Mr. Wise canvassing our country for the Yellows, and they said whatever the Blues were giving they would give us as much again, whatever it was; so Overend and them had been to Mr. Hutchinson, I suppose, and it came out what they were giving; and then I said I had got 10*l.* from the other side and would go then.

31,325 And then you went and got it?—I told them I would go, and they said I was like silly going: they said it was so much money, if I got it and so I was called in by Mr. Wise to Mr. Hutchinson.

31,326. Mr. Wise took you up-stairs?—He was standing on the top of the stairs and called me up.

31,327. And you went up?—Yes.

31,328. And got 8*l.*?—Yes.

31,329. Did anybody see you to the poll?—No.

31,330. Did you walk out with the 8*l.* and go straight to the poll and vote for Lawrence?—I did not go straight there.

31,331. That is very natural; you went as straight as you could?—I knocked up and down the town.

31,332. Were you waiting to see if you could pick up any more money?—No, I was seeking my mate that I had lost.

31,333. At last you found your way to the poll?—Yes.

31,344. And there you polled?—Yes.

31,335. (*Mr. Newton.*) What wages do you earn?—4*s.* a day.

31,336. How long have you been a freeman?—This was the first time I had polled.

31,337. I suppose it was simply the pair-horsed carriage that turned you?—Yes, I never had ridden like that before.

31,338. If there had been four horses in the other carriage you would have ridden in that?—Yes.

31,339. You do not care about having a vote?—I do not know that I do.

31340. Do you know Thomas Woodman of Heysham?—Yes, I do.

31,341. Is he here?—He was examined yesterday, my father.

31,342. I mean the other Thomas Woodman?—No, he is at Barrow I believe.

31,343. Do you know how he voted?—I cannot say how he voted, but he was here.

31,344. Did he vote for Lawrence?—I cannot say.

31,345. Did he get his money at Overton overnight?—I never saw him at Overton.

31,346. Did he get his money at Hutchinson's?—I never saw him have any money.

31,347. Did you hear him talk of having any money?—No, I never did.

31,348. You cannot tell us anything about him?—No, I cannot.

THOMAS ALSTON sworn and examined.

T. Alston.

31,349. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a householder?—Yes.

31,350. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider, and without money too I did it.

31,351. Without money?—Yes, without money.

31,352. How came that about?—It came about in this way: I got nothing and saw nothing given or taken by anybody.

31,353. Did anybody ever offer you any money?—No, that is a real fact.

31,354. It is a rare fact?—It is a fact and a real fact.

31,355. Did no one speak to you about having any money?—No, nobody.

31,356. How came that?—Go on with your inquiry. With all due deference I approach you Commissioners: never. Nobody asked me to take a single penny.

31,357. And you asked nobody to give you a single penny?—No, I never did.

31,358. They were willing to give nothing and you were willing to take nothing?—I told them if either Fenwick or Schneider came into my place, or anybody for them I would order them out of my house.

31,359. If they came to canvass you?—Yes. I do not want canvassing. I have got clean hands, and I have come here with a real thorough clear feeling and spirit, and with all due deference to you Commissioners I speak what I now say. Now, then, go on.

31,360. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—I am a grocer in Deanside Street. Here I have your summons (*producing it*).

31,361. Did no one come and ask you for your vote?—Nobody only George Danson and Mr. Lawrence. Do not mistake what I am going to say: I am going to tell you the real truth and nothing else.

31,362, We want to know the real truth, but pray do not be very long telling it.—Mr. Lawrence came and put his hands between the scales. I had been swaying between the two sides. "How are you, Mr. Alston?" he said. "Quite well, Mr. Lawrence," I said, "I hope you are well?" "Quite well, thank you." Now I kept Mr. Lawrence's hand in my hand, but I said, "No, I cannot help you, I am going to help "Fenwick and Schneider as soon as ever I can in the

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"morning." "Thank you for your honesty, Mr. "Alston," he said.

31,363. We are quite convinced that you received nothing, and we do not want to hear anything more. —Thank you; but I will answer more if you want to know it.

CHRISTOPHER HARTLEY sworn and examined.

31,364. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Penny Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

31,365. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

31,366. Are you a householder?—Yes.

31,367. Were you much engaged in the last election?—A little.

31,368. Did that little bring any grist to your mill?—None.

31,669. By that am I to understand that you got no money either for your services or for your vote?—Nothing whatever.

31,370. What are you?—A grocer.

31,371. And you swear positively that you got nothing for your vote or for your services?—Nothing.

31,372. On neither side?—No.

31,373. You were on no committee?—No.

31,374. Did you get anybody to go and vote?—Yes.

31,355. Who was that?—Thomas Boardman I think was one.

31,376. Let me look at the paper you have in your hand (*a paper is handed by the witness to the Commissioners*). Where did you get this money from?—From Mr. Welch.

31,377. On what day was it?—I got 50*l.* on the day of the election.

31,378. What sums did you get besides?—I got 3*l.* about three weeks before the election.

31,379. Tell me the money in gross that you got?—The money was advanced out of my pocket, and Mr. Welch settled with me after the election, perhaps ten days after.

31,380. When did he pay you?—It might be a week or ten days after the election.

31,381. He repaid you what you had spent out of your pocket?—Yes, as to which he had a list.

31,382 How much did you spend out of your pocket?—All the money went out of my pocket first. The first money that I received from Mr. Welch was 3*l.*, that was for Henry Wilson.

31,383. When was the next?—The next sum was for a person of the name of Sanderson who keeps a public-house in Chapel Street, the "King's Head," I think it is, 7*l.*

31,384. How much money did you receive altogether before the election?—About 13*l.* I think, but that was for bills.

31,385. And how much money did you receive after the election?—Well I really cannot tell you, but Mr. Welch got a list of it.

31,386. But we want you to tell us. You say you received 13*l.* before the election?—It would be near 30*l.* I daresay.

31,387. After the election?—Yes.

31,388. What money did you receive altogether for the purposes of the election?—I should think about 90*l.*

31,389. How did you spend that 90*l.*?—I paid to a person of the name of John Armistead 11*l.*

31,390. When did you pay him?—On the morning of the election.

31,391. Did you pay him yourself?—Yes.

31,392. Well?—John Edmondson 12*l.*

31,393. Did you pay him yourself?—Yes.

31,394. Who else?—Thomas Clark, 10*l.*

31,395. Well?—Thomas Boardman 15*l.*

31,396. Is he a relation of yours?—No. Thomas Horrocks 12*l.*, James Simpson 10*l.* 10*s.*; there is Mr. Walmsley down on that list for 3*l.*, but that was for a bill.

31,397. What for?—A bill for refreshments that he got settled and brought the receipt to me, and I gave it to Mr. Welch. That was for a refreshment bill, I think, at the "Marton's Arms," but I am not certain.

31,398. Did you pay a man named Sanderson?—That was a bill for refreshment at the "King's Head," Chapel Street.

31,399. Was that 7*l.*?—Yes.

31,400. Henry Wilson 3*l.*, what was that for?—For money that he had expended at the election previously; he said that if he got that 3*l.* he would not want anything for his vote.

31,401. What is he?—A butcher.

31,402. Then there are "Three voters—two Cassons and Sharples, 3*l.*?"—I think that was 1*l.* a piece. You have had one of the Cassons in the box, it was a son of his and a man of the name of Sharples. I think 1*l.* each: it was 3*l.* among them.

31,403. Do I understand you to say that after the election you balanced accounts with Mr. Welch?—Yes.

31,404. And he paid you the balance?—Yes.

31,405. Where did he pay you the 50*l.*?—At the "Queen's."

31,406. On the morning of the polling?—No, not in the morning; it would be half-past 1 o'clock perhaps.

31,407. In the day time?—Yes.

31,408. Where did you pay the voters?—I paid Boardman and Horrocks at my own shop, on the Saturday after the election.

31,409. That is to Boardman 15*l.* and Horrocks 12*l.* on the Saturday previous to or after the election?—After the election.

31,410. Had you made arrangements with them that they were to vote for money?—They went with me the day previous to the election to Morecambe, and I stayed there with them all night, and they came back with me next day.

31,411. But this was for their votes?—There is no doubt of it.

31,412. Where did you pay Simpson?—That was paid at my own shop on the Friday night, but not to Mr. Simpson.

31,413. Do you know which of the Armistead's it is?—John Armistead; the only John there is in the list, I think.

31,414. John Armistead of Bolton-le-Sands, husbandman?—Yes.

31,415. He voted for Lawrence?—No; John Armistead voted for Fenwick and Schneider I think; he is a tee-totaller and would not go to the public-house, that was the reason why I paid him, otherwise he would have been paid by Mr. Jenkins.

31,416. Which Edmondson was it?—Jonas.

31,417. Of Poulton, fishmonger?—Yes.

31,418. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is it Jonas, junior, or not?—No, the father.

31,419. (*Mr. Newton.*) Then there is Henry Wilson, what is he?—A butcher.

31,420. He is not one of the butchers who got 20*l.* is he?—I believe he is.

31421. He went the other way?—Yes.

31,422. As far as you can tell us these are all the transactions that you had to do with with reference to the election?—Yes.

31,423. You got nothing for your services?—Nothing at all.

31,424. They were all gratuitous?—Yes.

31,425. (*Mr. Hill.*) There is something else you can mention with reference to this election, do you remember what it is; you have been reading the evidence no doubt. Was not something further said that you had to do with—you were at Morecambe?—Yes.

31,426. You have been reading the evidence?—Yes.

31,427. Something I know has been said about you

in connexion with the election, but I forget whether it was with reference to Morecambe or what it had reference to.

31,428. I was at Bolton twice, but not canvassing the voters. I went to see one individual.

31,429. Who was that?—Thornton they call him, a soda-water manufacturer.

31,430. Which Thornton was that?—Thomas Brennand Thornton; I have not read the whole of the evidence.

31,431. Did you offer him anything?—No, I wanted to take his house; he keeps a beer-house.

31,432. What did you offer him for his house?—I do not know whether I fixed any sum. I wanted to leave it open.

31,433. And he would not have that?—He would not say whether he would or would not; he put me off twice and I did not go to him any more. He did not get anything from me except a few shillings that I spent there.

31,433*a*. Was Walmsley a householder?—Yes.

James Beesley sworn and examined. *J. Beesley.*

31,434. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A watch-maker.

31,435. Where do you live?—In Cheapside.

31,436. You are a householder?—Yes.

31,437. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

31,438. What money did you receive?—Nothing.

31,439. Had you nothing to do with money affairs at the election?—Nothing at all.

31,440. Were you paid any money?—No.

31,441. Were you on any committee?—No.

31,442. Did you take any active part in the election?—None at all.

31,443. Were you offered anything?—No.

31,444. On neither side?—No.

31,445. Did you vote Yellow at the previous election?—Yes.

Thomas Baynes sworn and examined. *T. Baynes.*

31,446. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In King Street.

31,447. Are you a householder?—Yes.

31,448. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

31,449. Did you receive any money during the election?—I did receive 10*s.* for my trouble, but not for my vote.

31,450. What was your trouble; was it the trouble of walking from your house to the poll?—No, I went with John Gardner, of Church Street, to some public-houses.

31,451. When you go to public-houses at any other than election times, does anyone pay you for your trouble?—No.

31,452. What particular trouble was it to you to go to public-houses at the election time?—He said, "I will give you that for your trouble." I did not ask him for it.

31,453. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did John Gardner give it you?—Yes.

31,454. Was that 10*s.* all you got?—Yes.

31,455. Every farthing?—Every farthing.

31,456. On whom did you spend the money?—I did not spend much of it, I did not spend it at all; I might have spent part of it.

31,457. Did you spend 6*d.* of it?—More than that.

31,458. Is that all you got?—Yes.

31,459. Did you not get a promise of anything?—No, I never asked for anything, and nobody mentioned anything of the kind to me.

31,460. What are you?—A butcher.

31,461. But the butchers did not put up with small sums generally?—No.

31,462. Did you not make a bid?—No.

31,463. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you sure it was not pounds instead of shillings?—Yes.

31,464. (*Mr. Hill.*) How did you vote at the previous election, at Fenwick and Saunders's election?—For Fenwick.

James Mashiter sworn and examined. *J. Mashiter.*

31,465. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Warton?—Yes.

31,466. How did you vote at the last election?—For Schneider and Fenwick.

31,467. What did you get?—10*l.*

31,468. Who paid you?—Joseph Wilson.

31,469. Did he give you anything else?—No.

31,470. Did he give it to you or to your wife?—No, not to my wife; I have not got one.

31,471. Did you get anything on the other side?—No.

31,472. Are you quite sure?—Quite sure.

Thomas Knowles sworn and examined. *J. Knowles.*

31,473. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—At Skerton.

31,474. Are you a freeman?—No.

31,475. What are you?—A licensed hawker.

31,476. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

31,477. What did you get?—12*l.* and 30*s.*

31,478. Altogether that was?—Yes.

31,479. Altogether 13*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

31,480. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

31,481. That was all you got?—Yes.

31,482. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

31,483. From whom did you receive it?—30*s.* from George Danson and 12*l.* from Thomas Winder, of Skerton.

James Wearing sworn and examined. *J. Wearing.*

31,484. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Skerton.

31,485. Are you a householder?—Yes.

31,486. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

31,487. What did you get?—*5l.*

31,488. Who gave it you?—A stranger at the "Black Bull," at Skerton, and 1*l.* 10*s.* from George Danson.

31,489. (*Mr. Hill.*) Anything else?—No.

John Gardner sworn and examined. *J. Gardner.*

31,490. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In George Street.

31,491. You are a cotton-spinner?—Yes.

31,492. How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

31,493. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

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31,494. Who paid you ?—George Danson.
31,495. Were you on any committee ?—Yes.
31,496. What did you get for that ?—2*l.* 5*s.*
31,497. Who paid you that ?—George Danson.
31,498. He paid you altogether 12*l.* 5*s.* ?—Yes.
31,499. Did anybody else pay you any money ?—No.
31,500. Are you quite sure of that ?—Yes.
31,501. Did you get anything from the other side ?—No, not a halfpenny. Then there is John Gardner, plasterer; I come now for him; he got the same as me.
31,502. What is he to you ?—I is uncle to him.
31,503. He is your nephew ?—Yes.
31,504. Where is he now ?—He is out looking for work.
31,505. He voted the same way as you did ?—Yes.
31,506. And he got 10*l.* and 2*l.* 5*s.* ?—Yes.

J. Richardson.

JAMES RICHARDSON sworn and examined.

31,507. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you live in Ann Street ?—Yes.
31,508. And are you a labourer ?—Yes.
31,509. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
31,510. What did you get ?—8*l.*
31,511. From whom ?—Thomas Jackson.
31,512. Did you get anything else besides ?—30*s.*
31,513. From whom ?—From Mr. Tilly's office.
31,514. Did you get anything else besides ?—No, George Danson says I got 30*s.*, but I never got it yet, not a farthing of it.
31,515. 9*l.* 10*s.* was all you got ?—Yes.

R Kearton.

RICHARD KEARTON sworn and examined.

31,516. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Back George Street, labourer ?—Yes.
31,517. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.
31,518. What did you get ?—10*l.*
31,519. Who paid you ?—Mr. Danson.
31,520. Did you get anything else ?—2*l.* 5*s.* for being on the committee.
31,521. Who paid you for that ?—George Danson.
31,522. Did you get anything else ?—No.

T. Richardson.

THOMAS RICHARDSON sworn and examined.

31,523. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are from Ellel, and are a joiner ?—Yes.
31,524. How did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
31,525. What did you get for your vote ?—5*l.*
31,526. Who paid you ?—Edward Bradley, junior.
31,527. Were you on the committee ?—I was on, but I never received anything for it.
31,528. On neither side ?—On neither side.
31,529. Are you quite sure of that ?—Yes.
31,530. You are sure that all you got for the election was 5*l.* ?—I had 10*s.* on the election day for assistance.
31,531. For assisting in what way ?—In looking up voters and keeping them together.
31,532. Who paid you that ?—Edward Bradshaw. I believe he said in his evidence that he paid me 7*l.* 10*s.*
31,533. And you say you only got 5*l.* 10*s.* ?—Yes.

W. Beckett.

WILLIAM BECKETT sworn and examined.

31,534. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A grocer.
31,535. Where do you live ?—In Church Street.
31,536. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
31,537. What did you get ?—Nothing.
31,538. Nothing at all ?—No.
31,539. Did you get the promise of anything ?—No.
31,540. Did you always vote Yellow ?—Yes.
31,541. You voted for Fenwick in the Fenwick and Saunders' fight, did you ?—Yes.

R. Wilson.

ROBERT WILSON sworn and examined.

31,542. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Bridge Lane ?—Yes.
31,543. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Lawrence.
31,544. What did you get ?—8*l.*
31,545. Who paid you ?—Mr. Barber.
31,545*a*. Anything else ?—30*s.*
31,546. From George Danson ?—Yes.
31,547. Is that all you got ?—Yes.
31,548. Where were you paid ?—At Barber's house.
31,549. Where is that ?—In Bridge Lane.
31,550. Are you a tailor or a shoemaker ?—A tailor.

J. Redhead.

JAMES REDHEAD sworn and examined.

31,551. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you live at Skerton ?—Yes.
31,552. Are you a householder ?—Yes.
31,553. How did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.
31,554. What did you get ?—8*l.*
31,555. Who paid you ?—Mr. Bakewell, I think, would be the man at the "Black Bull," at Skerton.
31,556. What else did you get ?—20*s.* from George Danson.
31,557. For being on the committee ?—Yes.
31,558. Anything else ?—No.
31,559. That is all you got ?—Yes.

J. H. Bond.

JOHN HARTLEY BOND sworn and examined.

31,560. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A labourer.
31,561. Where do you live ?—In Monmouth Street.
31,562. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Lawrence.
31,563. What did you get ?—12*l.*
31,564. Anything for being on the committee ?—I got nothing for the committee. I got a few shillings to spend at different times. It would amount to 15*s.* altogether.
31,565. Did you get anything else ?—No.
31,566. That was all you got ?—Yes.

A. Bell.

ANTHONY BELL sworn and examined.

31,567. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—An ironmonger.
31,568. Where do you live ?—No. 1, Chapel Row, is my residence.

31,569. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,570. Did you get any money during the election? Not anything. I had nothing to do with the election in any way.

31,571. You did nothing but vote?—Nothing whatever. I do not know why I am summoned here because I had nothing to do with the election in any way.

31,572. You have done no harm by coming?—Except that I look upon it as an insult.

31,573. (*Mr. Newton.*) I do not understand this. I do not understand your manner. We have a perfect right to summon anyone we choose, and I beg to remind you that your manner is anything but respectful. I think you ought to be very glad to have had the opportunity of saying you have not been bribed?—I am sure I had not anything to do with the election.

31,574. I begin to suspect you have from your manner?—Then you suspect wrong; you do indeed.

31,575. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did anyone ask you for your vote?—No, I was from home when the two Liberal members called. I left a memorandum on the desk to say I should vote for them. I did not want to be troubled with the canvassing at all.

31,576. Then they did call?—They called when I was not in the shop.

31,577. Did Mr. Lawrence call?—No, never.

31,578-9. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you use any influence over any voters?—Not at all; I never canvassed a single voter.

(*Mr. Newton.*) I think anybody here ought to be very glad of the opportunity afforded them of telling anything they know without showing any disrespect to us and losing their temper. I am only surprised at a man in Mr. Bell's position doing it.

RICHARD DENNY BLAND sworn and examined. *R. D. Bland.*

31,580. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,581. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

31,582. Did you canvass anybody?—Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider canvassed me.

31,583. Did you canvass for Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider?—No.

31,584 Had you anything to say to the election?—No.

31,585. Did you use your influence with anybody?—Not at all; I never did.

31,586. You had nothing whatever to say to the election?—No, I had not.

31,587. You know nothing about it?—No.

31,588. And you have nothing to tell us about it?—No.

JAMES MOUNSEY sworn and examined. *J. Mounsey*

31,589. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,590. What did you receive?—10*l.*

31,591. From whom did you receive it?—Edward Bradshaw.

31,592. What else did you receive?—Nothing.

31,593. Did you not get anything for being on the committee?—No.

31,594. Nor anything to spend amongst the other voters?—No.

31,595. That is all you got, 10*l.*?—Yes.

THOMAS VARLEY BARLOW sworn and examined. *T. V. Barlow.*

31,596. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A bookkeeper.

31,597. Where do you live?—Damside Street.

31,598. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

31,599. Did you receive any money during the election?—Not a penny.

31,600. Neither for yourself nor anyone else?—No.

31,601. Was none given to you to give to any other voters?—No, none at all.

31,602. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not look after any of the voters?—I took a little interest, but I took no active part.

31,603. Did you not look after some of them?—I went after one or two, but I took no active part.

31,604. Who were the one or two that you went after?—I called upon Mr. Harrison, the surveyor; I called to see if he had voted.

31,605. What Mr. Harrison is that?—Mr. Henry Harrison.

31,606. Did you take him to the poll?—No.

31,607. Is he the borough surveyor?—Yes.

31,608. You did not give him anything for his vote I suppose?—No.

31,609. Nor did you look after any of the others?—No.

RICHARD CASSON sworn and examined. *R. Casson.*

31,610. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—Damside Street.

31,611. What are you?—A house carpenter.

31,612. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,613. Did you receive anything for your vote?—10*l.*

31,614. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Allinson.

31,615. Did you get anything else?—1*l.* for expenses.

31,616. How were the expenses incurred?—During the election.

31,617. Doing what?—For refreshments and the like of that for myself.

31,618. Was the money spent upon yourself?—Yes.

31,619. What is the rent of your house?—12*l.* 10*s.*

31,620. Are you a master carpenter?—No, a journeyman.

31,621. Did you vote for the Liberals in Fenwick and Schneider's contest?—I voted for Fenwick.

ROBERT ALLWOOD sworn and examined. *R. Allwood.*

31,622. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A clerk.

31,623. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

31,624. What did you get?—Nothing.

31,625. Did you receive nothing at all?—Nothing whatever.

31,626. In any shape or way?—No.

31,627. Did you give anything to anybody?—No.

31,628. Did you take any trouble in the election?—No, except just going to vote.

31,629. Were you on any committee?—No.

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Robert Smith sworn and examined.

R. Smith.

31,630. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,631. Did you get anything for your vote?—6*l.* It would be for my house. It was a sort of sub-committee-room.

31,632. What is the name of your house?—The "Prince William," Thurnham Street.

31,633. You have been examined before?—Yes. There was 1*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* for refreshments during the election day.

31,634. By bill?—Yes. Thomas Cleminson was the person who paid me.

John Leatherbarrow sworn and examined.

J. Leatherbarrow.

31,635. (*Mr. Newton.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

31,636. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

31,637. Who paid you?—George Danson.

31,638. Did you get anything else?—No, nothing else.

31,639. Were you on any committee?—No.

31,640. That is all you got for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

Joseph Atkinson sworn and examined.

J. Atkinson.

31,641. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A gun maker.

31,642. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

31,643. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

31,644. Did you receive nothing at all?—No.

31,645. Of any sort or kind?—Not in any respect whatever.

31,646. From neither side?—No.

31,647. Were you on the side that were giving instead of taking?—I was not on any committee and never saw any money paid.

31,648. You do not know of any money being paid?—No, I do not.

William Shaw sworn and examined.

W. Shaw.

31,649. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

31,650. What did you get?—12*l.* and 1*l.* for doing nothing.

31,651. Is 13*l.* all you got?—Yes; and 7½*d.*

31,652. Who paid you?—George Danson gave me 3*s.* to treat six voters.

31,653. How did you vote in 1864?—For Mr. Fenwick.

31,654. What did you get then?—Nothing.

31,655. This was put in your way this time?—I went with three more into the "Royal Oak," and Danson asked me if there were any more, and one of them said he knew two or three, and he went out and brought in two more, and Danson says, "Now lads, will 12*l.* do?" and he put the money down on the table and he said he would give us something for going to vote.

31,656. You got 12*l.* a piece?—Yes.

31,657. Who were the six?—Jackson, Punch or Pinch, Bond, Harrison, and Sherson. They were all men I do not know.

John Punch sworn and examined.

J. Punch.

31,658. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

31,659. The same as the last witness?—Yes.

31,660. How much did you get from Allinson?—10*s.*

31,661. You did not get 1*l.* from George Danson?—No. I got 25*s.* from Storey. That was for treating voters with.

31,662. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get anything on the other side?—Not a copper.

31,663. 12*l.* is all you got?—Yes.

31,664. You voted for Mr. Lawrence?—Yes.

Richard Baxter sworn and examined.

R. Baxter.

31,665. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,666. What did you receive?—Not anything.

31,667. Did you not get anything of any sort or kind?—No.

31,668. Did you give anything to anybody?—No.

William Gardner sworn and examined.

W. Gardner.

31,669. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A labourer.

31,670. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

31,671. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

31,672. Who paid you?—George Danson.

31,673. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

31,674. Which?—On Lawrence's committee.

31,675. What did you get for that?—2*l.* 5*s.*

31,676. Were you on the committee on the other side?—No.

31,677. You got 12*l.* 5*s.* altogether?—Yes.

31,678. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is that all you got?—Yes, that is all I got.

Richard Willacy called, but does not answer.

R. Willacy.

(*Mr. Patteson, Secretary.*) I have received this note from Mr. Willacy:

"Skerton September 27.

"Sir I Richard Willacy taylor Of Skerton Received "at Overton For my Vote 10*l.* of mr. madock. I "Received 1*l.* 10*s.* of mr. George Danson For being "on the Committie.

"That is all I got."

William Jackson sworn and examined.

W. Jackson.

31,679. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A wood moulder.

31,680. Where do you live?—In Bulk Street.

31,681. You are described as a carder on the register?—Yes, I was formerly.

31,682. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

31,683. What did you get?—12*l.*

31,684. Did you get anything for being on any committee?—30*s.* from George Danson, and not 3*l.* as he has stated.

31,685. Did you get anything else?—I got 30*s.* off Knowles Allinson, and 30*s.* for my son.

31,686. Did you give it to him?—Yes.

31,687. Is he a voter?—Yes.

31,688. What is his name?—Joseph Jackson.

31,689. Is he here?—No. He is not summoned.

31,690. Where is he?—He lives at Skerton.

31,691. Did you see him get any more money besides?—No; I had nothing to do with him further.

31,692. You gave him that money?—Yes.

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William Helme sworn and examined.

W. Helme.

31,693. (*Mr Newton.*) Which way did you vote last time?—For Lawrence.

31,694. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*

31,695. Who paid you?—John Ellershaw.

31,696. Were you on any committee?—No.

31,697. Did you get anything besides the 8*l.*?—Yes, 30*s.*

31,698. What for?—For now't.

31,699. Who paid you?—George Danson.

31,700. Is 9*l.* 10*s.* all you got?—Yes.

31,701. That is all you got for the purposes of the election, and nothing more?—No.

Robert Palmer sworn and examined.

R. Palmer.

31,702. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A labourer.

31,703. Where do you live?—In Bulk Street.

31,704. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,705. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*

31,706. From whom?—Richard Nixon. He is dead these 12 months.

31,707. What else did you get?—30*s.* from Mr. Tilly's office.

31,708. What else?—2*l.* 5*s.* from George Danson.

31,709. What else?—Nothing.

31,710. You got 11*l.* 15*s.* altogether?—Yes.

31,711. (*Mr. Newton.*) Nothing more?—No.

William Brewer sworn and examined.

W. Brewer.

31,712. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,713. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.* for my vote and 2*l.* 5*s.* for committee-room.

31,714. Who paid you for your vote?—Richard Nixon.

31,715. Is that all you got for being on the committee?—Yes. Shall I be allowed to answer for my son?

31,716. Yes. What did he get?—8*l.*

31,717. From whom?—Richard Nixon.

31,718. Did he get anything for being on the committee?—No.

31,719. Nothing at all?—No.

31,720. He only got 8*l.*?—Yes.

31,721. He voted Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

John Sanders Baxter sworn and examined.

J. S. Baxter

31,722. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A fruit and 'tatur dealer.

31,723. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,724. What did you get?—Nothing for my vote.

31,725. What did you get for your assistance?—I received 12*l.* from Mr. Bradley, and gave 10*l.* to Enock Monks.

31,726. And 2*l.* for yourself?—2*l.* for general expenses, and I paid 5*s.* to Graves.

31,727. Did you spend the whole of that 2*l.*?—Yes, and rather over.

31,728. Did you not receive any other money besides 12*l.*?—No; that is all I received.

31,729. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

31,730. You gave 10*l.* to Enock Monks?—Yes. He was examined yesterday.

31,731. And you spent all the rest?—Yes.

Timothy Lawrence sworn and examined.

T. Lawrence.

31,732. (*Mr. Newton.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,733. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*

31,734. Were you on any committee?—No.

31,735. Did you get anything else?—Yes; I got 2*l.* the other side.

31,736. From whom?—George Danson.

31,737. Did you get anything else?—No; not to my recollection.

31,738. All you got for the election was 10*l.*?—Yes.

John Ball sworn and examined.

J. Ball.

31,739. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A marine store dealer.

31,740. Where do you live?—In Penny Street.

31,741. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

31,742. What did you get for your vote?—I got nothing. I got no money. I got nothing.

31,743. Speak out in a louder voice if it is so?—I got nothing.

31,144. Come, what did you get?—I got nothing.

31,745. What made you say you got "no money"?—I never did get any money at any election.

31,746. What have you had?—Nothing.

31,747. Were you on any committee?—No.

31,748. Who got anything for you?—Nobody that I know of.

31,749 Do not say that. What money was left at your house? Now come, was not any money given to any or your relations or friends for you?—No.

31,750. Where do you live?—In Penny Street.

31,751. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick.

31,752. Did you get any money then?—No.

31,753. Do you mean to tell me, on your oath, as far as you know, that no money came from the other side on account of your vote?—No.

31,754. In no way?—In no shape.

31,755. In no possible shape or way?—No.

31,756. There could not have been?—No, there was no money came for me.

31,757. You voted entirely free?—Yes.

31,758. Did you get any promise of any employmena or anything?—No.

31,759. From neither party?—No.

31,760. Were you seen by Mr. Fenwick?—Yes.

31,761. What did he say?—He asked me for a vote.

31,762. What did he say?—Nothing; he only asked for a vote.

31,763. Did you see Mr. Schneider?—Yes.

31,764. Did he ask you for a vote?—Yes.

31,765. Did he promise you anything?—No.

31,766. Did they not send some message?—No.

31,767. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you not had a present since the election?—No.

31,768. What makes you laugh? What present have you had since the election?—No present.

31,769. What present has your wife had?—I have not got a wife.

31,770. Your daughter?—No.

31,771. Anybody of your family?—No.

31,772. What present have they got?—No presen at all.

31,773. No member of your family?—No.

31,774. Nothing has been given to you for the

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purposes of the election, since the election?—No, nor to any one of my family.

31,775. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do not let us have to find this out after you have gone out of the box and so have to send for you again. You had better tell us it at once.—I have told you the truth.

31,776. (*Mr. Newton.*) No, you have not? I am convinced that you have had something.

31,777. (*Mr. Hill.*) There is something behind?—No; I have had nothing.

31,778. Is there no agreement between you and anybody as to your vote?—No, and there never was. There was never any agreement for my vote.

J. Booth.

JOHN BOOTH sworn and examined.

31,779. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At No. 60, Penny Street.

31,780. How did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Mr. Lawrence.

31,781. Did you get any consideration for your votes?—Not a farthing; and may I be allowed to supplement that by saying——

31,782. Be good enough to answer my question?—I got nothing for my vote; not a farthing.

31,783. Were you employed in any way about the election?—Not in any shape or form, and I may supplement that by saying this: Mr. Clark, as you are aware, was one of the captains for Mr. Lawrence, and being an old friend of mine and my family in particular, he asked me to assist him and I did so; but as to receiving a farthing, I never did, and never spent one.

31,784. We are to understand that you neither got any money nor did you render any assistance beyond that which you state?—Not at all.

31,785. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you ever arrange with any voters as to the price of their votes?—Certainly not. I never did.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Friday, 28th September 1866.

PRESENT:

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON.

Mr. HILL.

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L. Middleton.

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LETTICE MIDDLETON sworn and examined.

31,786. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you the wife of Thomas Middleton?—Yes.

31,787. How is it that you appear here for him?—He is out of the country at work.

31,788. Do you know how he voted at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

31,789. Do you know what he got?—10*l.* from George Danson.

31,790. Perhaps you got it?—Well, I believe I did.

31,791. Do you know whether he got anything else?—30*s.* from the same committee.

31,792. Anything else?—Not that I am aware of.

T. Bradley.

THOMAS BRADLEY recalled and further examined.

31,793. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We understand that you wish to make some explanation to us?—Yes, I wish to give you an explanation with respect to a sum which I did not give you the last time I was up.

31,794. You were with Johnson were you not?—No, I was with Kirby.

31,795. You have sent us a paper stating what you wish to add to your evidence, but we must have it from you now; did you give 2*l.* to Francis Townson?—Yes, for his services; not for his vote; he did not ask for anything.

31,796. And did you give 2*l.* to Daniel Kitchen?—Yes, a few weeks after the election, for his services.

31,797. Did you give 2*l.* to John Baxter?—Yes.

31,798. What John Baxter is that?—A marine store dealer in Church Street; he was up yesterday, I think.

31,799. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is John Baxter?—A marine store dealer.

31,800. Is he the brother of Richard?—I think he is.

31,801. You gave Greaves 2*l.*?—Yes.

31,802. And you gave Hollinhurst, 1*l.* or 2*l.*?—Yes, I cannot tell which it was.

31,803. As they never asked for anything what made you give it to them?—I thought they deserved it for their services, they assisted me a good deal and never asked for anything.

31,804. They got it for not asking for anything?—They did.

31,805. What is Greaves christian name?—I do not know indeed.

31,806. What is Hollinghurst's christian name?—I do not know, he is a guard on the Midland Railway, I think.

31,807. Is he a voter?—Yes.

31,808. (*Mr. Hill.*) He is a householder is he not?—Yes, in Cheapside.

31,809. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Then these five people assisted you?—No, Hollinhurst did not; but he stayed in the morning previously to vote for us before he went off in the train.

31,810. He got it for staying to vote for you?—Yes.

31,811. And the other four got it for assisting?—Yes.

31,812. You do not know whether you gave Hollinhurst 1*l.* or 2*l.*?—I do not.

31,813. What assistance did these men render you?—They went up and down the streets and got hold of any of the voters that they possibly could and took them to vote, any that I wanted them to take, if I had any.

31,814. Did they assist you more than one day?—Oh! yes, several days during the week.

31,815. Of course, except on the polling day, they could not go up and down the streets taking voters to the poll?—No.

31,816. What did they do on the other days?—They were persuading.

31,817. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was it Francis Townson?—Yes.

31,818. Is he a householder?—Yes.

31,819. Is there any other money that you have not told us of?—No, I think there is nothing else.

31,820. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How came you not to tell us of these other sums before?—I do not know. I had a summons, and came here almost immediately I received it.

31,821. Had you no memorandum of these sums?—No.

31,822. How came you to think of them since?—I have been studying.

31,823. Have you talked to these persons?—Yes.

31,824. And did they agree that they had had this money?—Yes.

31,825. Have you asked any persons who you say had money, who did not agree to it?—No, I have not seen them all.

31,826. Are there any persons to whom you said you had given money, who told you that they had not received it?—No.

31,827. How much money did you get from Mr. Welch?—I do not know.

31,828. You told us that you got 68*l.* from Mr. Welch; can you give us an explanation how you spent that 68*l.*; is this 10*l.* that you have now told us of included in the 68*l.* that you got from Mr. Welch, or did you get in all 78*l.*?—I think it will make more. I did not know the sum he gave me.

31,829. Why did you say that he only gave you 68*l.*?—Because I could not make it up to any more.

31,830. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You took the gross sum of all the money you remembered to have spent, and you said that you had received that sum from Mr. Henry Welch?—Yes.

31,831. (*Mr. Newton.*) You received in truth 78*l.* Is this all that you received from Mr. Welch?—Yes, for anything I know; I am not sure, because I did not know the amount.

31,832. What do you mean by saying that you are not sure?—The reason is, that the second time I got money from him I had voters waiting, and I had the money given to me in a roll of brown paper, and I broke the end of it, and paid the money as I went on.

31,833. Did you get any money from anybody else?—No.

31,834. Nothing whatever?—No, I did not.

31,835. Did you get anything for yourself?—No, not a farthing.

THOMAS HENRY STIRZAKER sworn and examined.

T. H. Stirzaker.

31,836. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Meeting House Lane.

38,837. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,838. What did you get for your vote?—11*l.* 10*s.*

31,839. Who paid you?—Mr. Wilson.

31,840. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

31,841. Were you on any committee?—No.

31,842. No committee at all?—No committee at all.

31,843. That you are certain of?—That I am certain of.

31,844. And that is all you got, 11*l.* 10*s.* for your vote?—Yes.

31,845. You are prepared now to make a clean breast of it and to tell us that?—Yes.

31,846. Do you understand what I mean by the words, "a clean breast?"—Yes.

31,847. You were in London?—Yes.

31,848. And you were examined before the committee of the House of Commons?—Yes.

31,849. And there you said that you had had nothing offered to you, even for your vote?—Yes; I am sorry to say that that was untrue.

31,850. Did you not receive the whole of the 11*l.* 10*s.*?—No.

31,851. Are you quite sure that 11*l.* 10*s.* was all you got?—Yes. Wilson brought 20*l.*, and I gave him 8*l.* 10*s.* back.

31,852. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did Wilson give you first of all?—20*l.*; he told me that that would do for me and my father.

31,853. And you took it for yourself and your father?—Yes; but I never offered my father any of it.

31,854. (*Mr. Hill.*) Your father knew that you had taken it?—No, I never told him it till yesterday morning.

31,855. (*Mr. Newton.*) What was your motive for not speaking the truth in London?—I was afraid I should be prosecuted if I admitted that I got anything.

31,856. Were you afraid that you should be prosecuted for speaking the truth?—I thought they would prosecute those who admitted that they had got anything.

31,857. For speaking the truth?—For taking a bribe.

31,858. Who told you to say that you had not been bribed?—No one.

31,858*a*. Who told you, sir, to say that you had not been bribed?—No one.

31,859. Yes, somebody did. Tell me who the person was. Somebody told you so?—I am not aware of it.

31,860. Yes, you are aware of it. It is idle to tell us that. Come tell us at once who it was?—(*No answer.*)

31,861. Who was the person who told you to go to London and tell a lie?—A man they call Wilkinson on the railway when I was going in the train told me to say nothing to injure them.

31,862. And who was the other man that went up to London with you? Come out with it. It must come out?—I am not certain about it.

31,863. Yes, you are, and you shall tell us. Who was the man who was with you and Wilkinson in the train?—(*No answer.*)

31,864. Are you going to tell us?—Well, sir, I cannot recollect him.

31,865. Yes, you can. If you do not recollect now we have plenty of means of making you recollect?—(*No answer.*)

31,866. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You shall stay here till you do recollect?—I believe I had a conversation with Wilson, but I am not sure.

31,867. Joseph Wilson?—Yes.

31,868. (*Mr. Newton.*) He told you to go to London and tell a lie?—I am not certain of it.

31,869. When you say you are not certain of it, do you mean by that that you rather think he did?—I am rather inclined to think he did; but I am not certain.

31,870. You are inclined to think he told you to go to London to tell a lie?—No.

31,871. You are inclined to think that he told you to go to London, and to say that you had not been bribed?—I am not aware that he did.

31,872. What did he tell you?—(*No answer.*)

31,873. Come, sir, what did he tell you?—He said, I think that I was to say no more than I could help or something of that sort.

31,874. Did he tell you why you were to say no more than you could help?—No, he did not give any reason.

31,875. But you knew why?—I suppose he did not want the members to be unseated I suppose so; he did not give that as his reason.

31,876. Who else was present besides you and Wilkinson and Wilson?—Wilson was not there.

31,877. Where was Wilson?—Wilson had gone; it was some time before.

31,878. When did Wilson tell you this?—I believe it was in the street.

31,879. Here in Lancaster?—Yes.

31,880. How long before you went to London—Three weeks or a month.

31,881. Had you had a Speaker's warrant to go up?—No.

31,882. This was in the street?—Yes.

31,883. Had he been going to many people whom he had bribed to tell this?—I am not aware of it; he never told me anything about it.

31,884. But you heard?—No, I did not.

31,885. Do you suppose that you were the only person that he went and spoke to upon the subject?—I know nothing only what transpired between us two.

31,885*a*. Who was in the train besides you and Wilkinson?—Wilkinson was not in the train.

31,886. Where had you this conversation then with

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Wilkinson ?—On the platform of the railway. Wilkinson is a pointsman on the railway.

31,887. What did he tell you ?—He told me that I must not say anything to do them any harm, that I need not come back to Lancaster or something of that sort, but I think he said it in joke.

31,888. Did anybody else say anything to you about it besides Wilkinson ?—No.

31,889. Take care. Did anybody else say anything besides Wilkinson ?—No.

31,890. Was this on the platform when you were waiting for the train ?—Yes.

31,891. Who was present besides yourself and Wilkinson ?—No one.

31,892. Until that time were you going up to London to speak the truth and to tell what had happened ?—I did not know what I should say when I went there, it depended upon what they asked me.

31,893. Then it was not until you were examined in the House of Commons as to whether any money had been offered to you by the Liberal side that you made up your mind to say that you had not received it ?—Yes, I made up my mind then.

31,894. Then and there ?—Yes.

31,895. Are you really going to try to impose upon us by that falsehood by saying that you not did go up to London with a deliberate intention of telling a lie ?—No, I did not make up my mind to tell a lie till they asked me that question.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) Just consider what position you are in.

(*Mr. Newton.*) If you do not tell us the truth as to every single thing that you know and all that occurred we shall send you to Lancaster Castle from here.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) If you do not tell us the truth we shall refuse your certificate, and then you will be prosecuted for bribery and very likely for perjury too.

31,896. (*Mr. Newton.*) Now tell us when you made up your mind to say that you had not been bribed ?—I felt inclined to say I had not been bribed when I went.

31,897. What made you feel inclined to say that you had not been bribed when you went ?—I was afraid of the consequences ; I was afraid of doing the members any injury.

31,898. Had anybody induced or persuaded you besides Wilson to say that you had not been bribed ?—No.

31,899. What were the consequences that you were afraid of ?—It was always my impression that they could imprison me for having taken a bribe.

31,900. Did you not know that they could imprison you for committing perjury ?—Yes.

31,901. Which do you consider to be the greatest offence ?—Perjury I should think.

31,902. And yet in order to avoid being sent to prison for taking a bribe, you go and commit a greater offence ; are we to understand that ?—Well I thought the other would never be found out.

31,903. What inducement was held out to you to go up to London to commit this perjury ?—There was no inducement whatever.

31,904. Yes there was ?—There was not indeed ; I got nothing for going up to London to commit perjury, and no promise of anything.

31,905. Was there anything ever offered to you ?—Nothing.

31,906. Was nothing said about any money that you were to receive for denying that you had been offered any money ?—Nothing.

31,907. Then Wilson counselled you to go to London to committ perjury ?—I do not know that he did exactly.

31,908. Take care, sir ?—Not exactly.

31,909. What do you mean by that ?—He said he hoped I would say as little as possible, or something of that sort.

31,910. Then he began to be afraid ?—I should say so.

31,911. Besides Wilson and Wilkinson, who else spoke to you upon the subject ?—No one.

31,912. That you adhere to ?—Yes, that I adhere to.

31,913. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where in the street did Wilson speak to you ?—I think it was in Market Street ; I was in the Market Place.

31,914. Was anyone with you at the time ?—I do not know, I am not sure ; I should say not.

31,915. Was there or was there not ?—I believe that more than once he talked to me, once in the market place and once in the market.

31,916. Where was the other place ?—In the market.

31,917. Both in the market ?—No, one in the market place, and the other in the market.

31,918. Did he speak to you oftener than upon those two occasions ?—No.

31,919. Which was the first occasion ?—In the Market Place, I think.

31,920. What did he say to you then ?—I think he said he hoped I would say as little about it as possible.

31,921. What did you understand him to mean by asking you to say as little about it as possible ?—I do not know what I understood.

31,922. What did you understand him to mean when he asked you to say as little about it as possible ?—I understood him to mean that I was to tell them nothing but only what they asked.

31,923. When you understood that to be his meaning what did you say to him ?—I do not know what I should say to him.

31,924. What did you say to him ?—I think I said I should say nothing to harm them if I could avoid it, or something to that effect ; I do not know that those would be the words.

31,925. You said you should say nothing to harm them, is that your answer ?—Something to that effect. I do not know that those were the exact words.

31,926. Was that all that passed on that occasion ?—I believe it was.

31,927. Then did you give Wilson to understand that you would comply with his wish and tell them nothing that they did not ask ?—Yes.

31,928. When was the second time he saw you ?—It would be, I believe, on the Saturday that I got the Speaker's warrant in the week following.

31,929. I do not quite understand that ?—I got the speaker's warrant about a fortnight or three weeks before I went to London, and that Saturday before that would be about a month before I went to London.

31,930, He spoke to you on the second occasion on the Saturday before you got the Speaker's warrant ?—Yes, I think so, I am not quite clear, but I think it was the Saturday before.

31,931. Why do you fix it to be the Saturday before ?—Because it was the market day, and he was in the market.

31,932. What did he say to you upon that occasion ?—Well, I cannot say what his exact words were.

31,933. Tell us what he said as nearly as you can ?—I told him that I had heard I was to have a Speaker's warrant, and that I had heard that he was to have one.

31,934. Did you speak to him first or did he speak to you ?—I do not know which spoke first.

31,935. I think you can remember that ?—I think he asked me if I had heard anything about the petition.

31,936. He spoke first then ?—Yes.

31,937. What did you say to him when he asked you if you had heard anything about the petition ?—I said that I had heard that I was to have a Speaker's warrant, and that I had heard that he was to have one too.

31,938. Who told you that you were to have a Speaker's warrant ?—I do not know, it was a common report in the town I should have a Speaker's warrant. I believe that Gardner the watchmaker told me I should have one, and Mr. Cross told me that I should have one.

31,939. Which Mr. Cross?—Mr. Cross, the plasterer, a captain on the Conservative side.

31,940. What did Wilson say to you when you told him that you had heard you were to have a Speaker's warrant?—He told me he hoped I should say as little about it as possible. I do not know whether those were his exact words.

31,941. Just think and tell us what he said?—I really cannot tell the exact words, but that was the general drift of it, that I was to say as little about it as possible, or something of that sort.

31,942. That is very vague you know, you can tell us something nearer than that I am sure?—I cannot indeed or else I would.

31,943. That is nothing more than he had said before?—No, it is nothing more than he had said before.

31,944. What did he say to you, how did he say it to you, what were the words he used as nearly as you can tell us?—I cannot recollect the exact words.

31,945. But tell us as nearly as you can what he did say to you?—I cannot recollect the exact words.

31,946. I know you do not recollect the exact words. That would be impossible, but you can tell us much more nearly than you have done?—I cannot indeed. That is as near as I can tell you.

31,947. That which you have told us now is a mere repetition of what he had said on the former occasion?—Yes,

31,948. You must really tell us something more definite than that?—I do not know that I can.

31,949. Has any one else spoken to you upon the subject, except Wilson and Wilkinson?—No.

31,950. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, quite sure; I believe that what Wilkinson said was merely in a joke.

31,951. You do not think that what Wilson said was in joke?—Well, I do not know.

31,952. You know when a man speaks to you, whether he is in a joke or not?—He did not laugh when he said it, as Wilkinson did. I believe that what Wilkinson said was entirely a joke.

31,953. Are we to take it from you that Wilson was serious in what he said?—I should say he was.

31,954. What did you understand the drift of these two conversations to be?—Well, I took it that I was to say as little about it as possible, and if they did not ask me if I got anything—not to tell them.

31,955. Did you know at that time that you were to be sworn to tell the truth?—When Wilson talked to me I did not know that I should get a summons, only I had been told, so I was not certain of it.

31,956. Did you know that if you were summoned you would be sworn to tell the truth?—Yes.

31,957. Did you answer Wilson, that you would be sworn to tell the whole truth, and that you must tell it?—No.

31,958. Did you agree then with Wilson in his words "To say as little about it as possible?"—No, I never made any reply to it.

31,959. Did you give him to understand that you would say as little as possible?—No.

31,960. Not in any way?—No, not in any way; it was merely in passing; he walked about when he said that he hoped I would say as little about it as possible.

31,961. Do you mean seriously to tell us that you did not convey an impression to him that you meant to take his advice?—I never told him anything about it. I never told him what course I should adopt.

31,962. But you may give a man to understand a thing without telling him in words?—He merely said it in passing; he walked away, and said that he hoped I would say nothing to injure them, or something of that sort.

31,963. You have heard Wilson's evidence?—Yes, I saw it in the paper.

31,964. You have told us already that Wilson brought you 20*l.*?—Yes.

31,965. That was for yourself and your father;—Yes.

31,966. Now tell us what sum you took back to Wilson?—8*l.* 10*s.*

31,967. Do you swear upon your oath that you took him back 8*l.* 10*s.*?—I think it was 8*l.* 10*s.*

31,968. Do you know what sum you took back to him?—I never counted it. I took it out of my pocket and gave it to him under the table, in the Nags Head.

31,969. Do you seriously tell us that you never counted the money that you returned to him?—Yes, I do.

31,970. And that he never counted it?—He never counted it, he put it into his pocket.

31,971. What made you give him that 8*l.* 10*s.*?—Because he had said it was for me and my father, and I told him that my father never took anything.

31,972. How do you know that it was 8*l.* 10*s.*, that you returned to him?—Because I counted what I had left.

31,973. Do you swear that you had 11*l.* 10*s.* left, and that that was all you had left?—Yes, I think that was all I had left.

31,974. (*Mr. Hill.*) What made you consider that 11*l.* 10*s.* was the proper sum, instead of 12*l.* or 15*l.* or 20*l.*?—I do not know what made me think that.

31,975. Why did you select 11*l.* 10*s.* as the specific sum?—(*No answer.*)

31,976. Come, give me an answer sir?—I do not know what made me keep that sum.

31,977. Had you no reason for making it 11*l.* 10*s.*, instead of 12*l.*?—No.

31,978. Do you mean to say that that was all the money you received?—Yes.

31,979. When did you first speak to your father about receiving this?—About receiving money?

31,980. Yes.—For the vote?

31,981. Yes.—Yesterday morning.

31,982. Was that the first time that you had ever mentioned it to him?—Yes, I mentioned in the train, on the 23rd of April, that I had handed over 10*l.* to a man.

31,983. You mentioned it to your father?—No, I mentioned it to a man in my father's presence.

31,984. Then on the 23rd of April, you first told your father that you had received money for your vote?—No, not for my vote.

31,985. When did your father first hear of it then?—That I got money for my vote?

31,986. Yes,—Yesterday morning.

31,987. But you had mentioned it in your father's presence before?—I mentioned that I had got 20*l.* and that I had given 10*l.* to a man at Quorne, and I told him that I had given some money back to Wilson.

31,988. Am I to understand you as saying that up to yesterday morning your father did not know that you had received any money for your vote?—Yes, my father was ignorant of it.

31,989. When did you first hear that you would have to go up to London?—As soon as I heard that there was to be a petition I heard that I should be one of the witnesses.

31,990. When was that?—Soon after the election.

31,991. You heard soon after the election that you would have to be one of the witnesses?—Yes.

31,992. Would it be some time in October or November?—No, the election was in July, and I should hear of it in July, I think.

31,993. Who told you that you would be one of the witnesses?—I believe Gardner, the watchmaker.

31,994. Is Gardner at all connected with you in any way?—No.

31,995. How came Gardner to tell you that you would be one of the witnesses?—Because he is a great man on the Conservative side; he looks after the lists, and I suppose he would know all about it.

31,996. That is Edward Gardner, of the New Road, is it not?—Yes.

31,997. What did you say to him when he said that you would have to be a witness?—I said I did not care about going. I said that I should like to go to

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London, or something of that sort. I did not think he was serious when he told me of it.

31,998. When did you first hear positively that you were to go up to London?—A few days before I got the Speaker's warrant.

31,999. From whom did you hear it?—From John Cross.

32,000. The Conservative captain?—Yes.

32,001. What did John Cross tell you?—I was going up Penny Street reading a newspaper and he asked me if I was loooking for a Speaker's warrant, and I said yes but I was afraid I should not find it there, and he said I need not be concerned about it; that he knew it for a fact.

32,002. Did you then go and speak to anybody about it?—I do not know that I did. I told my father that Cross had told me that I was going to get a Speaker's warrant.

32,003. Did you tell your father that you had received money then?—No.

32,004. Did you consult anybody at that time as to what you should do in London?—No.

32,005. When did you get the Speaker's warrant in fact?—I think I got it about a fortnight before I went to London.

32,006. Listen to my question and be very careful. When you got the Speaker's warrant who was the first person to whom you showed it; be very careful about this?—I do not know who the first person was.

32,007. I think you can tell me?—I cannot indeed.

32,008. Just try?—Mr. Satterthwaite.

32,009. You took it to him?—No, he was passing down the market just as I got it.

32,010. What Mr. Satterthwaite is that?—The magistrate.

32,011. What did Mr. Satterthwaite say to you about it?—Well, I do not know, he said I had got myself into a pretty hobble, or something to that effect.

32,012. As Mr. Satterthwaite told you that you had got into a pretty hobble, who did you go to consult with about it?—Nobody.

32,013. Be careful; who did you go and speak to about it?—I do not know that I went to consult anybody.

32,014. Come, come, that will not do, who did you go and speak to about it?—I do not recollect.

32,015 Yes, you do recollect; and you shall tell me; who did you go and speak to about it?—I really, sir, cannot remember.

32,016. I mean to have a distinct answer upon that question; to whom did you go and speak to about this warrant?—I think I should speak to our people about it.

32,017. Do you mean your people at home?—Yes.

32,018. To whom did you go and speak about this warrant, who would be competent to advise you upon the subject?—I did not go and get anybody's advice.

32,019. Come, you did not leave Lancaster without having spoken to somebody about it; tell me who you spoke to?—I daresay I showed it to several, and said that I had got a Speaker's warrant, but I got no advice from them.

32,020. To what lawyer's office did you go before you went up to London?—I never went to any lawyer's office.

32,021. What lawyer did you go to?—To no lawyer.

32,022. Do you swear that distinctly?—Yes.

32,023. Did you never show it to any attorney; be careful?—I have not the slighest recollection of showing it to any attorney.

32,024. Will you swear you did not?—I will swear that I have no recollection of it. I do not think I did.

32,025. Will you swear that you did not?—I do not know that I did.

32,026. Will you swear that you did not?—I will swear that I never went to no lawyer for any advice about it.

32,027. That is no answer to my question, and you know it. Will you swear that you never showed it to any lawyer before you went up to London; now be careful?—I do not know that I did.

32,028, Will you swear that you did not?—I do not know that I did. I really cannot recollect.

32,029. Will you swear that you did not; it is a thing which you cannot have forgotten; we will have the truth out?—If I showed it to any lawyer, it would be to Mr. Gibson, but I do not recollect it.

32,030. Did you show it to Mr. Gibson?—I do not recollect it.

32,031. I mean to have an answer; did you before you went up to London, show that warrant to a lawyer?—I have not the slightest idea, I have not indeed.

32,032. Yes, you have, you cannot have forgotten it, you may as well tell me the truth, because we have a way of finding these things out, and your only hope is in telling the truth to-day; that is the only thing that can possibly save you in this world; now tell me to whom you showed it before you went to London?—I do not know that I showed it to any one.

32,033. Will you swear that you did not show it to any lawyer?—I might do, but I have no recollection of it.

32,034. You cannot have forgotten it?—I would not like to swear a thing I do not know.

32,035. I will have your answer distinctly upon the point; did you or did you not?—Well, really I cannot recollect.

32,036. Did you or did you not show it to any lawyer before you went up to London, or did you speak to any lawyer about it?—I am not aware that I did.

32,037. You can recollect that?—No, I cannot indeed.

32,038. Did you speak to any lawyer about it before you went up to London?—I am not aware that I did.

32,039. Tell me whether you did or did not to the best of your belief?—To the best of my belief I did not.

32,040. Why could you not give me that answer some time ago; what makes you think that if you showed it to anybody you showed it to Mr. Gibson?—Because he and I are pretty intimate.

32,041. Intimate in what way?—We always speak and joke when we meet.

32,042. And that being so, you think you would have shown this warrant?—I do not know that I did, but I think if I showed it to anybody it would be to him.

32,043. Where did you go when you got up to London?—I went to the "Westminster Palace Hotel."

32,044. Who told you to go to the "Westminster Palace Hotel?"—The summons from Mr. Clark ordered me to go there.

32,045. What Mr. Clark?—The agent for the petitioners. I was summoned to be at that hotel, as soon as I got to London I was to go there.

32,046. Do you mean to say that that was written on the summons?—Yes.

32,07. On the back of it?—No, it was filled up at the bottom; it said that I was to wait upon him at the "Westminster Palace Hotel."

32,048. That was a note at the bottom of the summons?—Yes, it was written on the bottom of it.

32,049. You went there?—Yes.

32,050. Did you see Mr. Clark there?—Yes.

32,051. And did Mr. Clark take down your evidence?—No, he did not.

32,052. Was any evidence taken down?—No.

32,053. Were any questions put to you?—None.

32,054. What did Mr. Clark say to you when you went?—He said, "Really I do not know what to do "with you, there are so many of you that I do not "know where to put you."

32,055. Did he ask you any questions about the election?—No, none.

32,056. Where did you go to from there?—To an office close to.

32,057. What office was that?—I believe Baxter, Rose, & Company.

32,058. You went there?—Yes.

32,059. And was your evidence taken down there?—No.

32,060. Nobody asked you any questions there?—Nobody asked me.

32,061. Where did you go to from there?—I went to "Pigott's Hotel," in Bridge Road.

32,062. Did you stop the night there?—Yes.

32,063. Where did you go to the next day?—To the House of Commons.

32,064. You were not examined on the first day?—No; on the Saturday.

32,065. You were one of the last witnesses?—Yes.

32,066. The last but two?—Yes.

32,067. Did you go to an office in Parliament Street. You know Parliament Street?—I did not go to any office beyond Mr. Rose's.

32,068. Did you go to the office of Mr. Travers Smith?—No.

32,069. Did you meet any person on the other side in London, not on Mr. Clark's side, but the other?—I saw Mr. Maxsted at the "Westminster Palace Hotel."

32,070. Had you any conversation with him at the "Westminster Palace Hotel?"—Not a word.

32,071. Did you tell him what you had come up for?—No.

32,072. Did Mr. Maxsted speak to you?—No.

32,073. Did any person speak to you on the subject of that inquiry?—No.

32,074. Except what had been said to you at the "Westminster Palace Hotel," and the office in Victoria Street?—Yes.

32,075. Do you mean to say that you did not tell anybody what you had come up to London to say?—I do not know that I did.

32,076. Did you or did you not?—To the best of my recollection I did not.

32,077. Who were you with in the lobby in the House of Commons, who were you sitting and talking with?—I was sitting with a good many.

32,078. But who especially were you talking to about this matter?—I was talking to a man they called Baines a good while.

32,079. What Baines?—The one that was at Wimbledon.

32,080. Captain Baines?—I do not know, I think they called him Baines.

32,081. Who did you go about London with during the time you were there, with whom of the witnesses were you?—I do not know, I went about with my father and mother.

32,082. Did you tell them at all what you were going to say?—No.

32,083. Were they also examined?—Yes.

32,084. Both of them?—Yes.

32,085. Did you or did you not give any sum of money to any person at that election?—Yes, I handed over 10*l.*

32,086. To whom?—To a man of the name of William Kelsall. I got it from Wilson.

32,087. Then that was a separate sum of money?—Yes, it was a separate sum.

32,088. I understand that you kept that sum of 11*l.* 10*s.* that you have mentioned for yourself?—Yes.

32,089. What was it that you told your father with regard to it, or what was it that you said about it in your father's presence?—When?

32,090. When you first told your father about having had money?—I told him I should tell what I got.

32,091. You say you spoke to somebody in the presence of your father, by reason of which your father knew that you had had something to do with the election?—I told the man that I had handed over some money to a voter, and my father overheard me, and when we got home he asked me what I had been telling that man, and I told him that I had had some money for another man. I told him that I had given 10*l.* to a man and 8*l.* 10*s.* to Wilson.

32,092. Did you tell your father how much you had received from Wilson?—I told him 20*l.*

32,093. Did Wilson in the conversation that you had with him, tell you that he meant to be off, so as not to be served with a Speaker's summons?—No, I think not.

32,094. Did he or did he not tell you so, you must have known what was going to become of Wilson?—I not think he did, to the best of my recollection he did not.

32,095. Did you expect to meet Wilson in London or not?—I expected to meet him if they summoned him.

32,096. Did you not know that you should not meet him?—No.

32,097. Did you know that he was going out of the way?—No, I did not.

32,098. When first did you know that he was not to be found?—I heard that they were seeking him with a Speaker's warrant, and that they could not find him.

32,099. Was that before you went up to London?—Yes.

32,100. How long before?—I should say nearly a fortnight before.

32,101. You knew that Wilson was keeping out of the way?—Yes.

32,102. For nearly a fortnight before then you knew that Wilson was not likely to be called?—Yes.

32,103. Then for nearly a fortnight before you thought you might safely say whatever you pleased?—Yes.

32,104. Then for nearly a fortnight before you made up your mind to tell an untruth?—I made up my mind to tell nothing only what they asked me.

32,105. What do you call that but an untruth, when you swore that you would tell the whole truth?—I am sorry to say that it was so.

32,106. You say you knew that Wilson was going to keep out of the way nearly a fortnight before?—I did not know that he was going to keep out of the way till he had gone.

32,107. Had he gone for a whole fortnight before?—To the best of my recollection I think it would have been about a fortnight.

32,108. That was a fortnight before you got the Speaker's warrant?—No, a fortnight before I went to London.

32,109. How long did you get the warrant before you went to London?—I think about a fortnight, and there was one out for him at the same time, but they could never serve him.

32,110. Did you say that Wilson did not tell you that he was going out of the way?—I do not know that he did.

32,111. You knew well enough that Wilson was going out of the way, how did you know it?—I never knew it till he had gone.

32,112. How did you know it?—I knew it when I heard that he had gone.

32,113. Did you not know it before?—No.

32,114. You knew he had gone when you had heard that he had gone, but when did you know he was going?—He never told me he was going.

32,115. That is not an answer to my question. When did you know he was going?—I never knew he was going till he had gone.

32,116. Am I to understand that from you?—Yes.

32,117. Were you surprised to hear that he was gone?—Rather.

32,118. You knew he would not be found. Did you know where he had gone?—No.

32,119. Had you no communication with Wilson while he was away?—No.

32,120. Not in any way?—No; I never knew where he was. He told me afterwards where he had been to.

32,121. Who paid your expenses for going to London?—Mr. Clark.

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32,122. Was what you got from Mr. Clark all that you got?—Yes.

32,123. How much did you get from Mr. Clark?—I got 2*l.* 10*s.* for the railway fare.

32,124. How much altogether did you get?—I do not know. The money was paid to my father when I was out.

32,125. Do you mean to say that you do not know what your father got for the whole of your expenses?—I believe he got 12*s.* 6*d.* a day.

32,126. How much did he get for the expenses of himself, your mother, and you?—I do not know.

32,127. 10*l.* or 20*l.*?—Nothing like it.

32,128. Was it 10*l.*?—I do not think it was.

32,129. Do you mean to say it was not 10*l.* for three people going to London and their expenses there?—I mean to say it was not. He and I were paid 12*s.* 6*d.* a day, and I believe my mother had 10*s.*

32,130. And how many days were you up?—Three.

32,131. That would come to 12*l.* 1*s.*?—They brought 2*l.* 16*s.* for each before we went for the railway fare.

32,132. I ask you what was paid altogether for your journeys up to London and the expenses of all three of you?—I do not know. They paid the hotel bill.

32,133. Do you know how much was paid?—I believe there was 8*l.* 10*s.* for the railway fare.

32,134. 7*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes; but 10*s.* back again.

32,135. That would make altogether about 14*l.* Do you mean that that is all that you were paid?—Yes.

32,136. Have you ever made a claim upon anybody for anything further?—No.

32,137. Have you never said anything to Mr. Gibson about wanting anything further?—No.

32,138. Have you never said that you ought to be paid for having been obliged to get yourself into this scrape?—Never.

32,139. Has Mr. Gibson ever spoken to you about it, because you say you are on intimate terms with him, has he ever said anything to you about it?—I do not think he has.

32,140. Has Mr. Maxsted spoken to you about it?—No.

32,141. Or anything connected with your own side?—No.

32,142. What have you received from the other side besides this money?—From the Conservative side?

32,143. Yes?—Nothing.

32,144. Nothing at all?—Nothing.

32,145. You were a good deal in the lobby of the House of Commons with Baines?—Yes.

32,146. Baines is a man in Mr. Schneider's employment?—I was not aware of it.

32,147. Did Baines say anything to you about Mr. Schneider?—Nothing whatever.

32,148. Did Baines never mention Mr. Schneider's name to you?—No; he told me that they had brought him up to London, and that he did not know what it was for, and he showed me his memorandum-book to show that he was at Wimbledon at the time.

32,149. Did he not tell you that he was afraid it would go hard with the members?—No.

32,150. Did nobody say that to you, or words to that effect, that they were afraid that the case was going against them, or something of that sort?—I heard a man of the name of Cooke say that they would be unseated.

32,151. Who was Cooke?—He was one of the deep sea fishers, I believe.

32,152. Was this said to you?—No; he was talking to some one, and I was within hearing.

32,153. Was not something said to you to the effect that if you were not careful about your evidence the members would be unseated?—No.

32,154. Will you swear that?—Yes.

32,155. Nothing to that effect?—No; nothing to that effect.

32,156. No one suggested to you that you must be careful as to what you said?—No.

32,157. Do you mean to say that?—Yes.

32,158. And do you mean seriously to represent that without saying a word to anybody, or anybody saying a word to you, you simply of your own motion went into the committee-room in the House of Commons and committed perjury?—I was not advised by anybody.

32,159. You went and did that without having been tempted to do it by anybody?—Yes.

32,160. Then simply out of your own head and out of your own heart you went and committed perjury?—Yes.

32,161. (*Mr. Newton.*) That is very different from what you told me?—I understood him to mean had I been tempted with a bribe.

32,162. I understood you to tell me that you went to London with the intention of committing perjury?—I went to London with the intention of telling no more than I could help.

32,163. You made up your mind a fortnight before you went to London to commit perjury. That is what you told me?—(*No answer.*)

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JOSEPH WILSON recalled and further examined.

32,164. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have been in court all the time Stirzaker has been examined?—I have.

32,165. And you have heard what he has said?—I have.

32,166. With respect to the first meeting in the Market Place, I want to know from you what took place between you and Stirzaker?—I do not recollect it.

32,167. Come?—I solemnly declare it, and I am glad of the opportunity of doing so.

32,168. Do not be rhetorical, but just answer the questions that are put to you?—But my character is at stake. He knows that I never spoke to him or advised him to go to London to speak a falsehood in any shape whatever.

32,169. You know very well that you were the person who bribed this man?—I was the person who took the money to him.

31,170. You were the person who bribed him?—Well, admitted.

31,171. And you knew very well that you were to be served with a Speaker's warrant?—I heard so.

31,172. Who told you?—Well, I do not know; it was a rumour in the town, I, having taken an active part, thought probably I should be served.

32,173. Rumour would not tell you; rumour does not speak; some person always speaks?—Yes.

32,174. Who spoke to you?—Nobody whatever.

32,175. Nobody told you that you were to be served with a Speaker's warrant?—No, nobody.

32,176. Are we really to understand that you knew without being told that you were to be served with a Speaker's warrant?—No, I did not know it.

32,177. Then why did you keep out of the way?—I will tell you the whole truth. You shall know all about it.

32,178. Why did you keep out of the way?—Because I did not wish the members to be unseated; for no other purpose whatever.

32,179. How did you know that you would have anything to do with unseating the members?—If I had gone to London and told there all I have told you now about bribing these people, I was conscious in my own mind that I should unseat the members.

32,180. Nothing had been done at that time towards bringing you to London. I want to know how you became aware that you were to be served with a Speaker's warrant?—Now I must go into some little particulars, if you please. It was rumoured that the Speaker's warrant would be issued; then, for nearly a month the thing died away and we heard nothing about it, and I said, "Well, I do not suppose they are

" going to proceed, and there will be an end of the " matter." I had previously said to my wife, " If " anybody comes to our door " (and ours is rather a lonely place) " and asks to see me, thou mayst depend " upon this one thing that something is up." However, it passed over for two or three weeks. One day I was at a distance, having sold some hay I went to see it weighed.

32,181. Never mind telling us about that ?—But you cannot come at the truth without it. You will see how I screened myself, and how I got away.

32,182. I do not want to know that. I want to know how you came to be aware that a Speaker's warrant would be issued ?—A young gentleman came to the door while I was away ; he knocked at the door and asked to see me. My wife said, " My hus- " band is not in." He said, " I should wish to see " him, how soon will he be in ?" She said she could not say.

32,183. The long and short of it is that you judged that this young man had a Speaker's warrant for you? —Yes, from what my wife told me, and I said, " If that be the case it is time for me to be off."

32,184. Had you no conversation at all with Stirzaker in the interval between the election and the time that you are now speaking of ?—Not one word. I was away one month and one day before the petition came on in the House of Commons.

32,185. At what time did you go away ?—You say you were away one month and one day, so you can tell the very day on which you went away ?—No, I cannot. You may judge from the time when it took place, for I have no record of it ; Mr. Clark and them are here ; they issued the warrants or summonses one month before it took place.

32,186. You went away about the 19th of March? —Yes, I suppose a month before the inquiry took place in London.

32,187. I will ask you upon your oath whether in the interval from the 12th of July 1865 to the 19th of March in this year you had no conversation whatever with the last witness ?—Not one word.

32,188. Were you on intimate terms with him before ?—Yes, but you know I never saw him.

32,189. You had been before on intimate terms with him ?—Yes, I have been four years out of Lancaster ; I knew them well before that.

32,190. But you are in Lancaster from time to time ?—Yes.

32,191. And he attends the markets ?—Yes.

32,192. What do you come into Lancaster for ?— Now and then I come to see my son and my friends. I go backwards and forwards. Sometimes a month will elapse without my coming and sometimes a week.

32,193. I suppose you come in for marketing ?— No, we did not come much this way for marketing ; we went mostly to Kendal.

32,194. Do you mean to say that in all the times that you came to Lancaster off and on you never saw Stirzaker at all ?—I might have seen him, but I never once told him to say false.

32,195. Did you see him in short ? — I cannot exactly say. I was hearkening to his evidence, and I think he ought to do me justice.

32,196. Can you say as a matter of fact whether you did or did not see Stirzaker ?—I might see him before I went away, a month before the petition.

32,197. If you might have seen him you might have spoken to him. Did you speak to him ?—I cannot say. He says I did, and I have been trying to call it to recollection.

32,198. Now come, put this trifling aside and tell us, did you speak to him or did you not ?—Well, perhaps I did.

32,199. May I write down that you did ?—Yes, you may.

32,200. Did you or did you not ?—I cannot positively say whether I did or not. If I did it was just " How art thou my lad ? " or something of that description.

32,201. You did speak to him ?—Yes, perhaps I might.

32,202. You will not give us a direct answer ?—I would if I could.

32,203. I am not quite sure of that. Did you speak to him or did you not ?—Well, I might speak to him.

32,204. Again you say you " might " speak to him. Is that all you are going to say ?—Did you speak to him ?—Well, we will admit that I did speak to him.

32,205. It has nothing to do with me. I am asking you, did you speak to him or did you not ?—Really gentlemen, I cannot say. If I did it was as short as possible.

32,206. Where was it you saw him ?—I cannot tell at all. I was struck with his evidence. I was indeed. Now let me tell you——

32,207. No. I am going to ask you questions. When you spoke to him what did you say to him ?— I do not recollect. I do not indeed.

32,208. You knew of the petition at this time ?— I knew of the rumour only, just of the rumour.

32,209. You knew of the rumour of the petition? —Yes.

32,210. You heard, in short, that there was to be one ?—Yes, but we thought at the same time all was dead and gone, that there would not be one.

32,211. You knew at the same time what had passed between Stirzaker and yourself ?—Yes.

32,212. You knew in short that you had bribed him ?—Yes.

32,213. You tell us that you heard you were likely to be summoned ?—Yes.

32,214. And that he was likely to be summoned ? —Yes.

32,215. Do you want us to understand now that those things being on your mind, and meeting Stirzaker you had no conversation whatever on the subject ?—Not the least in the world. I hardly ever spoke to him about it.

32,216. You say you hardly ever spoke to him ?— No, never such a thing.

32,217. Shall I take your answer that you hardly ever spoke to him ?—No. If I did it was as short as possible.

32,218. Do you say upon your oath considering the relations that existed between you and Stirzaker, you did not say a word to him on the subject of their petition ?—I might say this, " I think we shall hear no more about it. All is dead, and all is at an end." I might say something of that kind. It seems natural.

23,219. How came you to say that much ?—There was a rumour that we should be summoned up.

23,220. What made you make that answer to Stirzaker, or say to Stirzaker that the petition was dead and you should hear no more of it ?—I suppose he would tell me that he was summoned or something to that effect, that he was likely to be summoned.

32,221. When did he say to you that he was likely to get a summons ?—I cannot say, I am sure.

32,222. What led him to say to you it was likely he would get a summons ?—Because he knew that I had bribed him.

32,223. Had you made any remark to him upon the subject before he said he supposed, should get a summons ?—No, not that I know of.

32,224. Did he come up to you in the street and say to you, " I suppose I shall get a summons ?"— Yes, I think there was something of that sort.

32,225. When he saw you in the street, and without your saying a word, did he come up to you and say, " I suppose I shall get a summons ?"—Yes, perhaps that was it.

32,226. That was the beginning of the conversation ?—I really do not recollect it.

32,227. What did you say to that ?—I said, " I " think not. I think all is nearly over. I do not " think we shall hear any more about it."

32,228. What did he say to that ?—I do not know —Nothing much. No more passed. It only just happened in that way.

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32,229. He has spoken to two conversations?—I do not recollect them.

32,230. You recollect one. You have been just giving us one?—I am admitting it on the probability of the thing.

32,231. You are admitting it on your oath?

(*Mr. Newton.*) How dare you stand there and say that?

32,232. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are we really to believe that this you have been telling us is entirely untrue?—No, I would not say that altogether. I mean to tell you, gentlemen, that Stirzaker spoke false this moment.

32,233. (*Mr. Newton.*) I mean to tell you you have told us a falsehood?—No, I have not.

32,234. On my notes you have told us a lie. You first of all tell us you had no conversation, and then you admit that you had one?—I did not tell you so.

You have lied since you have been in that box.

32,235. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You give us a detailed conversation, and then you say you admit it on the probability that you had. What do you mean?—You press the questions.

32,236. Of course we press the questions?—Yes, you fairly put the words into one's mouth in that way and I cannot positively recollect any conversation.

32,237. I have asked you the question over and over again and have given you time to think. You give us the details of a conversation and then you say you admit it on the probability that it took place. Did it take place or not?—I really cannot recollect. I have been trying to recollect while Stirzaker has been giving his evidence.

32,238. Answer me now, did it take place or not?—I really can hardly say. I cannot indeed. I cannot recollect it.

32,239. Is this what you have been telling us all a baseless story?—I admit the probability of the thing; I admit it looks likely.

32,240. What do you mean by "admit the probability?" did you say it or did you not, and I ask you the question for the tenth time?—Perhaps I might.

32,241. Did you or did you not?—Well, I did.

32,242. Why did you not say so at once, what disgraceful shuffling this is?—If I am truthful you will find that it is all right.

32,243. I am afraid we cannot possibly think you are truthful after the answers you have given us here. Go on?—I mean to tell you that I never advised Stirzaker in any way about London whatever.

32,244. You admit to one conversation?—Yes.

32,245. Had you any other conversation with him at any other time?—None whatever.

32,246. How often did you see him in Lancaster between the 12th of July 1865, and the 19th of March this year?—I cannot say; I saw him very seldom.

32,247. That implies that you saw him more than once?—I did not wish to talk to him.

32,248. Stay, did you see him more than once?—I might.

32,249. Do not answer "you might." Did you or did you not?—I might see him passing by, but I never spoke to him on the question.

32,250. My question was, did you see him more than once?—Well, I might, but not to speak to him.

32,251. Do not answer "you might," did you or did you not?—I did not to speak to him.

32,252. Am I to take it that you did not see him?—I did not.

32,253. Did you not see him more than once?—I did not see him more than once.

32,254. Do you take your oath that you never saw Stirzaker in Lancaster, except on the one occasion to which you have just now spoken?—Yes.

32,255. Where was it you saw him?—I cannot recollect; it would be in Market Street, I suppose, if I did see him at all.

32,256. Did you ever see him in the market?—Before the petition?

32,257. Did you see Stirzaker at all in the market before the 19th of March?—No.

32,258. Do you swear you never saw him before the 19th of March?—Never.

32,259. Where did you see him then?—It would be in Market Street. The market comes down into Market Street.

32,260. I know the market is not where Market Street is. Did you see him more than once in Market Street?—No.

32,261. Did you see him more than once in Lancaster at all in the interval of time of which we have been speaking?—I believe not.

32,262. Will you swear you did not?—I will.

32,263. You told us just now you could not say whether you saw him after or not, then you told us you saw him seldom?—I did see him seldom.

32,264. Do you mean to say you saw him seldom, or only saw him once?—Once.

32,265. Then why do you tell me you saw him seldom?—You do press one so. I only mean to tell you this one thing, that I never advised him to go to London to say one word of which he has told you, and he ought to stand up and tell you (the Commissioners) that he has told you a falsehood.

32,266. We have heard his evidence?—And I may tell you this, he would not have been here this morning if it had not been for me. I told him to go and tell the truth from end to end. I was struck with the falsehood of his evidence when I heard it.

32,267. Be quiet. If you say another word you shall stand down. Did you ever use to Stirzaker the expression that you hoped he would say as little as possible about it?—Never.

32,268. That you swear?—I will swear it.

32,269. (*Mr. Newton.*) You have been very intimate, have you not, with the family of the Stirzakers?—No, not particular.

32,270. Give me a definite answer. Have you or have you not been intimate with the family of the Stirzakers?—Not particular.

32,271. What do you mean by "not particular?"—It depends upon what definition you put upon "intimacy."

32,272. Have you not been in the habit of constantly going to their house?—No.

32,273. Previous to the election has it not been your habit of constantly going to their house?—No.

32,274. Were they strangers to you?—No, they were not.

32,275. Had you had any dealings with them?—No. It is many, many years since I had any dealings with them in any shape whatever.

32,276. What made you go to them and tempt them with money?—That night?

32,277–8. Yes, look at me and answer me. What made you go to them and tempt them with money that night?—I had seen him a few days before the election.

32,279. Where?—In Market Street, and he told me the other side had plenty of money, and that they were tempting him. I said, "Why you have always "voted our way; why not vote our way this time "without any trouble?"

32,280. That is before the election?—That is before the election.

32,281. And it was in consequence of that you went to see him on the nomination night?—It was.

32,282. Where did you see him when he told you this?—In Market Street. Do you mean when I went with the money?

32,283. No. When you had this conversation with him about money on the other side?—In Market Street. I met him coming down.

32,284. How long before the election?—Three or four days, perhaps.

32,285. What did he tell you?—He told me they were bidding higher prices on the other side. He said, "I think we can get plenty of money, Joe, if we wish to have it the otherway," and I said, "I will see "you again before night, and if I can manage it for "you thou shalt have it with the greatest pleasure."

32,286. He had always voted Yellow, and so had his father?—Yes.

32,287. Why should you give him money?—Because they were tempting him on the other side, and I thought they might tempt him and lead him astray, and I would try to secure him.

32,288. This was the evening of the nomination?—Yes.

32,289. Who did you see when you got there?—I saw them all three; that is, I saw Stirzaker, and the old man, and the mother and all.

32,290. What did you say?—I said, "Well, how do you do to-night?" or something of that sort.

32,291. To whom did you speak?—To them all; just in that way.

32,292. Go on?—Then I directed my conversation to the young man.

32,293. What did you say?—"Let me speak to you for a minute." We went to the door and I gave him the money.

32,294. What did you say before you gave him the money?—Very little, if anything passed.

32,295. What did you say before you gave him the money?—I cannot recollect; just "How do you do?"

32,296. As near as you can recollect what did you say?—I said, "Here is 20*l.*"

32,297. What did you do with the 20*l.*?—I said, "This will do for thy father, and thee, and all; don't be led astray."

32,298. Where are you looking? Look at me. Where was all this conversation?—At the door.

32,299. The wife was there?—No.

32,300 The mother?—No, the young man.

32,301. The mother was in the room?—No.

32,302. You said the mother was there?—The mother was in the house when I went down.

32,303. Was old Stirzaker there?—Yes.

32,304. And the son?—The son came out with me.

32,305. Who else?—I never spoke to the old man.

32,306. I did not ask you whether you did. Who else was there?—Nobody else that I saw.

32,307. Only those three?—Yes, those three.

32,308. You put the 20*l.* into his hand?—Yes.

32,309. You said nothing to him about going to Carnforth?—Yes, I did.

32,310. What was that?—I had previously asked him in the street if he would go with me to Carnforth.

32,311. Where was that?—In the street a few days before.

32,312. Did you say anything to him about it that night?—Yes; I said, "I have no one to help me; just come and assist me a little bit."

32,313. Had you been in the constant habit of going to the house?—No, I had not.

32,314. Did the father ask you what you had come for?—No. He sat in a sullen state and never spoke. I knew he was a decent old man, and was not going to bother with him. I did not tempt him.

32,315. You thought it would be a shame to tempt an old man?—Yes, it would be, and I am ashamed of the whole thing.

32,316. You are a preacher of the gospel?—Yes, I am ashamed of the whole thing.

32,317. How often was it between that time after the election and the 19th of March that you saw young Stirzaker? Be careful now?—Is the 19th of March the time of the petition?—I was away only a month and one day before the petition took place.

32,318. The first hearing of the petition was the 18th of April. Do not look out there; there is somebody you want to look at?—No, there is not, indeed.

32,319. How many times between that time and the 19th of March did you see young Stirzaker?—I did not see him above once. I did not see him at all that I can recollect hardly.

32,320. How do you recollect this conversation?—It looks likely that I should talk in that way.

32,321. Do you mean to say it looks likely that you should invent a conversation if it did not occur? Did you or did you not see him?—Yes, I think I recollect seeing him.

32,322. How many times?—Once.

32,323. What did you mean when you told Mr. Barstow you could not say whether you saw him often or not?—I cannot recollect it.

32,324. Do you know that you were in the habit of seeing him constantly?—Only a few times before the election.

32,325. I am asking you after the election?—No, I was not in the habit of seeing him.

32,326. What did you mean by telling Mr. Barstow that you could not say whether you saw him after or not?—I mean as I say; I cannot recollect seeing him.

32,327. You cannot say whether you saw him often or not?—No, I cannot.

32,328. You did see him often?—No, I did not. I did not see him often.

32,329. You say you cannot say whether you saw him often or not?—No, I was not much in the town after the election.

32,330. Did you or did you not see him often?—I did not.

32,331. He then began to talk to you about the Speaker's warrant that he had had?—Yes, I think there was come conversation that once I saw him.

32,332. He began to talk to you about the Speaker's warrant?—Yes.

32,333. What did he say to you about the Speaker's warrant?—I understood he said "We are to get one."

32,333*a*. Go on, and tell me every word, and look at me, if you please?—I said, "I think not, my lad. It "seems to have died away, and there is an end of it. "I do not think there will be a petition at all."

32,334. Why should he begin talking about the Speaker's warrant? What had that reference to?—I do not know.

32,335. You know perfectly well?—No, I do not.

32,336. Yes you do. What did you infer from that?—What might I infer from it?

32,337. Yes.—I do not understand you.

32,338. You knew what the Speaker's warrant was?—Yes, I knew it meant we should go up to London.

32,339. What for?—To tell the truth.

32,340. And you knew the Speaker's warrant would come out against you then?—No, I did not.

32,341. Why should there be a Speaker's warrant out against Stirzaker and not against you?—I did not say so.

32,342. But I say so?—I expected to receive one.

32,343. Why should Stirzaker be afraid of having one?—I suppose because he took the money and knew it.

32,344. He knew that you had bribed him?—Yes.

32,345. And you knew at that time that you were going away, did you not?—No, I did not.

32,346. You did not know that you were going away?—No.

32,347. Not at the time you had this conversation with Stirzaker?—No.

32,348. You knew if you had a Speaker's warrant you would go away?—No, I did not. I made up my mind a bit before-hand. I said to my wife, "if any "person calls let me know, because I really do not "like to go to London."

32,349. You knew at the time you had this conversation with Stirzaker, which you denied at first, that you were going away?—I did not.

32,350. That is the first direct answer you have given. You knew if you had a Speaker's warrant you would go?—No, I did not.

32,351. Yes you did?—No I did not.

32,352. Yes you did?—No.

32,353. You knew if a Speaker's warrant was coming you would go?—I had some thoughts of it.

32,354. At the time you had the conversation with Stirzaker?—No, I did not.

32,355. Did you not advise him to say that you did not bribe him, upon your oath?—Put that again, if you please.

32,356. Did you not advise him to say that you did not bribe him?—No.

32,357. That you will swear?—I will, positively.

32,358. You intend us to believe that, after the evidence you have given here to-day?—Yes.

32,359. Having first of all denied the fact—do not look away, look at me. Having first of all denied the fact that you had any conversation with him at all, and now admitting that you talked with him about the Speaker's warrant, how are we to reconcile those two statements?—When did I deny it?

32,360. From the very first?—Because I did not recollect it.

32,361. You get into the box and repeat everything he told you, and now say that you never had any conversation with him; you denounce him as a liar, you yourself having been caught out in a lie?—I admitted the possibility of seeing him.

32,362. We go upon truth?—I want to go upon truth.

32,363. We shall not get that from you?—You will, every word.

32,364. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who was the person of the name of "Joseph Miller" whom you bribed?—He was here yesterday.

32,365. There were two "John Masheders," one who was before the House of Commons and the other not, who was he?—He is here.

32,366. Who was Emley?—A man from Warton; he was here yesterday.

32,367. You bribed altogether nine persons?—I have not counted them exactly.

32,368. That is a far less number than most of the other persons who have been before us, bribed?—Perhaps it is.

32,369. There were connected with the bribery of the two Whormby's also two women, Mrs. Whormby and Betsy Jackson. Will you be good enough to give me an answer upon this point, how it happens that out of your flock, and your flock alone, five people committed absolute perjury, and one evaded it by being ill? Those are the only persons that have committed perjury, as far as we know, in this inquiry, and they all belong to you, and you kept out of the way; please to account for that. Who planned it?—I did not.

32,370. Who planned it? You were the head and front of the offending, and those are the only persons that so disgraced themselves?—Now, I am very sorry.

32,371. Who planned it; and tell me who planned it at once?—I do not know, myself for anything I know, I went away.

32,372. You planned it for anything you know. When did you plan it?—A few days before I got the Speaker's warrant.

32,373. Where were you when you planned this?—In my own mind, at home, in streets and lanes, just as I was walking about.

32,374. Who was the first person you saw as to carrying out your plan?—I never spoke to a soul.

32,375. Who was the first of the Whormby's that you spoke to?—When was this?

32,376. Who was the first person of the Whormby's you spoke to about taking up this line which you have called your plan?—I did not see any of them that I know of.

32,377. That cannot be the case. I will put it once more to you again before I ask you further upon it. Do you mean to say without any suggestion from you it happened merely as a coincidence that every person who committed perjury belonged to those who were connected with you and nobody else did?—I am very sorry it did take place.

32,378. How happens it that they all belong to you?—Well, it would seem that they had taken advantage of my being away.

32,379. "It would seem that they had taken ad-"vantage of your being away" is absolute nonsense?—I cannot account for it.

32,380. It is absolute nonsense, and you must know it. How comes it that these persons were of your flock, and only your flock?—I cannot account for it.

32,381. I am going to have it. When did you first suggest this to the Whormby's?—That I was going away?

32,382. No; as to their conduct, not as to yours?—I never did suggest it.

32,383. When did you first speak to Mrs. Whormby as to what she was to say in the House of Commons?—I never said a word to her in my life.

32,384. When did you first know she was going up?—I did not know she was going up.

32,385. Not before she went away?—No.

32,386. When did you first speak to Mrs. Jackson?—I never did speak to Mrs. Jackson, never.

32,387. You never spoke to her in your life?—No, never, that I know of.

32,388. You know who I mean?—Yes, a butcher's widow or something of that sort.

32,389. I mean Mrs. Whormby's daughter?—No.

32,390. You never spoke to her?—No, I had nothing to do with her.

32,391. Do you mean to swear that?—Yes.

32,392. You never saw her?—I do not say that.

32,393. Was she in the house when you took the money on the night before?—No.

32,394. Was she not present when you took the money?—No; I never did take any money.

32,395. Was she not present when you asked the brother about money?—No.

32,396. Do you mean to say that?—Yes.

32,397. Do you remember being at Mrs. Whormby's on the night before?—Yes.

32,398. Do you mean to say Mrs. Jackson was not there?—No, she was not.

32,399. Do you mean to say that this statement is untrue; in their evidence before the House, Mrs. Jackson is asked, "Did you see Joseph Wilson at any time before that?" *Answer*, "Yes, I saw him at my brother's." Then she is asked, "Did you hear him saying anything to your brother?" and she says, "I heard him ask my brother for their vote." Then, "What did they say?" and so on through a whole series of questions. "Did Wilson say anything more?" and she says, "No, he only asked him for his vote." Do you mean to say that that is all untrue?—Yes. I think I recollect seeing a stout woman in the street.

32,400, I do not ask you that. I ask you whether you saw Mrs. Jackson?—No, I did not.

32,401. That is another of your flock whom you say has committed perjury?—Yes. The conversation about the price took place.

32,402. I shall not ask you any further questions, and for this simple reason, that I believe you to have been at the bottom of this string of disgraceful perjury, committed before the House of Commons. It is utterly impossible that out of 600 witnesses, those who we have connected with you should be the only ones to have committed perjury; unless you had something to do with it?—I can only say I never advised a single soul of them.

(*Mr. Newton.*) You are perjured.

32,403. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you give any money to Stirzaker to give to any other person in the election?—No, not that I know of.

32,404. Did you hear Stirzaker say he had got 10*l.* of you to give to a man named Kelsall?—Yes, that is true.

32,405. You have finished with something that is true. You may stand down.—I was going to tell you that.

32,406. What Kelsall was that?—I do not know. It was about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. I wanted to admit this; and there is something else I can tell you.

32,407. If it is about bribery voters we will hear it?—There were two I wanted to tell you about.

32,408. What is it you want to tell us?—I said in my examination before, that I only got two out of Warton; but there was John Ball, he was not in Warton at the time, I could not find him anywhere on the canvass, but they brought him to me on the morning of the election.

32,409. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much did you give him?—8*l.* or 10*l.* He came from a distance They found him, I suppose, at the committee-room, and sent him down to me.

32,410. Is this John Ball a marine store dealer, in Penny Street?—No, he was a perfect stranger to me. I did not know him.

32,411. You gave him how much?—8*l.* or 10*l.* I rather think it was 10*l.* He asked it for his expenses for coming from somewhere.

32,412. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The other one is Kelsall?—Yes. They brought him to me, I think about 1 o'clock or so.

32,413. Was he a Quernmore man?—Yes, I believe so.

32,414. Did you give him 10*l.*—Yes. I went into the committee-room and saw Mr. Welch, and said, "There is a voter, I believe, who has not voted, and he requires 10*l.*"

32,415. Have you any other names to add?—No, none whatever. John Ball comes from over sands, I think. I ought to have added to my expenses the other day that I paid for the breakfasts at the place where we stayed. It was suggested to me by a man named Stephenson.

32,416. Where did you pay for these breakfasts?—At Carnforth. He belongs to the Inn, we stayed at the "Carnforth Inn," I think.

32,417. What did you pay?—I think 2*l.* something. He said to me, "Joseph, they make a great noise about "this horse of yours, do you not recollect that you paid me for the breakfasts," and I said I had forgotten it. He then said, "You gave me a sovereign besides."

32,418. That was besides his bill?—Yes.

32,419. He is an inn-keeper, I suppose?—He has to do with it, assisting or something; but he took a very active part for us.

32,420. How many people breakfasted?—There were twenty something. There were wives and daughters, and I cannot tell what; they all come in together, and the 'bus drivers, and one thing and another, they all sat down together.

32,421. Is that all?—Yes, that is all I believe.

JOHN MASHEDER sworn and examined.

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32,422. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—Brook House, Caton.

32,423. What are you?—A husbandman.

32,424. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

32,425. What did you receive?—5*l.*

32,426. From whom?—Joseph Wilson.

32,427. Was that all that you got?—No, I got 8*s.* from Robert Whiteside.

32,428. What else did you get?—Nothing.

32,429. Nothing else at all?—There was a sixpence Joseph Wilson gave me.

32,430. Was 5*l.* 8*s.* all the money that you received?—Yes.

32,431. Did you give anything to anybody?—No.

32,432. You did not pay anything to anybody for Mr. Wilson?—No, I did not.

Statement of E. M. FENWICK, Esq.

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(*Mr. Barstow.*) We are now prepared, Mr. Fenwick, to hear any statement you may wish to make.

(*Mr. Fenwick.*) I appear here to-day in consequence of the intimation I received from the Court, on the last occasion I was here. I have very fully considered the circumstances and what took place upon that occasion, and I feel, after the letter I wrote to the Court assenting to their offer to come here, and make a voluntary statement, that it is due to myself I should act up to the letter I addressed in answer to that letter which was sent to me. I also feel that it would be unbecoming indeed if I appeared in any way to evade appearing here under any technical objection. But before I make any observations, I would most urgently once more, and most respectfully submit to this Court the difficulty and embarrassment in which I find myself placed, by the circumstance of having been treated differently in this matter to Mr. Lawrence, and as I said before, I submit to the Court that has pressed very harshly and very heavily upon me; but, at the same time, I appear. I cannot help thinking that when the Commissioners determined to deal with me in a different manner to that in which they dealt with Mr. Lawrence, from that moment the first paragraph of their letter to me on the 18th of September placed me in a position of considerable embarrassment. Of course, I am only giving my own opinion, and only submit it for the consideration of this Court. I cannot but feel that the first paragraph of the letter (and without that paragraph I feel greatly obliged to the Commissioners for the letter) is, in some measure, prejudging my case upon the evidence that has been laid before them. Having said that much, I am now here to make a statement.

Now, sir, the first thing I desire to do, is justice to the memory of a public man of this town, Mr. Coulston, who has just passed away from us, respecting some observations made by Mr. H. T. Wilson, as to his having been engaged canvassing at the railway station with Mr. Schneider and myself. It is due to the memory of that gentleman that I should say with regard to those remarks made by Mr. H. T. Wilson, and which have given considerable pain to some of his relations, that the statement is wholly untrue. Mr. Coulston never canvassed with us at the railway station. I have no remembrance of his ever having been at the railway station at the time I was there canvassing, but I have been informed only this morning, that he was there upon that occasion; but this I do distinctly assert, that Mr. Coulston never canvassed, and never took any part whatever in our proceedings upon that occasion. If he was there I do not recollect it. I believe he was there, but I am quite certain that, in no stretch of language, could he be said to have been canvassing with us at the railway station. Just let me tell the Court what the effect of the canvass at the railway station was. One would naturally suppose if Mr. Coulston had taken an active part in it that we should have some of the leading officials at the station voting for us. First of all, there is there Mr. Chauncy, who fills an important position at the station, he plumped for Mr. Lawrence; then Mr. Fitzsimons, who also fills an important position, plumped for Mr. Schneider. Mr. Peel, the station master, did not vote at all, and Mr. Lumb, who fills the important position of cashier, has no vote, and another gentleman, Mr. King, did not exercise his vote at all. As to the ordinary officials, and the lower class, I believe we had the majority, but I am quite satisfied, and I think it right on every ground to say, that Mr. Coulston certainly afforded me no kind of assistance on that occasion. I saw Mr. Coulston once during the course of the election, it was a mere complimentary visit in the ordinary way. I believe I was in company with Mr. Schneider, and he (Mr. Coulston) said something very general as to how we got on, and ended by thanking me for some trifling services I had rendered him by affording him some information with regard to a bill affecting joint stock banks that has been passing through Parliament. That really ended all the negotiations I had with Mr. Coulston during the election. I felt it due to his memory to say that much. There are some other matters of detail I should like to deal with, though the Commissioners do not point out the part of the evidence in their letter to me which they consider brings me within terms of the Act of Parliament. I will deal at once with the name of Mr. Wearing as to the sum of 1000*l.* I am here at once to avow that I did furnish 1,000*l.* upon the day of election. It has been a matter of difficulty to me to bring to memory all that passed upon that occasion, which is now upwards of 12 months since, and what did occur took place at a moment of very considerable excitement, and I may say, I think truly, one of the

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most warm and urgent contests that has taken place in this borough for some time. But I may tell the Court that up to the day before the election I had made no preparation whatever. I had not prepared any money, or brought money, or had money with me in any shape or way whatever, and I had repeatedly spoken to Mr. Welch, to Mr. Wearing, and I think I may say to Mr. Maxsted, who is sitting by me, as to my determination not to spend more upon that election than I considered to be a fair amount for legitimate expenses. I named the sum repeatedly and openly to them; 1000*l.* I considered would be pretty near what would be the legal expenses, and that was the limit I put to my expenditure upon that occasion. Now, sir, on the morning I think, before the election, when of course one can easily understand a great deal of excitement prevailed, some one said to me in my room, "We shall "want your 1,000*l.* We shall be glad to have your "1,000*l.*" I confess, knowing what I did of the system adopted at all elections, and knowing also as a fact that upon every election a very large sum of money—several hundred pounds I may say, and I am sure it must have been so in this case—is always spent during the actual progress of an election, and long before those sums appear recorded in any account by the election auditor, I was not surprised at the intimation that money would be wanted from me on that occasion. Under those circumstances I felt in fact that I could hardly expect my election to be carried on without supplying the money, and I said, "I have my 1,000*l.* ready. I can give you what is wanted." The request came to me that I should furnish at once my 1,000*l.* I made arrangements for drawing 1,000*l.* immediately. I went to see Mr. Ball at the Preston Bank, whom I had known previously, having had a small account there formerly, though not an account upon which I operated much latterly, and asked him if he could oblige me, as I was suddenly called upon for some money, by letting me have 1,000*l.* at once if I should want it the next day. Accordingly, the next morning he let me have that 1,000*l.* I have no doubt that what Mr. Wearing states is correct, though I have no recollection of having given it to him; but, however, I did no doubt produce the 1,000*l.*, and he took the 1,000*l.* away. What he did with it I know not, but I am as confident as I stand here that I distinctly repeated to him, that which I had over and over again repeated to him, that that 1,000*l.* I gave then was for legal expenses.

And, sir, I beg leave to say that I had no desire (though it hardly becomes me to speak much of myself, but I believe I am not very wrong in saying I had no actual necessity) to bribe. I believe it was quite an understood thing at the time of the election that my seat was tolerably secure, and that there was no occasion for my bribing in any shape or way whatever. I never expected to undergo a contest of that kind unless I expended something like 1,000*l.* or 1,500*l.* I do not know whether I have the honour in addressing the Commissioners of addressing gentlemen who have had any experience in parliamentary matters, but I am quite satisfied, and I appeal to the experience of many members of the House of Commons, that they will admit, in a contest of that kind in the town of Lancaster where a large body of freemen have to be brought from rural districts, several miles round the town—where the expenditure for horses and carriages forms an item of something like 500*l.* or 600*l.*, with the ordinary men who have to be paid during the fortnight the canvass was being carried on, in the shape of runners, committee expenses, and so on—that I was not wrong in being quite prepared and quite expecting that at least several hundred pounds would be wanted as my share. However, be that as it may, I do at once avow that I did produce the 1,000*l.*, and the 1,000*l.* was paid.

While I am on that head, the Court will allow me to say one word about what became of the money. We have heard something during these proceedings of a secret committee room. I beg leave to say I had not the remotest idea where the secret committee room was, or that there was such a committee at all; whether it existed in a room at the "Queen's Hotel" or any other room, or in any other private or public house in the town, that was a matter upon which I was totally and entirely ignorant. All I could do when I gave that sum of 1,000*l.* was to repeat again and again, as I had insisted over and over again previously on numerous occasions, that that 1,000*l.* I intended as my contribution towards the election, and that it was for my legal expenses. The circumstance of my being at the "Queen's Hotel," and as I heard afterwards, of this private committee being held at the same hotel, amounts to this, that I have always resided during elections and had my rooms at the "Queen's Hotel." My former excellent colleague, Mr. Gregson, used the hotel for all purposes, and held his committee room there; but he had the advantage of residing at his brother's house at Moorlands close to the town. My residence is 14 or 15 miles from here; and therefore it was utterly impossible that I could do without having some accommodation in the town. Mr. Schneider, my colleague at the last election, had the advantage of a residence in the immediate neighbourhood. I believe he stayed at the Vicarage; but my ordinary room for taking my meals, where my colleague and myself dined and took our refreshments, and where friends came in to ask the result of the canvass-book, or how we were getting on in the election, was quite my own room, quite apart and distinct from the room that I have since heard described as the private committee room. I was never in that room; I do not know the room, and do not know where it is. I believe it is a part of the hotel with a different entrance from the town from that in which I passed and repassed when I went to my own room. So much in regard to that part of the story as to the secret committee room.

What became of the 1,000*l.* I honestly confess to you I inquired no further; but I would say this, I said, as I had said on all occasions when I had conversations with Mr. Welch and Mr. Maxsted, that that was to be my contribution towards the election; and I considered I was acquitted of any further expenses during the election.

Now I know another sum of 500*l.* has to be accounted for; and I shall be very happy to give the fullest explanation of it. After the election was over it came to my ears that a very large sum of money had been expended; and I heard it in this manner. Mr. Maxsted wrote to me to say, or sent word to me that he was getting in the bills as electioneering agent, and more money would be wanted. I went to Mr. Maxsted and expressed to him my great surprise that I was to be called upon to pay anything additional. Mr. Maxsted is here, and I am sure he will forgive me for speaking to the conversation particularly. I said to him, "How is this? Why am I called upon to pay more money now?" He said, "Well, it is very sad," and shook his head. "I am afraid things have been sadly managed," or some words to that effect; and I think he said, "I hear a "very great deal of money has been spent. It is "really a matter very much between yourself and "your colleague whether you think you ought to pay "something more. The legal expenses will be 1,400*l.* "or 1,500*l.*, or something of the kind." I said (and I do not hesitate to tell the Commissioners, feeling the position in which one gentleman is placed with reference to another), "Very well, of course if it is expected it seems to be reasonable." Mr. Maxsted could not tell me any particulars, and I must say he never discussed the question of money in any shape or way beyond the conversations we had with regard to the 1,000*l.* and this 500*l.* I said, "Under those circumstances it is clear what I ought to do," and I gave another cheque for 500*l.* That cheque for 500*l.* I beg leave to say was a 500*l.* cheque upon my own bankers in London. I made no scruple about it, and from that moment to this I have never paid another farthing; and I considered that that acquitted me from all further trouble with regard to this election.

I am sure that in making this voluntary statement to the Commissioners I have endeavoured to give the fullest account I can of these two payments of 1,000*l.* and 500*l.* I know of course my conduct is liable to observations respecting the payment of the money. It will be said, "You ought to have paid that 1,000*l.* to the election agent." I can only say in answer to that observation, "It may be so; one does not always "act with the utmost legal discretion in cases of this "kind."

Then with regard to the fact of my having a treasurer, I think it will be seen one is not departing in that case from the rule; but that it has always been a customary thing; and Mr. Welch, as my treasurer, only held the position that had been held by many before him. Mr. Paget Gregson was always the treasurer of Mr. Samuel Gregson. Mr. Edmund Jackson acted in the same capacity for Mr. Garnett and Mr. Greene, and I believe the late Mr. Whelon acted in that capacity for Mr. Saunders; and Mr. Welch, I avow at once was always in that light considered as the person acting as treasurer for me. Mr. Welch knew my opinions very well about money, and I had the right to assume that Mr. Wearing, when he gave that money to Mr. Welch, would deliver it with the very strong and distinct understanding I had given him at the time.

Now, sir, so much with regard to that question. During this inquiry, I think rather an unfair opportunity has been taken to make observations which could only tend to prejudice one rather in the eyes of the public; and before I go any further I will allude to some observations of Mr. Christopher Clark. I was rather surprised that Mr. Clark should say what he did before the Commissioners, because Mr. Clark is a gentleman of very considerable experience as a professional man in this town, and I observed particularly the great susceptibility he displayed when one of his own tenants on a recent occasion said he had done something in the shape of compelling him to vote for Mr. Saunders, because he was his tenant. The Chief Commissioner very properly said it was a most unbecoming thing to make a statement of that kind, and therefore I think I have a right to complain of Mr. Clark with respect to some statements he has made about myself. I think he should not have done it unless he had been better informed. Probably the Court will think I need not answer the absurd nonsense about personal friendships, uttered by Mr. Clark.

Mr. Barstow. No, certainly not.

Mr. Fenwick. But Mr. Clark thought proper to say, and I think I am quoting his words correctly, that in 1864, 120 freedoms were taken up. I think his words were "either by Mr. Fenwick or by his friends," implying that that was done with the object of my gaining so much additional strength at the election of that year. No doubt those statements going abroad created a good deal of prejudice, and I think when I I have given my explanation I shall have the satisfaction of satisfying the minds of this Court that it was not so.

First of all, the Court at which these men were elected took place in the month of July, 1864, and I beg the Court will notice that fact. My election took place in the early part of April, 1864, so that no kind of money payment made by me in July for freemen in 1864 could have any reference in any shape or way whatever to an election which took place in April 1864. I find, in July 1864, instead of 120 there were 134 freemen admitted. I do not know whether the Commissioners are aware of it, but the practice in this borough is of this kind. I am told that 134 admittances took place, but out of that 134 a very large proportion of the freedoms taken up are of boys, 16 years of age, whose voting right cannot possibly ensue till another succeeding five or six years. I am told that that was really the case upon that occasion; and I think about 70 or 80 men competent to exercise the franchise were admitted upon the freemen's roll, and the remaining 57 or 60 whatever it was, were composed of boys whose privilege would not be enjoyed probably for some four or five years hence. Mr. Clark was good enough to say that I paid for 120 myself, or my friends, therefore I show the Court clearly that it is not likely I should pay for 120, supposing the statement were true, in order to avail myself of the votes of 70 or 80, for that is all I could have in the succeeding year, but certainly not in the year 1864; and then I think it is only reasonable to consider that if 70 or 80 were admitted, some deduction should be made on account of some of the freemen entertaining as they would have a perfect right to do, opinions directly in opposition to my own; and also, I think, it would be reasonable to infer that some of those paid for would become adherents of the Conservative party, and not of the Liberal party. So you see all this fabric raised by Mr. Clark falls to the ground when I tell the Commissioners that all I paid for in 1864, were something like 21 or 22, so that out of the 80, whose first vote they could give, must have been in the year 1865, I only paid for something like 20 or 21 admissions. I really have not the means of knowing at this moment whether those 20 were composed partly of boys whose privilege of voting would come into force hereafter, or whether they all voted for me in the election of 1865. I cannot speak to that, but as to the system of paying for these votes—I can only say this, I believe it to be a vicious system. But I have heard Mr. Gregson's name mentioned in conjunction with the system, and with regard to anything he did he was, I am sure, prompted with his usual feelings of benevolence and kindness of heart, and I can only say, after the contest of 1864, in which I had been eminently successful, I did in spending the money for these 20 or 21 freemen, only follow out a practice which I found existed when I came to this borough—a practice which I shall be very glad and hope to find from this time forth will be quite discontinued. I think it can hardly be said that Mr. Fenwick or his friends, in 1864, paid for 124 admissions, implying that I got the benefit of those votes on that occasion. So much for that statement. Now I come to another statement. I will pass on to Mr. H. T. Wilson, and I wish he had been a little more guarded in his statements. In this voluntary statement of mine I do not want to bring in the name of any gentleman unnecessarily, and I should be very sorry to do so; but my name has been used so freely that I think it is only just to myself that I should make this statement. Mr. Wilson, after going through the memorandum which he held in his hand, and making a running commentary upon the whole of the evidence, thought it necessary to start some absurd story about my having bribed Thomas Newton with my own hands. I assure the Commissioners, on my honour as a gentleman (I am not on my oath, and therefore cannot swear upon the subject), but I assure you, on my honour as a gentleman, that there is not an atom of truth in the statement from first to last. I do not know that I ever saw the man in my life. I believe, in the summer before the election of 1865, one evening, in company with my own family, I was walking through the village of Burrow, and one of my sons has since reminded me of the circumstance of my having met him. He was at that time engaged in working for a tradesman at Kirkby Lonsdale. He was with some other men (this was at the time the election was coming on), and one of them said, "This is Mr. Newton," and no doubt I said, "How do you do?" He said something about the election, and I remember his words were, "I intend, Mr. Fenwick, to "give you one vote, but what I shall do with the other "vote I have not made up my mind yet." That was all that passed. I did not think that was the proper time to discuss the question, walking through the village, and how on earth Mr. Wilson can think it worth his while or fair towards myself (a gentleman whom I know very little about, and against whom I have nothing to say) to impute to me that I had bribed this man with my own hands I am at a loss to comprehend. If the Commissioners feel any doubt upon the matter (I do not know whether the man is here, I have had no communication with him) I should be quite content for them to put him in the box to hear any statement he might make, feeling sure he will say that the

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whole thing is a pure fabrication from beginning to end. Another statement Mr. Wilson makes is, that Mr. Stanley, at the "Queen's Hotel," had a bill for 500*l.* That also astonished me, and I have made some inquiry into it. I have always used the hotel for my family, and I used it when I first came to Lancaster, because I was told it was the Liberal house; but I find, so far from Mr. Wilson's statement being correct, Mr. Stanley's bill, including his contract for carriages, was 120*l.* I have asked the man himself, and he says there is not an atom of truth in the statement. These things are in themselves probably insignificant as far as Lancaster is concerned, but when they get reported in the London papers and disseminated amongst one's friends, they do certainly cast some kind of reflection upon one from which I would be rather relieved in the face of this Court. Now, I believe I have dealt with most of the points with which I propose to deal. There is another statement of Mr. Wilson. He says that my election in 1864 cost 4,000*l.* against 2,100*l.* on the part of Mr. Saunders. Mr. Wilson is very indistinct, because he says he either sent 1,000*l.* or 1,500*l.* from Liverpool for the purposes of Mr. Saunders' election, but he absolutely charges me with bribery at my election in 1864. All I can say to that is, that his observations about my bribing at that election of 1864 are as unworthy of credit as are his observations which he has made about my bribing Newton. I am really very much obliged to the Court for the patience with which they have listened to me. There is only one other subject that occurs to me upon which I should like to say one word. I am travelling probably a little out of the way, but I should like to say this. Mr. Lawrence was permitted to make the remark, and I am sure I shall be allowed to do so. Mr. Lawrence, in his evidence before you made some allusion to the petition, and I am very glad to hear that Mr. Lawrence disavows any part or share in that petition. I think it is in justice to him that I should state to the Court this circumstance. The Court, no doubt, are quite aware who the petitioners were. Mr. Wilson Barker and another Mr. Wilson, who is also I believe a connexion or a personal friend of Mr. H. T. Wilson, the sureties for the petition being Mr. H. T. Wilson and Mr. Saunders. The Court knows the history of these gentlemen, which has been sufficiently narrated in the evidence, and made quite as public as the history of my colleague, Mr. Schneider and myself. I was very glad to hear Mr. Lawrence say he was opposed to that petition, but I think it right now to tell you that, in the beginning of this year, a certain meeting took place in London, at which I was not present myself, for reasons which I will state. That meeting was the result of a private correspondence which had been passing for some time between Mr. Clark and my colleague, Mr. Schneider, perfectly unknown to me, but that correspondence resulted in a proposal that a meeting should take place in London upon the subject of the petition. I was asked to be present at that meeting, and probably the Court will hardly think I acted unwisely in positively declining to have anything to do with the meeting in any shape or way. At that meeting Mr. Maxsted was present representing myself and Mr. Schneider, the parliamentary agents were also present, and they inquired of the gentlemen who were present in the room, whom they represented? Mr. Maxsted was asked whom he represented, and another gentleman was asked whom he represented, and at last the parliamentary agent went up to Mr. Wilson and said, "Pray whom do you represent?" and he said, "I am here as the representative of Mr. Lawrence, "whose written authority I have in my pocket." It is only right I should say that much on behalf of Mr. Lawrence, and I am very glad to hear him state that he had nothing to do with the petition. I give you that statement as it reached me upon unexceptional authority. I feel very much obliged to you, as I have said before, for the kind and patient hearing you have given me. Probably no man has felt a deeper sense of pain and sorrow than I have at the revelations which have been made in this court. I have not been present during the proceedings, and for this reason, that I hardly felt it would be decorous after what had taken place, that I should come here, and appear to join in the laughter or amusement at the painful and discreditable disclosures which have taken place. I can only say I am exceedingly sorry to hear that men for whom I feel great respect, and whom I have always held in high esteem, should have allowed themselves in an evil moment to accept bribes. I trust the lesson that is now passing before us will be a severe one for the borough of Lancaster, but I think for the honour and credit of the old town, it is well to remind the court that with all her faults, and all her failings, she has returned men who have done great credit and honour to the House of Commons, and in saying so I need only mention the names of Green, Gregson, Marton, Garnett, and Armstrong, four of whom at least are gentlemen well known as residents in this neighbourhood, and who have done honour and credit to Lancaster.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) The Court are much obliged to you for your statement.

B. Latham.

BENJAMIN LATHAM sworn and examined.

32,433. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Overton and are a labourer?—Yes.

32,434. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Lawrence.

32,435. What did you receive?—10*l.*

32,436. Was that all you received?—Yes.

32,437. From whom did you receive it?—I cannot say; he was a stranger from Liverpool.

32,438. Where did you receive it?—At Overton.

32,439. On the night before the election?—Yes.

32,440. That was all you got?—Yes.

T. Woodhouse.

THOMAS WOODHOUSE sworn and examined.

32,441. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

32,442. What did you get?—12*l.*

32,443. Who gave it to you?—John Albright.

32,444. Is that all you got?—Yes.

32,445. You got nothing for being on the committee I suppose?—No; I was not on the committee.

32,446. Did you get anything to spend in drink?—No. Mr. Danson gave me a report that he had given me 1*l.*, but he never did.

32,447. Did you read it in the paper?—Yes; I have it here.

32,448. It is not true?—No, it is not true.

32,449. All you got was 12*l.*?—Yes.

R. Mashiter.

ROBERT MASHITER sworn and examined.

32,450. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A wheelwright.

32,451. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

32,452. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

32,453. Who paid you?—Knowles Allinson.

32,454. Were you on any committee?—No.

32,455. What are you, a master man?—No; a journeyman wheelwright.

32,456. What wages do you earn?—23*s.* a week.

32,457. Have you ever voted before?—Yes, I voted in 1852.

32,458. Have you always voted "Yellow?"—Yes.

32,459. Why did they pay you this time?—I had the offer of some money and I thought I might as well have it.

32,460. Did you go and ask for it, or did they come to you?—They came to me.

32,461. You would have voted if you had not had the money?—Yes.

JOSEPH BOND RICHMOND sworn and examined. *J. B. Richmond.*

32,462. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A husbandman.

32,463. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

32,464. What did you get?—I got it from three parties; one was 2*l.* 10*s.* to spend.

32,465. From whom did you get that?—John King.

32,466. John King, of Slyne?—Yes. 5*l.* from Edward Mashiter to spend, and 10*l.* from the "Black Bull," at Skerton. I do not know the gentleman from whom I got it.

32,467. That was for your vote?—Yes.

32,468. You got 17*l.* 10*s.* altogether?—Yes.

32,469. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

32,470. That was all you got altogether?—Yes.

32,471. You are down on the register as a husbandman? Are you a labouring man?—Yes.

WILLIAM THORNTON sworn and examined. *W. Thornton.*

32,472. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We expected you here before?—It was very nearly night when I got the summons, and they never informed me that another day would do.

32,473. Have you come to speak for your father and brother?—No.

32,474. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

32,475. What did you get?—I got nothing for my vote.

32,476. What money did you get?—I got 3*l.*

32,477. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Bradshaw.

32,478. What was that for?—It was for my conveyance. We were very busy at hay at the time, and we considered it was a great loss to us to break up. I told him we could not come done at any time.

32,479. You got 3*l.* each. The other two Thorntons got 3*l.* Did you all come together?—Yes; we did.

32,480. Was it your own conveyance?—Yes it was, and I paid for it; I paid my expenses besides. I paid for my son's freedom. It was not paid for out of Mr. Fenwick.

32,481. How far is Littledale from here?—Betwixt five and six miles; I do not justly know.

32,482. Is 3*l.* all you got?—Yes.

32,483. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who paid for your son's freedom?—I paid for it.

32,484. And you were repaid afterwards?—No.

32,485. I thought you said this was part for your son's freedom?—No.

RICHARD THORNTON sworn and examined. *R. Thornton.*

32,486. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A farmer at Littledale.

32,487. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

32,488. What did you get?—I got nothing for my vote. I never was canvassed.

32,489. What did you get altogether?—I got 2*l.* after. It was three weeks after the election, but I got nothing for my vote.

32,490. What was the 2*l.* for?—It was sent after. I do not know what it was for.

32,491. What was it for?—I do not know. It was sent after.

32,492. By whom was it sent?—I do not know who sent it. My brother brought it.

32,493. You do not know what it was for?—No.

32,494. Did you not get 3*l.*?—No.

32,495. Did you not say you would not come over and vote unless you got 3*l.*?—No, I never saw anyone to canvass.

32,496. Did you not tell that to somebody?—No.

32,497. Did you know that you were to have 3*l.*?—No.

32,498. Was the last witness your brother?—Yes.

32,499. And Richard Thornton your nephew?—Yes.

32,500. You three Thornton's received 3*l.* a piece?—I received 2*l.*

32,501. Your brother told us he received 3*l.*?—He might.

WILLIAM THORNTON recalled and further examined. *W. Thornton.*

32,502. How much money did you get?—9*l.*

32,503. What for?—There were three of them, a younger brother and younger son, and it was divided betwixt them.

32,504. Three besides yourself?—Yes.

32,505. Who were the three besides?—Two sons and my brother. My other son had not taken up his freedom, but they divided it amongst them.

32,506. What is his name?—Robert.

32,507. He was not a voter?—No; but he had it as a free gift, and that is why we thought we would give him some and all.

32,508. You were to give a non-voter some money because he had not power to vote, was that it? It was to pay for his freedom.—No, it was not. Nothing of the kind.

32,509. You have done your brother out of 1*l.*?—No, I have not.

32,510. Yes, you have. Mr. Bradshaw said you were to have 3*l.*, and your brother was to have 3*l.*, and your son was to have 3*l.* You have robbed your brother of 1*l.*?—Mr. Bradshaw never mentioned 3*l.* to anyone of us.

32,511. Mr. Bradshaw did. I would rather believe Mr. Bradshaw than I would you?—Very well. I can tell the truth as well as Mr. Bradshaw. He never asked me for a vote.

32,512. Mr. Bradshaw gave you 9*l.*, 3*l.* for yourself, and 3*l.* for your brother, and 3*l.* for your son?—He never mentioned such a thing. I was coming up Cheapside, and he gave it to me a fortnight, if not more, after the election.

32,513. You now put in your younger son, talking about his freedom, and try to do your brother out of 1*l.*?—I gave him the money the night I got home.

32,514. You only gave him 2*l.*, and you ought to have given him 3*l.* Did Bradshaw know you had got another son?—Yes.

32,515. I do not believe it?—He could not miss knowing it. He was a neighbour.

RICHARD THORNTON, jun., sworn and examined. *R. Thornton, jun.*

32,516. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are the son of William Thornton?—Yes.

32,517. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

32,518. What did you get?—My father gave me 2*l.*

32,519. Did your younger brother get 2*l.*?—Yes, I believe he did, but it was not mentioned what it was for. My father knowing, told me what it was for.

32,520. Does your uncle live with you?—Yes. Mr. Bradshaw never made any arrangement with me. He never mentioned anything about any money, and he never canvassed me.

32,521. He never made any arrangement with you?—No.

32,522. You got the 2*l.*?—Yes.

32,523. You were put to no expense? It was all money in pocket?—Mr. Bradshaw made no arrangement with me.

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T. G. Dodgson.

SIMON GIBSON DODGSON sworn and examined.

32,524. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

32,525. What did you get?—10*l.*

32,526. Who gave it you?—George Danson.

32,527. Was that all you got?—Yes.

32,528. You were on no committee?—No.

J. Christopherson.

JOHN CHRISTOPHERSON sworn and examined.

32,529. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

32,530. What are you?—An agricultural labourer.

32,531. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

32,532. Who paid you?—Edward Keely.

32,533. Who is he? Does he live near you?—No. He lives in the town, I think. George Danson gave it to him to give to me.

32,534. Is that all you got?—No.

32,535. What more did you get?—I got 15*s.* for going to Garston for my brother.

32,536. Is he a voter?—Yes.

32,537. Did you bring him?—Yes, I did.

32,538. How did you go?—I went by the railway.

32,539. Did you get anything else?—Yes, I got 25*s.* for wages from the committee.

32,540. Is that all?—Yes, that is all.

32,541. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you see your brother paid?—Yes.

32,542. Is he here to-day?—No, not that I know of.

32,543. Where was he paid?—At Thomas Procter's. He was paid in the house along with me.

32,544. How much was he paid?—10*l.*

32,545. What did he get for wage from the committee?—He got nothing at all but that.

32,546. Is 10*l.* all he got?—Yes.

32,547. Who paid him?—The same as paid me, Edward Keely.

32,548. Have you got any other brother or cousin that was paid at the same time?—No.

32,549. (*Mr. Newton.*) He got nothing for being on the committee?—No, he was not there.

W. Threlfall.

WILLIAM THRELFALL sworn and examined.

32,550. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—At Carnforth.

32,551. Are you a labourer?—I am, in the goods' yard on the London and North-Western Railway.

32,552. You are entered on the register as a labourer?—I am a yard's-man.

32,553. You are down as a labourer?—Yes, that was when I was entered at first.

32,554. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

32,555. How much did you get?—5*l.*

32,556. From whom?—John King, of Slyne.

32,557. Is that all you got?—Yes.

32,558. You did not get on any committee or anything of that sort?—No, nothing.

32,559. Nor did you get anything from the other side?—No.

32,560. 5*l.* was all you got?—Yes, I am quite sure of it.

32,561. Are you in the company's service now?—Yes.

W. Sherson.

WILLIAM SHERSON sworn and examined.

32,562. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

32,563. What did they give you?—12*l.*

32,564. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—No.

32,565. No money excepting 12*l.*?—No.

32,566. Nothing whatever?—No.

32,567. Nothing from the other side?—No.

32,568. Who paid you?—Mr. Danson.

J. Lamb.

JOHN LAMB sworn and examined.

32,569. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—At Littledale.

32,570. What are you?—A farmer.

32,571. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

32,572. How much did you get for your vote?—I got nothing. My wife got 12*l.*

32,573. That comes to very much the same thing. Who paid her?—Mr. Cranston.

32,574. Where at?—At the bottom of the Shambles. I do not know what they call the house.

32,575. Were you on a committee?—No.

32,576. Have you always voted "Blue?"—No.

32,577. How did you vote last time?—I voted for Mr. Fenwick.

32,578. What made you vote "Blue" this time?—I always had voted "Blue" before.

32,579. Why did you vote for Fenwick?—Because I set my mind more on him than the other.

32,580. You thought Fenwick better than Saunders?—Yes.

32,581. Did you get any money for that?—No.

32,582. Who came to canvass you?—Mr. Edmondson.

32,583. Did he promise you any money?—No.

32,584. What Mr. Edmondson is that?—Of Grass Yard Hall.

32,585. Is he a young man?—Yes.

32,586. Did he not say anything about money?—No.

32,587. Who was the first person that mentioned money to you?—I do not know anybody in particular. I was not so often at home. I think my wife mentioned something about money to him.

32,588. Your wife bargained for your vote in your absence?—She did not bargain. We had lost a cow, and so she axed for summut.

32,589. The vote went into the cow. You got 12*l.* at all events?—Yes.

32,590. Do you care about having a vote?—Do I care about having one?

32,591. Yes?—I should think I did.

32,592. Only when you lose a cow?—I always give my vote free when I give any, and I did this time.

W. Kelsall.

WILLIAM KELSALL affirmed and examined.

32,593. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election? Fenwick and Schneider.

32,594. What did you receive for your vote?—10*l.*

32,595. From whom?—Thomas Stirzaker.

32,596. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—No.

32,597. Did you get anything besides the 10*l.*?—No.

32,598. Did you see any of your brothers paid?—No.

32,599. Did you not see anyone else get anything?—No.

32,600. You can only speak for yourself?—I can only speak for myself.

32,601. What is your rental?—62*l.*

32,602. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who is your landlord?—Joshua Kelsall and Thomas Kelsall.

Joshua Kelsall affirmed and examined. *J. Kelsall.*

32,603. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

32,604. What did you get ?—2*l.* 5*s.*

32,605. Who paid you ?—I do not know. Thomas Kelsall gave me 5*s.* after the election was over, but I do not know who gave me t'other.

32,606. How do you mean you do not know ?—I do not know the man.

32,607. Was he a stranger ?—Yes.

32,608. Where were you paid ?—In Penny Street.

32,609. In what house ?—It was not in a house, it was in the street.

32,610. You got some money besides ?—I got no money but 2*l.* 5*s.*

32,611. Was that all you got ?—Yes.

32,612. What are you ?—I have a little independence. I do not work much.

Thomas Kelsall affirmed and examined. *T. Kelsall.*

22,613. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

32,614. What did you get ?—10*s.*

32,615. Is that all ?—Yes.

32,616. Who paid you the 10*s.* ?—Benjamin Mills.

32,617. What did he give you the 10*s.* for ?—For taking my father down in a conveyance to the poll.

32,618. What is your father's name ? — Thomas Kelsall.

32,619. Is that all you got ?—Yes.

32,620. Where do you live ? — West View Scotforth.

32,621. There is another Thomas Kelsall of West View, Scotforth ?—Yes, my father.

32,622. Where is he ?—He was not at home this morning. He has not got any summons.

32,623. Where is he?—He is at Littledale at Henry Huddleston's.

Joseph Kelsall affirmed and examined. *J. Kelsall.*

32,624. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you live at West View, Scotforth ?—No.

32,625. Where do you live ?—At Hala Car, Scotforth.

32,626. Where did you live when you were put on the register in 1864 ?—I believe at West View, Scotforth.

32,627. For whom did you vote at the last election? Fenwick and Schneider.

32,628. What did you get for your vote ?—3*l.* 10*s.*

32,629. From whom ?—1*l.* from William Jackson, and 2*l.* from James Cornthwaite, and 10*s.* from Thomas Kelsall.

32,630. For what did you get the 10*s.* I do not know ; for my vote as far as I know.

32,631. Did you get anything else ?—No.

32,632. 3*l.* 10*s.* was all you got ?—Yes.

32,633. What are you ?—A farmer.

32,634. How much do you farm ?—About 30 acres.

32,635. What rent do you pay ?—45*l.*

Thomas Brown sworn and examined. *T. Brown.*

32,636. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

32,637. Where do you live ?—Leonard Gate.

32,638. What money did you get ?—None at all.

32,639. Are you quite sure ?—Yes.

33,640. Were you on no committee ?—No; I had nothing to do with it at all except voting.

32,641. You did not go to any of these committee meetings ?—No.

32,642. Did no one offer you money ?—No.

32,643. Some people have money given to them after they have voted ?—I had never none brought to me, and I would have had none if they had brought it to me.

32,644. Has any relation taken any money for you? No.

32,645. Not your wife ?—I have no wife.

32,646. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—I farm some lands in Bulk, but I live in Lancaster.

32,647. Have you always voted "Yellow?"—I never voted before.

32,648. How did you come to vote this time ?—Through farming land.

32,649. Have you not been on the register before ?—No.

33,650. Why did you not vote last time ?—I did not because Fenwick was far enough ahead of Saunders and that is the reason I did not.

33,651. If it had been a neck and neck race you would have come in?—Yes, I would, and that sharp too.

32,652. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have been summoned here because I have a note that Mr. Hadfield said you had been bribed ?—Me ?

32,653. Yes. Mr. Hadfield said so, and that is the reason why you are summoned here to-day. Go and tell Hadfield about it ?—I do not know the man. I cannot tell him.

32,654. Let him make your acquaintance ?—I do not know the man.

Thomas Brown sworn and examined. *T. Brown.*

32,655. (*Mr. Newton.*) You voted for Fenwick and Lawrence ?—Yes.

32,656. What money did you get ?—I got 8*l.* for voting for Lawrence.

32,657. From whom ? — A gentleman with Mr. Cranston.

32,658. Had you always voted "Yellow ?"—No.

32,659. How had you always voted "Yellow ?"—I only voted once before, and I voted "Yellow."

32,660. How did you vote then ?—I voted for Mr. Fenwick.

32,661. What did you get for voting for Fenwick this time ?—Nothing at all.

32,662. What made you lay stress upon your words when you said you got 8*l.* for voting for Lawrence, as if you had got something from Fenwick ?—I did not get a halfpenny from Fenwick either time.

32,663. Were you on any committee ?—No.

32,664. All you got was 8*l.* ?—Yes.

William Bailie sworn and examined. *W. Bailie.*

32,665. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A coal merchant.

32,666. Where ?—At Lancaster and other places.

32,667. Where do you live ?—Formerly in Ullswater Road, Lancaster. At present Red Bank, Bolton-le-sands.

32,668. You are a householder ?—Yes.

32,669. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Lawrence and Schneider.

32,670. What money did you receive ?—None.

32,671. None at all ?—No.

32,672. How came you to vote for Lawrence and

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Schneider?—Because I considered the borough in a rotten state. I had not voted before, though I had been personated.

32,673. How do you mean voting for Fenwick and Schneider helped the rotten state of the borough?—I thought I should neither please nor displease anyone then.

32,674. That is more to the purpose. You got nothing at all?—I never got anything from any party. The thing was never named to me.

J. G. Bailey.

JOHN GARNETT BAILEY sworn and examined.

32,675. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—Lawrence.

32,676. Did you get any money?—Not a farthing.

32,677. Nothing at all?—No, neither bite nor sup.

32,678. Did you give any money to anybody?—No.

H. Huntington.

HENRY HUNTINGTON sworn and examined.

32,679. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A farmer.

32,680. At Bulk?—At present I is in Lancaster I was in Bulk at the time when I voted.

32,681. How did you vote?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

32,682. How came you to vote for Lawrence and Fenwick?—I do not know.

32,683. Did you get any money?—Yes.

32,684. How much did you get?—I got 15*l.* from William Atkinson.

32,685. To vote for whom?—I voted for Lawrence and Fenwick. I believe he was for Lawrence.

32,686. You did not know much about it then?—No.

32,687. And did not care?—Very little.

32,688. How had you voted in 1864?—For Saunders.

32,689. Did you get anything then?—No.

32,690. You are quite sure that you got nothing?—Yes.

32,691. Were you on any committee?—No. I got 5*l.* besides that.

32,692. From whom did you get that?—I believe it came from Lawrence.

32,693. You got 5*l.* from Lawrence also?—Yes, but not from William Atkinson.

32,694. Who did you get it from?—I do not know who it was from.

32,695. What sort of a looking man was it that paid you?—There were two or three of them. I do not know which of them it was.

32,696. Where was it that the money was given to you?—In Market Street.

32,697. Was it given to you before you voted or after?—Before I voted.

32,698. That was also to vote for Lawrence?—Yes; but I did not know that it was perhaps all for Lawrence.

33,699. How do you mean you did not know that it was all for Lawrence?—I did not know what it was for.

32,700. But they told you, did they not, how you were to go and vote?—I had money offered me to go and vote for Lawrence and Fenwick; that is all I know.

32,701. How much money had you to vote for Fenwick?—None.

32,702. Did anybody give you any money to vote for Schneider?—No, I did not vote for him.

32,703. But did anybody give you any money to go and vote for Schneider?—No.

32,704. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

32,705. You had no money given to you to vote for Schneider?—No.

32,706. You only got 20*l.* then?—Yes, 20*l.* was all I got.

32,707. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Which did you get first; the 15*l.*, or the 5*l.*?—The 15*l.*

32,708. Where did Atkinson pay you?—I think in the "Cross Keys."

32,709. Where is the "Cross Keys?"—In Market Street.

32,710. How did he come to give you 15*l.*?—He gave me 15*l.*, and I was to go and make what I could after, but I was to be sure to give Lawrence a vote.

32,711. How came you to get 15*l.*; that is very much more than what was going?—I do not know, I got it.

32,712. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which are you naturally, "Blue," or "Yellow?"—I do not think that I am much partial to either.

32,713. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your rent?—I rented 100 guineas a year at that time.

M. Ireland.

MARTIN IRELAND sworn and examined.

32,714. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—In Bulk.

32,715. You also were paid by William Atkinson?—Yes.

32,716. What did you receive from him?—15*l.*

32,717. What did you get besides 5*l.*?—5*l.*

32,718. From whom did you get that?—From a jumbled-up lot. Mr. Sharp brought the money, but who put it into my hand I cannot say.

32,719. For whom did you vote?—Fenwick and Lawrence. You understand, I do not know who gave me the money.

32,720. You were standing in with the last witness?—Yes; we were Butty-mates we was, hand in hand.

32,721. Both of you agreed that you would go for 20*l.*?—Yes.

32,722. Which Mr. Sharp are you speaking of?—I do not know that Mr. John Sharp has any son but one; but it was Mr. John Sharp's son; he came across from the committee.

32,723. On what day did you get the 15*l.* from William Atkinson?—On the election day morning.

32,724. When did you receive the 5*l.*?—Perhaps an hour and a half after I got the 15*l.*

32,725. Would that be half-past 9 o'clock?—I think it was later than that: I was at home at 12 after polling and all done.

32,726. Where were you when you received the 5*l.*?—I received it in Townley, the hatter's, parlour. They took us up there into a parlour to give it to us.

32,727. Who took you up there?—John Bateson and Townley the hatter.

32,728. Which Townley is that? Where does he live?—He lives in Market Street. He is a hatter.

32,729. You received it from Townley?—I do not know that I got it from him: I do not know who I got it from, but I got it there.

32,730. Where did they come to you at, Townley and Bateson?—We were coming up Market Street and they were standing opposite Townley's shop, and they asked if we had voted, I said, "Not yet." Then they asked which way we was for.

32,731. Speaking to you and Huntington?—Yes; I said I did not know. "Would you like to know?" "No, we were not particular which way." "Would you give Lawrence one?" "No, I do not think we would." "Why not?" We did not know, and so on. "Would we plump him for 10*l.*?" "No," (I said) "We will not plump him." (I said) "We will give Fenwick and Lawrence one for 5*l.* each." So he agreed to give it to us. Townley then went across to the committee rooms; it was the committee room for anything I know, to fetch the money: he went in that direction.

32,732. In which direction?—To the "Royal Oak."

32,733. And left you standing in the street?—Yes, with Bateson.

32,734. Bateson was to look after you to see that you did not run away?—I do not know. We stood with him.

32,735. Then he came back with Mr. Sharp?—Yes.

32,736. Which Mr. Sharp was it?—Mr. John Sharp's son: I do not know his name.

32,737. What should you say was his age?—24 or 25. I know him very well: I know he is Mr. John Sharp's son: I do not know which son it is, if there is more than one.

32,738. And where did they take you to?—Into Mr. Townley's parlour or house: it is carpeted, &c.: it looks like a parlour.

32,739. When they got you there, what did they do?—They stopped counting the money.

32,740. Who had the money in his hand?—They took it out of a little caddy, something like that, (*a despatch box*), but less than that.

32,741. Who took it out?—Townley took it out.

32,742. And who gave it to you?—John Bateson put mine into my hand.

32,743. But if they took it out of the little box, they had not gone to the committee room for it: they did not bring the box from the committee room?—No, I did not see that.

32,744. Did they pay you and Huntington at the same time?—Both, one at once: I do not know which they paid first.

32,745. About how much money did they bring out of the box?—I do not know.

32,746. Was it gold?—It was gold that they gave us.

32,747. Was the rest gold?—I did not see into the box, and could not say.

32,748. Besides this 20*l.*, did you get anything?—Not a farthing.

32,749. Who took you to the poll?—John Bateson and John Speight, senior, and John Speight, junior.

32,750. And then you voted?—We voted.

32,751. Having got your money?—Yes.

32,752. Was Mr. Sharp present when this money was paid to you?—Yes, he was.

32,753. Then there were present at the time when this money was paid, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Bateson, Mr. Townley, Henry Huntington and yourself?—There was.

32,754. Anyone else?—No one else.

32,755. Did Mr. Sharp speak to you?—I do not know that he did, I do not think he opened his lips the whole time we was in, but we was not in many minutes.

32,756. Did you see Mr. Sharp pay anyone else?—I did not.

32,577. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is Bateson's name?—John Bateson.

32,758. Where does he live?—I fancy in Edward Street. He is clerk at Green Area Chapel.

32,759. (*Mr. Hill.*) He is not a voter?—No.

32,760. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who is Sharp's father, do you know?—John Sharp.

32,761. What is John Sharp?—An attorney.

H. Huntington recalled and further examined.

32,762. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have heard what Martin Ireland has said?—I heard it as well as I could.

32,763. He tells us that he and you were standing together, and a lot of them came up including Mr. Townley, Mr. Bateson, and young Mr. Sharp, and asked how much you would take for your vote, that you agreed that you would receive 5*l.* a piece, that you went into the parlour of Mr. Townley, and that he, out of a box which looks like a caddy, took some money and gave you each 5*l.*, is that true?—Yes, we received money in that kind of form, but from what persons I do not know.

32,764. But there were three or four people there?—Yes.

32,765. It was in Mr. Townley's parlour?—Yes, or whatever it is.

32,766. You received each 5*l.*?—Yes.

32,767. And the money was taken out of a box there?—Yes.

Martin Ireland's examination resumed.

32,768. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do I understand you to say that Mr. Sharp came out of the committee room?—He came in that direction; I cannot say that he went into the committee room. Mr. Townley and Mr. Sharp came together.

32,769. Had they got anything in their hands when they came?—I did not see that they had any caddy or anything else, only Mr. Sharp had a large dog whip-stick.

32,770. He would not have money in that?—No, there might be money in the end; I did not see the caddy.

32,771. What did Mr. Sharp go into Townley's house for?—Perhaps to witness us paid. I do not know what he went there for, but he was there; I do not think that John Sharp's son touched the money, I do not think he did, but I am not positive.

32,772. Mr. Sharp was present then when this money was paid?—He was standing right facing me as I am facing you now.

32,773. Did the caddy seem to belong to Townley's house?—I cannot speak to that, it looked like a piece of furniture on a table or something like that, but I cannot speak to who the caddy belonged to.

David Irvine sworn and examined.

32,774. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A farmer.

32,775. Living in Bulk?—Yes.

32,776. What rent do you pay?—Over 200*l.* a year, 250*l.* a year.

32,777. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I had no vote, it was the first time I had voted.

32,778. Do mean the last election was?—Yes.

32,779. For whom did you vote then?—For Fenwick and Lawrence.

32,780. What money did you get?—5*l.*

32,781. Did you get anything else?—No.

32,782. Were you on no committee?—No.

32,783. You did not get 15*l.* from William Atkinson?—No.

32,784. Where were you paid?—In the Green Area in Lancaster.

32,785. Who paid you?—William Atkinson.

32,786. Do you say that your rent is over 253*l.*?—Yes.

32,787. What is it? You know accurately what it is.—260*l.*

32,788. (*Mr. Newton.*) That is all you got for your vote?—Yes.

32,789. Only 5*l.*?—Only 5*l.*

William Burrow sworn and examined.

32,790. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Penny Street.

32,791. How did you vote at the election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

32,792. What did you get for your vote?—I received 2*l.* from Mr. Wilson Barker.

32,793. When did he pay you?—A day or two after the election.

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32,794. Was that all you got?—Yes.

32,795. What are you?—A basket maker.

32,796. (*Mr. Hill.*) You received that from Mr. Wilson Barker?—Yes.

32,797. Were you on any committee?—No.

32,798. How had you always voted at former elections?—"Blue."

32,799. What were you paid 2*l.* for then?—For treatment and refreshments.

32,800. Had you been treating?—Yes.

32,801. You had been refreshing people?—Yes.

32,802. Did you pay any money out of your own pocket?—I did.

32,803. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you go to Mr. Wilson Barker and ask for the money?—I saw him and he told me to call the day after.

32,804. Where did you see him?—I do not know whether it was in Market Street or New Street.

32,805. Do you mean his own house?—No, I went to his own house the following day; he told me to call.

32,806. Did you ask him for money?—I did.

32,807. Why was that?—I had been down at Morecambe two or three times and I had been in the town.

32,808. Who told you to go there?—Well I do not know that anybody did. Mr. Hatch knew I was down there and so did Mr. Vince.

32,809. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where did you spend any money?—I spent money both at Morecambe and in Lancaster.

32,810. Where at Morecambe did you spend any money?—At Mrs. Willacy's.

32,811. That was an open house you know?—But there was nothing there when I was there.

32,812. When was that?—I was down twice before the nomination day, and I was down on the nomination day at night.

32,813. Do you mean to tell us that you spent 2*l.* exactly?—If I was to swear, it would be over 2*l.*, for I was down there several days and about the town too.

32,814. How much of it did you drink yourself?—Well, not a great deal.

32,815. Some little?—Yes, I drank a little of it.

32,816. Just enough to keep the others in countenance?—Well, perhaps so; I never do much at it.

32,817. Did you ever spend any money out of your own pocket?—I have done so frequently.

32,818. On what day did you spend money at Mrs. Willacy's?—I spent several shillings on the nomination day at night. There was no open house then, or if there was I knew nothing of it.

32,819. When else did you spend any money there?—I was there perhaps a day or two before.

32,820. What money did you spend there a day or two before?—I spent money both there and in other houses.

32,821. What money did you spend at Mrs. Willacy's a day or two before?—I might spend a few shillings.

32,822. *Might* means nothing. What money *did* you spend?—I should not spend less than 2*s.* or 3*s.*

32,823. I do not want to know what you should or should not spend; what money *did* you spend?—I do not know, I might say three or four shilings.

32,824. I do not want to know how much you could, would, should, or might spend, but how much money you *did* spend?—I should say half-a-crown at one time, and six or seven shillings at another. I was down at Morecambe two or three times before that.

32,825. (*Mr. Newton.*) Why on earth should you go to Morecambe?—I went after some voters.

32,826. Give us the name of any single voter that you treated?—I treated the Bonds.

32,827. What Bonds?—Thomas, Richard and George Bond, and there was others in that I did not know.

32,828. Who went down with you?—Nobody.

32,829. Did you go by railway or did you walk?—Sometimes I went by railway and sometimes I walked.

32,830. Who went to Morecambe with you?—I never went with anyone except a person from Liverpool. I always went by myself except on the nomination day at night.

32,831. It seems very unnecessary that you, a basket maker in Penny Street, Lancaster, should go to Morecambe. There was a captain appointed for Morecambe, and why should you go down there?—I had gone down many a time at other elections about voters and never asked for anything.

32,832. We are not concerned with other elections, but only with this at present. On what day did you get this money?—I cannot say, but it was a day or two after the election.

32,833. Was that the first time you ever mentioned money, when you spoke to Mr. Barker after the election?—I do not know, I think I might have spoken to somebody about it before.

32,834. What a rigmarole way of answering me that is. Had you spoken to Mr. Barker about it?—I had.

32,835. Before this time when he told you to call at his house?—I spoke to him and he told me to call the day following.

32,836. That was the only time you ever spoke to him about money?—Yes.

32,837. (*Mr. Barstow.*) On what day was it that you got this money?—It might be the day but one after the election.

32,838. On what day was it?—It was not on the nomination day, or the election day, or the day after.

32,839. Then Mr. Barker is wrong, for he says it was the election day?—But it was not, it was neither on the nomination day, the election day, or the day after. If Mr. Barker was here he would tell you the same thing, he would tell you that it was neither on the nomination day, nor the election day, nor the day after that.

32,840. We have it down that it was the 12th of July?—But it was not, and if Mr. Barker was here he would tell you the same.

32,841. I do not think he would?—I will swear it. I knew when I saw it in the account that it was wrong.

T. Ralph.

THOMAS RALPH sworn and examined.

32,842. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A painter.

32,843. Where?—In Lancaster.

32,844. Do you live in the New Road?—Yes.

32,845. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

32,846. What did you get?—10*l.*

32,847. From whom?—From Mr. Stanton.

32,848. What else did you get?—I got 2*l.* 5*s.* from George Danson.

32,849. What else did you get?—4*l.* from Mr. Coupland.

32,850. What was that for?—That was previous to the election.

32,851. What was it for?—For treating purposes.

32,852. To treat yourself among the number?—Decidedly.

32,853. What else did you get?—That was all.

W. Kelsall.

WILLIAM KELSALL recalled and further examined.

32,854. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you tell us anything about Joseph Kelsall, who is No. 504 on the register, and who is described as of Quernmore, husbandman?—He is living at the south of Ray near Bentham.

32,855. What money did he get?—I cannot say.

32,856. Yes you can, we shall have to send for him if you cannot tell us?—I cannot tell, I think Benjamin Mills can tell.

32,857. Is that all you can tell us about him?—Yes it is.

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32,858. He says he gave him 3*l.*?—I have heard people say he gave him 3*l.* but I never heard him say he got it.

32,859. Was he living with you at the time of the election?—No; at the time of the election he was living at Bentham.

32,860. Did he come over from Bentham to the election?—He came over from Bentham.

32,861. And had he to be paid his expenses?—I should think he had, there is no doubt about that I think.

32,862. What would be his expenses?—I cannot say.

32,863. 1*l.* or 10*s.*?—10*s.* would clear him I should think.

32,864. Is he an old man?—No, he is about 45 I think, he may be rather older than that.

32,865. How did he vote?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

32,866. Now about this other man, Thomas Kelsall of Quernmore, what do you know about him?—I do not know anything about him.

32,867. What did he get?—I cannot tell.

32,868. You know nothing about him?—No, I do not.

32,869. Where is he?—I think he is in the neighbourhood of Garston, but I cannot tell the place where he is at present, he lives with a son that lives down there.

32,870. Is the son a voter?—Yes, he is not at present, he is cut off.

32,871. Was he a voter in 1865?—I think not, I am not sure but I think not.

32,872. Was he paid by Mills too?—I cannot say.

32,873. Do any of the other Kelsall's know more about him than you do?—Thomas Kelsall of Moor Lane is his father.

32,874. Is he here?—He was here this morning, I do not see him now.

THOMAS AIREY sworn and examined.

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32,875. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A farmer.

32,876. Where do you live?—At Golgotha.

32,877. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

32,878. What did you get?—I received 7*l.*

32,879. Who gave it to you?—James Whiteside.

32,880. Anything else?—No.

32,881. You were on no committee?—No.

32,882. You are a farmer?—Yes.

32,883. How much do you farm?—About 50 acres.

32,884. What rent do you pay?—A little more than 200*l.* a year, but I have a partner.

32,885. Does he pay half the rent?—Yes.

32,886. He is not a voter is he?—No.

32,887. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much over 200*l.* is your rent?—It is very near 250*l.*

32,888. (*Mr. Barstow*) Why did you not say so at once; how much is it?—It is 250*l.*

32,889. What did you mean then by saying just now that it was a little over 200*l.*, when you knew very well that it was 250*l.*? (*No answer.*)

32,890. It shows that you have done a very disgraceful thing, and that you are anxious to conceal it. Is 7*l.* all you received?—Yes.

32,891. Who is Whiteside?—An innkeeper at Lancaster.

32,892. The "Wheatsheaf?"—Yes.

32,893. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is that all you got?—Yes.

32,894. Were you upon any committee?—No.

32,895. What did you get on the other side?—I never received a farthing but that.

32,896. When did they pay you the 7*l.*?—After I had voted.

32,897. When was that?—About 11 o'clock.

32,898. Who came to you to ask you to vote?—I was at the station when they asked me to vote. I was not thinking of voting for that side as I did vote.

32,899. On which side were you thinking of voting?—I thought of voting for the "Blues."

32,900. Why did you not vote for the "Blues"?—My landlord made such a noise.

32,901. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who is your landlord?—The late Mr. Coulston.

32,902. Your landlord would not let you vote as you wished?—Would not let me? He could not have tied me altogether.

32,903. What do you mean by his making such a noise; you say your landlord made such a noise that you voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes; at least I had no particular political views, but our people had always voted for the "Blues."

32,904. Your landlord asked you to vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes, two or three times.

32,905. Did you say you would not vote for Fenwick and Schneider unless you were paid?—No, I did not say so.

32,906. What did you say?—I could not say exactly about that.

32,907. Try and recollect?—I cannot recollect what I said.

32,908. But you can tell us what you told him in substance if you cannot give us the exact words?—I could not say.

32,909. What did you say when your landlord asked you to vote?—I promised him I would vote that road if I did vote.

32,910. What made you accept the money then?—I cannot say, I am sure.

32,911. You cannot say why you accepted it?—Money is useful.

32,912. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When did you begin to hold under Mr. Coulston?—We have lived under him 16 years.

32,913. Had you always voted for the Blues?—I never voted before.

32,914. Have you always had a vote before?—I never had a vote before.

32,915. (*Mr. Newton.*) What then did you mean by saying just now that you always voted "Blue" before?—I say my parents had.

32,916. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When did you see the late Mr. Coulston on the subject of the election?—I could not tell; it was in the hay time, that is all I know.

32,917. Did he come to your place?—Yes.

32,918. What did he say to you when he came?—I could not tell you what he said.

32,919. Where did you see him; in the house or in the field?—I believe I saw him in the field and he called me out of the field.

32,920. And what did he say to you?—He wished me to vote for that side.

32,921. Did he say, "Well Thomas, how are you "going to vote"?—I could not say for that, but he wished me to vote for that side.

32,922. You must remember something about what he said to you?—He wished me to vote for Schneider particularly.

32,923. Did you say you were unwilling to vote for Schneider?—No, I did not; I do not think I did.

32,924. He merely asked you to vote?—Yes, and then he sent two or three times after about it.

32,925. He came two or three times afterwards?—He did not come himself; he sent.

32,926. Whom did he send?—He sent Mr. Knowles; he lives at the Well House now.

32,927. How often did he send?—Either one or two times, I cannot say, but he sent.

32,928. If you told him in the first instance that you would vote for Schneider, why did he send afterwards?—I told him if I did vote at all I would vote for Schneider.

32,929. Afterwards, I suppose he wished to make you promise to vote for Schneider?—Yes.

32,930. Not that you would vote for him if you voted at all, but that you really would vote for him; was that so?—He sent word to me that he wished me

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to vote that road if I did vote, and I never promised anybody as I would vote any road.

32,931. You never promised at all?—Not that I would vote in any way.

32,932. When your mind was in that state of suspense Mr. Whiteside came with his 7*l.* and decided the question?—No, he did not. I voted before I ever had a farthing offered.

32,933. You voted first and got the money afterwards?—Yes.

32,934. Did you vote in consequence of the solicitations of Mr. Coulston?—Yes, I did.

32,935. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you hold all your land of Mr. Coulston?—Yes, all as I farm I do.

32,936. What did Mr. Knowles say when he came; did he tell you it would be better for you if you voted as Mr. Coulston wished?—He said, as Mr. Coulston had sent him and he wished me to vote that road.

32,937. What did he say would be the consequence of your not voting that road?—I could not say.

32,938. Yes you can?—I cannot.

32,939. What did he tell you would be the consequence of your not voting that way?—He never said there would be any consequence.

32,940. What did you understand from him would be the consequence of your not voting that way?—He did not state anything at all. I think not. I do not recollect it.

32,941. What did you understand would be the consequence of your not voting that way?—I do not think he said anything at all about it.

32,942. What did you think would be the consequence of your not voting that way?—I do not know; he was rather a peculiar man if he got out with anybody.

32,943. What do you mean when you say "he was "rather a peculiar man if he got out with anybody?" —I have heard it said that he was not good to manage for a landlord after.

32,944. He was bad to manage?—Yes. I mean this here; that he was not good to manage about farms.

32,945. How do you mean "he was not good to "manage about farms"?—He was ill-tempered.

32,946. In what way?—He fell out with his tenants.

32,947. In what way would he show his ill-temper with his tenants?—I do not know; I never had none with him.

32,948. Was it in consequence of this that you voted as you did?—Yes.

32,949. In fact, you were afraid of being turned out of your farm if you did not?—He could not have turned me out, but he could have been awkward.

32,950. A landlord can be "awkward" in a good many ways, can he not?—Yes.

32,951. Do you pay your rent pretty regularly?—Yes, I have generally been qualified for that.

J. Chambers.

JOHN CHAMBERS sworn and examined.

32,952. (*Mr. Newton*) Where do you live?—In Church Street.

32,953. How did you vote?—For Mr. Lawrence.

32,954. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

32,955. Were you on any committee?—Yes, I was.

32,956. What did you get for being on the committee?—He sent for me about a month after and gave me 5*l.*

32,957. Who sent for you?—Mr. Gibson.

32,958. What did you do when you were on the committee?—I did my endeavour to get as many votes as possible.

32,959. Tell us what your endeavours were?—I attended in the committee, and went to the different places where they asked me to go and see if I could intercede with voters to get their votes.

32,960. You were like the rest of the people in Lancaster, looking after one another?—Very likely.

32,961. Was that all you got?—No, I got a little more.

32,962. How much more did you get?—I got 1*l.* from Mr. Storey for expenses.

32,963. What expenses did you incur?—I had expenses in going to intercede with voters.

32,964. Let us look at that paper which you have in your hand. (*A paper is handed by the witness to the Commissioners*). I see you received also 1*l.* 8*s.* from Jackson at the "White Horse?"—Yes; if you will allow me I will explain that to you.

32,965. You got 1*l.* from Storey and one month after the election you got 5*l.* for your services, for which you gave a receipt?—Yes.

32,966. You got 10*s.* also from Stanton?—Yes.

32,967. You therefore got 7*l.* 18*s.*?—That is right.

32,968. Now be good enough to say from whom you got that 7*l.* 18*s.*?—I got 5*l.* from Mr. Gibson; that was the last money I got; the first 28*s.* I got from Jackson; and other two gentlemen came to me with a conveyance and said I was to go to Morecambe.

32,969. Who paid for the carriage in which you were to go to Morecambe?—I do not know. I know I only paid the driver; that was on the day that Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider went down to address the electors at Morecambe.

32,970. Then you did not want to go there?—I was down there and was in at the "Joiners' Arms" when they came by with four horses in a coach, driving.

32,971. What about that?—I had got together as many voters as I could. I wanted to tell them something about Mr. Lawrence as they were going to tell the fishermen about Fenwick and Schneider.

32,972. How did you spend the 5*l.*?—I did not spend 5*l.* I got 5*l.* for my services.

32,973. What did you do at the "Black Bull?"—I paid some expenses there.

32,974. How much?—I could not say; they said that all the money was done.

32,975. Tell me how much you paid there?—I could not exactly say.

32,976. Was it 1*l.*?—I could not say.

32,977. Was it 1*l.*?—No, not so much.

32,978. Was it 15*s.*?—It was only 28*s.* altogether that I had, and I spent the greatea part of that in the "Joiners' Arms."

32,979. How much did you spend there?—I could not say exactly.

32,980. How much did you spend at the "Joiners' Arms?"—I might spend, we will say, about 15*s.*, more or less.

32,981. Did you, or did you not, spend 15*s.* in the "Joiners' Arms"?—I did, more or less. I could not say exactly. I had 28*s.* in my pocket when I commenced.

32,982. And how much had you in your pocket when you came away?—I cannot tell, but when I came to Lancaster I had 1*s.* 9*d.* I had to give a shilling to the driver; they said their money was done, and I had all the expenses to pay.

32,983. You put down 1*l.* 5*s.* for expenses at the "Joiners' Arms," what did you spend at the "Black Bull"?—I could not say.

32,984. Yes, you can; was it 10*s.*?—Not so much.

32,985. 7*s.*?—No, not so much.

32,986. 5*s.*?—No, not so much.

32,987. How much was it?—I could not say exactly.

32,988. I shall put it down half-a-crown?—Well, you may say about that and you will not be very far wrong.

32,989. I have no doubt about it; you were bribed and you received 7*l.* 18*s.* for your vote?—I did not get it for my vote.

32,990. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We are all of opinion that you did?—If you put it down in that way I think it is not exactly as it should be.

RICHARD WILLACY sworn and examined.

32,991. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a freeman?—Yes.

32,992. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

32,993. What did you get?—10*l.*

32,994. From whom did you get it?—From William Maddock at Overton.

32,995. What else did you get?—30*s.* for being on the committee from George Danson.

32,996. And what else did you get?—One shilling from James Ellershaw.

32,997. 11*l.* 10*s.* was all you got?—11*l.* 11*s.*

32,998. Do you know anything about any person we have not heard of having been paid?—No, I do not.

THOMAS DEAN TOWNLEY sworn and examined.

32,999. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you remember on the morning of the last election meeting two men named Huntington and Ireland?—I do.

33,000. Where was that?—Adjoining my own premises in Market Street.

33,001. Had you any conversation with them?—Martin Ireland and his companion came up to me whilst I was standing.

33,002. Who was with you, or were you alone?—I was alone I think.

33,003. Martin Ireland and Huntington you say came up to you?—Yes.

33,004. Well?—He asked me if there was anything stirring.

33,005. What did you say to that; or what did he mean by it?—Martin Ireland said he should like a little matter for voting. I said "I have nothing to "do with money matters; but what do you call a "little matter?" And he said "5*l.* each."

33,006. They asked you for 5*l.* each?—Yes.

33,007. What did you do upon that?—I said I was taking no part in the election, but that I would go over to the committee room and see if I could find anyone who would treat with them I went out and met Mr. William Sharp at the entrance of the doorway, and to him I stated the case and went with him into the room.

33,008. Who did you see in the room?—Either two or three strangers.

33,009. Two or three strangers?—Yes, gentlemen; they were in the committee room at the "Royal Oak."

33,010. Were there no Lancaster people there?—None.

33,011. Was there no one there whom you knew?—Not one.

33,012. What did you say to the strangers?—Mr. Sharp stated that there were two men who wanted 5*l.* each outside.

33,013. Well?—I think the strangers among them had but 4*l.* 10*s.*, and Mr. Sharp advanced 3*l.* 10*s.*, and I went to my own premises for 2*l.* to make the 10*l.* complete.

33,014. Did you take the men across with you to your own premises?—Yes.

33,015. The money, then, altogether amounted to 10*l.*, and I suppose that some of your party gave it to Ireland?—Mr. William Sharp paid them.

33,016. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you put the subscribed money into Mr. Sharp's hands?—Certainly.

33,017. What time in the morning was this?—A little after 11 o'clock.

33,018. Which room was it in; that is what I want to know?—Do you mean in the "Royal Oak" or in my own premises?

33,019. In the "Royal Oak?"—It was in a room upstairs.

33,020. Did you take this money out of a sort of box or casket?—Yes, my own cash box.

33,021. It was in a room upstairs?—Yes, at the "Royal Oak."

33,022. Was it the committee room?—Yes.

33,023. You say there were three or four persons there; were there three or four, so far as you remember?—Perhaps three.

33,024. Three strangers?—Yes.

33,025. How do you know that they only had 4*l.* 10*s.* among them. Did they pull it out of their pockets?—Yes.

33,026. Then it was gold and silver, I suppose?—I believe so.

33,027. As much as they could get together?—Yes.

33,028. Do you know Mr. Henry Threlfall Wilson by sight?—I do.

33,029. Was he one of the strangers?—No.

33,030. Are you sure?—Yes, certain.

33,031. Did you see any of those other Liverpool gentlemen when they were here in court?—I did not see one of them. I have not been in court before now.

33,032. And you did not hear any name mentioned?—No, I heard no name mentioned.

33,033. Did you pay anybody else?—No, I neither paid nor received.

33,034. How came you to go in for this transaction if this was the only one?—I can tell you; previous to Martin Ireland coming up to me I had been standing in company with Mr. Bell, the watchmaker, whose name will be familiar to you now. Mr. Blades passed down the street and called Mr. Bell on one side to speak privately to him. Mr. Bell returned to me and communicated to me what Mr. Blades had told him, that 25*l.* was the price in the committee room at that time; that that was the price they were paying.

33,035. Mr. Bell told you, as coming from Mr. Blades, that 25*l.* was the price, then?—Yes, and I made a reply and said, "It is all over, then." He very soon left me after that.

33,036. You said, "It is all over, then?"—"It is all over." He very soon left me after that, perhaps to go fishing with the 25*l.* bait. I do not know. It was after that that Martin Ireland came, and I thought that those two votes were very cheap in comparison with 25*l.* for one vote, and that was why I went. I thought I had got two votes very cheap.

33,037. To use your own phrase, it was a less expensive "bait?"—It was.

33,038. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

33,039. At what time in the day did you vote?—Half-past 8 in the morning.

33,040. (*Mr. Hill.*) How came you to vote for Lawrence and Fenwick; was it from friendship or politics?—Just friendship.

33,041. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you on any committee?—No, but I am on intimate terms with Mr. Fenwick.

33,042. What are your political leanings, Liberal or Conservative?—Conservative.

33,043. And out of friendship for Mr. Fenwick you voted for him?—I did, and would do so again.

33,044. You got nothing yourself?—Certainly not, not a pennypiece, nor paid anybody.

33,045. Except these two men?—These men I did not pay.

33,046. You helped to do it?—Yes.

33,047. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you get your 2*l.* back again?—I did not.

33,048. Have you ever applied for the repayment of it?—I have.

33,049. To whom have you applied?—Mr. Gibson.

33,050. Why has he not paid you?—I do not know.

33,051. How many times have you applied to him for it?—Not more than once.

33,052. You do not expect to receive it?—I do not.

33,053. You are willing to stand out of it?—I am.

33,054. Out of friendship for Mr. Fenwick?—Yes.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

W. T. Sharp.

28 Sept. 1866.

WILLIAM THOMAS SHARP sworn and examined.

33,055. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a freeman?—I am.

33,056. You have heard the account that has been given by Mr. Townley; is it in substance true?—It is substantially correct; but there are some few small things which are not quite correct according to my remembrance. It is quite true that I met him at the door of the committee room or in the passage, and that we then went upstairs. He told me when I met him that these two men wished to vote and that they wanted 5*l.* each for their votes. I had known that more had been given, and it appeared to me that at that time they were tolerably cheap. We took them upstairs into the middle room and there saw Mr. H. T. Wilson. What Townley says, that he was not there, is not correct; he certainly was there, because I asked him about this, and he said, "Well, I do not "know I am sure; we are rather hard up for money "at present." He had collected what he could in the room. Who else was there I do not remember now; he turned round to me and said, "Have you got any money, Sharp?" I said, "Yes, I have a little of my own, but I have not very much." I said, "I have got thirty shillings in gold and some silver." He then said, "Never mind the silver; let me have the thirty shillings," and I gave him the 30*s.*

33,057. That means a sovereign and 10*s.*?—One sovereign and half a sovereign. Townley says the money was handed to me. I do not think it was, but I do not consider that that makes any material difference, for the money was certainly taken over by one or the other. My impression was that it was Mr. Townley out of Mr. Townley's counting-house.

33,058. Did Mr. Wilson say anything about going to get money elsewhere?—I think not; not to my recollection.

33,059. Why was it that you went out with Townley, then?—I do not know; the only thing I know is that we did go, and that Townley in his counting-house made up the remainder of the money whatever it was. I do not remember what the balance was. All I know is, that I gave 30*s.* out of my own pocket towards it.

33,060. Did this gentleman, Mr. Wilson, give you 4*l.* 10*s.*?—I do not know what he gave me at all; all I know is, that I took 30*s.* out of my pocket and gave it to Mr. Wilson, and the balance, whatever it was, was made up by Townley.

33,061. It might have been 3*l.* 10*s.* from the four gentlemen and 4*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Townley?—For anything I know it might have been.

33,062. And then these two men were paid?—They were paid at Mr. Townley's office, 5*l.* each.

33,063. Who else was at the committee-room besides Mr. Wilson?—I do not remember now.

33,064. Cannot you call to mind?—No; the only person with whom I had any conversation on the subject was Mr. Wilson; my impression is that in that room there were a great many more people than three or four, as Mr. Townley states, for it was in the middle room at the top of the stairs, and there were generally a number of people in that room.

33,065. Had you been in the habit of going up into that room?—Yes, it was quite a general room.

33,066. Where was this money; was it on the table?—No, it was brought out of their pockets; Mr. Wilson got it from somewhere.

33,067. Had there been any paying going on in this committee-room that morning?—I do not know that there had been in that particular room, there had been at the house certainly.

33,068. But not in that room?—Not that I am aware of; I think not, I believe that some men had been paid on the stairs just above, just close to that room, but I do not know of any particular case in that room.

33,069. Had you yourself taken any active part in the election?—I had nothing to do with the election until the night of the nomination. On the nomination day I was told by Mr. Wilson that it was thought that I might do some good with the voters at Halton. I live in the parish of Halton, and I was to go, if I would, to the Conservative house at Halton that night.

33,070. What is the sign of the house?—The sign of the house I believe is the "White Lion," it is kept by Mr. Robert Clark; there is no sign up now, but I believe that that is the sign. I went there that night. Mr. Wilson had told me when he saw me that I should there find John King of Slyne; I went there and I found him and the voters were there, they were drinking and that sort of thing, and I stayed for a short time.

33,071. Did you make any speech?—No, I did not.

33,072. It would have been of no use perhaps if you had?—Yes; we polled 14 out of 16 at Halton, John King and I were in one room, and the voters came in and there was a conversation as to how they were going to vote; these men said they would poll for me, but I very soon discovered that they would not poll merely for my sake, they wanted something into their pockets, and they named their price and I said, "Well, I have nothing to do with the money, "you must come to the committee-room in the "morning," because that is what Mr. Wilson had told me, he said, "If the men want any money you must "bring them to the committee-room, and there will be a "man to pay them." I went about 8 and left a little after 9, and went there again about 6 six in the morning and got all the voters together; I then rode in on horseback, and John King with two staff men brought them up to the committee-room, and there they were paid. I have seen an account in the papers of what some of them received, and I took a note as I went along, for I found that some of them had been paid twice. I have a list here (*producing it*).

33,073. Tell us their names?—Joseph Bond Richmond, he seems to have received 5*l.* from Edward Mashiter, I think; he also got 10*l.* from George Danson.

33,074. He has told us that this morning?—I did not hear it. Then Martin Ireland and Henry Huntington when I saw William Atkinson's evidence of Skerton, it struck me immediately about this 5*l.* that they had each got at Mr. Townley's office; I saw that they had each got 15*l.* each from Atkinson. Then what else I have down on this list is, I received some money after the election I received about a month or six weeks after the election either 30*s.* or 2*l.* (I do not know which) from Mr. Gibson to pay three staff men with, I think it was 1*l.* 10*s.*; I can give you the names of the staff men if you wish it. Then in February, 1866, I received 10*l.* 11*s.* from Mr. Wilson Barker to pay Robert Clark's bill; he has put it down I see direct to Robert Clark, but I paid it; he gave me the money and I paid it.

33,075. That was on the 27th of February?—I thought it was about February I was not sure.

33,076. And you paid that?—I paid that and gave Mr. Barker the receipt.

33,077. Anything more?—No, I think not.

33,078. (*Mr. Hill.*) Is that all you have voted up there?—Yes.

33,079. Did you get back your 30*s.*?—I did not, I have never asked for it.

33,080. You are still that out of pocket?—I am.

33,081. Where did Mashiter get the 5*l.* that he paid to Richmond?—I do not know; all I know about Mashiter's 5*l.* is from seeing it in the paper and seeing the evidence he had given. When I saw that it struck me that he had received 15*l.*, whereas he ought only to have received 10*l.* in common honesty. He had been paid twice instead of once; he had made himself out worse than there was any necessity for.

33,082. Worse than he really was?—No, I do not say that.

33,083. Is that all that you recollect as to what took place?—Yes, I do not know of anything else.

33,084. You are not aware of any occurrence connected with the election that we do not know of?—I know there was a considerable amount of paying going going on at the committee-room.

33,085. Have you read through the evidence generally carefully?—I have generally read it every day.

33,086. Can you call to mind any name you know of that we have not had before us?—No, I think not. Mr. Danson or Mr. Wollaston gave you the whole of the Halton voters that were paid; they were paid by either one or other of them, and I saw they gave you the whole of those voters, and those were the only voters in fact that I knew much about.

33,087. Who paid the other two Halton men?—Do you mean the other two that voted against us?

33,088. Yes.—One of them is a Mr. James Gardner, a solicitor who was retained for Fenwick and Schneider, and I suppose he voted, and the other is Robert Pedder. Mr. Smith was the captain there; they are both of the same religion, and I think they voted one with the other.

33,089. Have you accounted for all the other 14?—I think you will find all the other 14 voted for Lawrence. I think Mr. Joseph Smith said he had given Pedder 7*l.*; it is Joseph Smith, a corn dealer. He has a farm at Halton; he was called three weeks ago, I think.

33,090. You think that is all you can tell us?—I do not remember anything more. If I remember anything more I shall be very glad to tell you. I will think it over, and if I can think of anything more I will come up to-morrow.

JOHN BATESON sworn and examined.

J. Bateson.

33,091. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—In Lodge Street.

33,092. Are you a voter?—No.

33,093. What part did you take in the last election?—Very little indeed. I went down to Snatcham's on the night before the election with another party to fetch up a voter.

33,094. What voter was that?—James Woodman.

33,095. Did you bring him up?—I brought him up in the morning.

33,096. Did you pay him?—No, Richard Coupland paid him.

33,097. Did you see anybody paid that night?—No.

33,098. Did you on the next day, the election day?—Yes.

33,099. Who?—I saw Martin Ireland and a man named Huntington paid.

33,100. Have you been in court while we have heard the account that has been given to us of the transaction?—No, I have not. I have only just come in.

33,101. Where did you meet these two men?—In Market Street.

33,102. You saw them go into Mr. Townley's, and receive the money?—Yes.

33,103. You were present?—Yes.

33,104. Did you go into the committee-room?—No, I did not.

33,105. Besides that, had you anything to do with the election?—No.

33,106. Those were the only two transactions in which you were engaged?—Yes.

33,107. Have you anything further to add?—No.

RICHARD BOOTH sworn and examined.

R. Booth.

33,108. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A smith.

33,109. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Lawrence and Fenwick.

33,110. Did you get any money?—No.

33,111. None at all?—No, not for voting.

33,112. Did you get any money at all during the election?—I got a sovereign of William Storey before the election, about a week or a fortnight before.

33,113. Go on?—Nothing more.

33,114. What did you do with the sovereign?—I spent it in different places.

33,115. Did you go about to pot-houses treating the voters?—Yes, I did my best gathering them up together.

33,116. And you really tell us that that is all you know?—Yes.

33,117. What did you do on the election day?—Getting voters to go up to vote.

33,118. Did you assist in paying any voters?—No.

33,119. You did not take them to any of these Liverpool gentlemen?—No.

33,120. Where did you take them, I mean the voters?—To the "White Horse."

33,121. In Church Street?—Yes. I was there all night.

33,122. You were there all the night of the 11th of July?—The night before the election day.

33,123. What were you doing there?—I was keeping the voters together.

33,124. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not get any money for all that?—No.

33,125. Were you on the committee?—Yes.

33,126. Were you not paid for being on the committee?—No. I had spent a few shillings; William Storey said that he did not wish me to be anything out, and he would give me that and it would be part towards my expenses.

33,127. You had not spent altogether 1*l.*?—Yes, I had, and more too.

33,128. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A smith.

33,129. Had you taken an active part in the previous election?—This was the first time that I had taken an active part.

33,130. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not see any people paid?—No.

WILLIAM HARLING sworn and examined.

W. Harling.

33,131. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A mechanic.

33,132. Are you a master or a journeyman?—A journeyman.

33,133. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

33,134. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

33,135-6. How much?—8*l.*

33,137. Who paid you?—Alfred Tinker.

33,138. Were you on any committee?—No.

33,139. Did you get anything else besides the 8*l.*?—No.

33,140. That is all?—That is all.

33,141. And that is all you have got to tell us?—Yes.

33,142. Do you know anything about Thomas Harling?—Yes, I should know something about him, he is my cousin.

33,143. Is he a voter?—Yes.

33,144. How did he vote?—I really do not know, not to be certain.

33,145. What did he get for his vote?—I don't know that neither.

33,146. Did he get anything?—I believe he did.

33,147. From whom?—I cannot say.

33,148. Why not?—Because I don't know.

33,149. He has told you?—I never spoke to him about it.

33,150. You have heard?—I have not.

33,151. If you do not tell us he will have to come?—I cannot help it. I cannot tell you that. I don't know.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

28 Sept. 1866.

J. Myers.

JOHN MYERS sworn and examined.

33,152. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—I keep the "Green Dragon" in Cheapside.

33,153. Are you upon the register?—I believe I should be.

33,154. Are you or are you not?—I do not know.

33,155. Did you vote at the last election?—I did not.

33,156. I suppose the reason why you did not vote was that you were not on the register then?—I was not entitled to a vote.

33,157. What had you to do with the last election?—I had nothing to do with the election.

33,158. Did you pay anybody?—Not one.

33,159. Was your house taken by either side?—Yes; Mr. Booth, the spirit merchant, gave me 6*l.* for the use of my house.

33,160. Had you any bill at your house for refreshments?—I got 3*l.* 4*s.* for refreshments.

33,161. And was there anything spent at your house besides?—That was all, but it was out of Mr. Booth's own pocket; at least, he told me that he never received a halfpenny of it.

33,162. Have you anything more to tell us?—No. That is all.

D. Black.

DAVID BLACK sworn and examined.

33,163. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Borrowdale Road, Lancaster?—Yes.

33,164. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,165. Did you get any money?—Not a farthing.

33,166. Were you on any committee?—On no committee.

33,167. You had nothing for assisting anybody?—Nothing.

T. Bailey.

THOMAS BAILEY sworn and examined.

33,168. (*Mr Newton.*) You are a householder, and you live in Ulleswater Road?—I did. I live now in Derwent Road.

33,169. How did you vote at the election in 1865?—For Lawrence.

33,170. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

33,171. That you are prepared to swear?—Yes.

33,172. Did you get anything for the purposes of the election?—Not a farthing.

33,173. Did you know anything about it?—No.

33,174. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you give anything to anybody?—No.

W. Bibby.

WILLIAM BIBBY sworn and examined.

33,175. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—At the Pointers.

33,176. Scotforth?—I believe it is in the borough. I believe I was living in Scotforth at the time I was put on the register.

33,177. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Lawrence.

33,178. What did you get?—5*l.*

33,179. From whom?—From Mr. Halstead.

33,180. What else did you get?—Nothing.

33,181. Is that all?—That is all.

33,182. What part did you take in the election?—I took none.

33,183. What are you?—A farmer.

33,184. What is your rental?—At that time it was about 41*l.* a year. That is at the time I was put on the register, but I have taken a little more this back end.

T. Bickerstaff.

THOMAS BICKERSTAFF sworn and examined.

33,185. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A flower dealer.

33,186. Are you a householder?—Yes.

33,187. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

33,188. Did you get any money?—No.

33,189. Do you mean to say you got none at all?—None whatever.

33,190. Were you on no committee?—No.

33,191. Did you render no services?—None whatever. I took no part in it.

A. Clark.

ANTHONY CLARK sworn and examined.

33,192. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a silk spinner and live in Lodge Street?—Yes.

33,193. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

33,194. What did you get for your vote?—Well, I received 19*l.* 10*s.* altogether from the commencement.

33,195. Who paid you?—Edward Johnson and Baines.

33,196. How much did you get for your vote in the first instance?—I do not know. I was sub-captain to Edward Johnson, and I was working three weeks previous to the election every night, and during the election, and I spent a good deal of money during the time through it.

33,197. And you got 19*l.* 10*s.* paid you?—Yes.

33,198. How much of that did you put in your own pocket?—I kept 12*l.* in hand.

33,199. You consider then that you sold your vote and services for 12*l.*?—Well, it may be so.

33,200. And you got 7*l.* 10*s.* for treating?—Yes.

33,201. Who besides Edward Johnson paid you the money?—Mr. Baines from Barrow.

33,202. He paid you for the vote?—Yes.

33,203. And Johnson paid you for the treating? Was that it?—Yes.

33,204. What did Baines give you?—10*l.*

33,205. And what did Johnson give you?—9*l.* 10*s.*

33,206. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you spend 7*l.* 10*s.* in treating?—I paid three committee-men 10*s.* each on the nomination day, and 10*s.* I paid for refreshments for the committee the day after the election, and the rest I spent during three weeks in treating voters and non-voters.

33,207. Did you spend 5*l.* in that way?—Yes, I should say I did.

T. Ball.

THOMAS BALL sworn and examined.

33,208. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A ship-broker.

33,209. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

33,210. What did you receive?—Nothing.

33,211. Were you on any committee?—On no committee. I was engaged as a poll-clerk. That is all.

33,212. You got a guinea as poll-clerk?—Yes.

33,213. You ought to have told us that?—I thought you meant with reference to the vote.

33,214. What did you get with reference to anything else besides the guinea?—Nothing at all.

33,215. Who appointed you poll-clerk?—I think it was Mr. Tilly or Mr. Maxted, I am not quite sure which.

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W. Kelsall.

28 Sept. 1866.

WILLIAM KELSALL sworn and examined.

33,216. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a householder?—Yes.

33,217. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

33,218. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

33,219. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all.

33,220. Were you on no committee?—No.

33,221. You rendered no services?—No.

33,222. Did you do nothing except go to the poll and vote?—No.

R. Altham.

ROBERT ALTHAM sworn and examined.

33,223. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

33,224. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

33,225. Did you get anything for being on any committee?—No; I was not on any committee at all.

33,226. Did you give any assistance at the election?—Not at all.

33,227. Nothing?—No.

33,228. You had nothing to say to it except voting?—No; nothing.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Saturday, 29th September 1866.

PRESENT:

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON. | Mr. HILL.

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H. Knowles.

29 Sept. 1866.

HENRY KNOWLES sworn and examined.

33,229. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live on Castle Hill?—Yes.

33,230. For whom did you vote?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,231. What money did you get?—8*l.*

33,232. Who paid you?—Isaac Vickers.

33,233. Did you not get anything else?—No.

33,234. Have you read Vickers' evidence?—Yes.

33,235. Does he mention having paid you?—Yes.

T. E. Whittaker.

THOMAS EARLE WHITTAKER sworn and examined.

33,236. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a tailor and draper?—Yes.

33,237. Of Church Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

33,238. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

33,239. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, I think I was a little out of pocket.

33,240. In what way?—I received 10*l.* 5*s.* altogether for the purposes of the election.

33,241. From whom did you receive it?—5*l.* from Mr. William Storey, who has accounted for it; 5*l.* from Mr. Richard Coupland, who has not accounted for it; and 5*s.* from a man named Connor, who said that he gave me 10*s.* for assistance.

33,242. Altogether 10*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes.

33,243. How did you spend that 10*l.* 5*s.*?—I gave to the wife of a man named John Parkinson 9*l.*

33,244. Is he a voter?—He is a voter.

33,245. Do you know his number?—I do not.

33,246. Does he live in George Street?—It is just out of Marton Street; he is a grocer.

33,247. Is it the man No. 1,262 on the register who is described as of George Street, Lancaster?—I think it must be George Street.

33,248. How did you spend the rest of the money?—I paid 16*s.* 8*d.* for beer and spirits sent into the house to keep him in the house. I have the vouchers here (*handing two papers to the Commissioners*). I spent also some 10*s.* or 12*s.* down at Morecambe. I was down there about three times.

33,249. How came you to go to Morecambe?—I was asked by several parties to go down there.

33,250. What are you?—A tailor and draper.

33,251. That is the way in which you spent the 10*l.* 5*s.*?—Yes.

33,252. You received nothing for yourself?—Certainly not.

33,253. Neither for your vote nor for your assistance?—Certainly not.

W. T. Sharp.

WILLIAM THOMAS SHARP recalled and further examined.

33,254. (*Mr. Barstow.*) We understand that you wish to make some addition to your evidence?—Yes; you asked me yesterday whether I remembered anybody being paid in the room at the "Royal Oak." I did not at the moment remember it, but in the course of the evening I thought of three men who I feel satisfied were paid in that room.

33,255. (*Mr. Newton.*) That was on the day of the polling?—On the day of the polling; Richard Thornton.

33,256. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which of them?—He is a farmer at Halton. Thomas Norman and William Garnett.

33,257. You say they were paid in the room at the "Royal Oak?"—Yes; with regard to William Garnett, I may say that I was going out of the committee-room and I met him in the square opposite the committee-room; and I said, "Well, William, have you voted yet?" He said, "No." I said, "Very well, then, come along and I will take you to vote;" he said, "Well, but I want my day's wage." I said "How much do you want?" and he said, "A couple of sovereigns," and then he went into the committee-room and got it in that room.

33,258. You saw him get it?—I believe I did.

33,259. Who paid him?—I believe Danson paid him.

33,260. How much do you think Thornton got?—Thornton got 10*l.*

33,261. Who paid him?—I think Danson, but I will not be sure; and Norman also got 10*l.*

33,262. Yesterday the only person you could recollect as being in that room was Mr. Wilson?—Yes, but I believe now that when Mr. Townley and I went there we went into the committee-room and not finding Mr. Wilson there we went into the room where Wollaston was, and that would account for Mr. Townley saying that there were some strangers in the room.

33,263. Is there anything else that you wish to mention?—No, I do not know of anything else at all.

33,264. What time in the day was it when these

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three men went up?—Some time before noon; between 10 and 11 I should say.

33,265. Was it before you took up the other two men?—Yes, before we took up the other two men. I may mention that these men Thornton, Norman, and these Halton men did not increase their price to 10*l.* till they got into town in the morning; the night before, when I had the conversation with them, they asked 5*l.* or 6*l.*, or something of that sort.

33,266. And when they got into the town they found the price the votes were going at?—Yes.

33,267. And then they rose to 10*l.*?—Yes. I may say as I am here that I received nothing at all for myself, or anything of that sort.

33,268. I did not ask you the question previously; you were not a voter?—Yes, I was; I voted.

J. Wimpray.

JOHN WHIMPRAY sworn and examined.

33,269. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A druggist.

33,270. Where?—In Lancaster, in Market Street.

33,271. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

33,272. What did you get?—Nothing.

33,273. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all.

33,274. Did you give anybody anything?—No.

33,275. Were you on any committee?—No, I take no interest in elections; I merely give my vote.

33,276. Do you always vote Yellow?—I have done so for the last 20 years I think.

T. Hardacre.

THOMAS HARDACRE sworn and examined.

33,277. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In St. Leonard Gate.

33,278. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

33,279. What did you get?—8*l.* 15*s.*

33,280. How did you get it?—I got 8*l.* from Mr. William King and 5*s.* from Edward Johnson.

33,281. And who did you get the other 10*s.* from?—William Jackson.

33,282. Is that all you got?—Yes.

33,283. Did you receive nothing from Lawrence's people?—No. I was working at Blackpool during the time of the election.

33,284. Then it would be in part for your journey from Blackpool?—Yes.

33,285. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A stone mason.

33,286. A master mason?—No, a journeyman.

33,287. You are a householder?—Yes.

33,288. What is the value of your house?—10*l.*

33,289. Only just 10*l.*?—Just 10*l.*

M. Harrison.

MICHAEL HARRISON sworn and examined.

33,290. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you live in St. George's Quay?—Yes.

33,291. What are you?—An actuary.

33,292. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

33,293. What did you get for so voting?—Nothing.

33,294. Did you interest yourself in the election in any way?—I was deputy mayor in the Town Hall polling booth and was paid two guineas.

33,295. Did you get anything else?—Nothing.

33,296. Nothing whatever?—Nothing.

33,297. Did you treat anybody?—Nobody.

33,298. Or bribe anybody?—No.

33,299. (*Mr. Hill.*) At which polling booth were you engaged?—The Town Hall.

33,300. Which number was that?—No. 1.

33,301. Did you see anything of any parties coming to try personation?—I do not think there was any.

33,302. You do not recollect your attention being called to it?—I have some slight recollection of one attempt but I cannot call it to my mind.

33,303. At all events it never got to actual personation?—No.

33,304. Was the oath administered to anyone?—No.

33,305. If it had been you probably would have remembered it?—Yes, and I should have made a memorandum of it at the time.

R. Bond.

RICHARD BOND sworn and examined.

33,306. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—Clerk to the Lancaster Local Board of Health.

33,307. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

33,308. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the last election?—No.

33,309. Did you pay any person?—No.

33,310. You did not take as much interest then as the clerk to the Board of Health at Morecambe?—No.

33,311. Had you nothing to do with the election?—I was above it literally; I got on to the highest hill I could find and stopped there the whole day of the nomination, and walked into the town the next morning to give my vote. I never got into a carriage, I never got a glass of beer, and never went into a public-house, and in fact I had nothing whatever to do with the election beyond giving my vote.

33,312. You had nothing further to do with the election?—Nothing at all.

T. Barrow.

THOMAS BARROW affirmed and examined.

33,313. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A woollen draper.

33,314. Of Market Street?—Yes.

33,315. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,316. Did you get any money in the course of the election?—No, I did not.

33,317. Were you on no committee?—No, I was not on any committee,

33,318. Did you take any part in the election beyond voting?—No, I did not.

A. Barrow.

AGNES BARROW sworn and examined.

33,319. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is your husband's name?—Edward Barrow.

33,320. Where does he live?—In Anchor Street.

33,321. In Lancaster?—Yes.

33,322. Do you know how he voted at the election in 1865?—Yes.

33,323. How?—He voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

33,324. Did he get any money for his vote?—13*l.*

33,325. How do you know that?—He told me he got it.

33,326. From whom did he tell you he had got it?—From Mr. John Bleasdale, of Penny Street.

33,327. Where is your husband now?—He is working at Glasson dock.

33,328. Do you know whether he got any more than 13*l.*?—No, he did not.

33,329. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you on good terms with your husband?—Yes.

33,330. (*Mr. Newton.*) Does he know of your coming here?—No, only I received the summons, and he is not here.

33,331. He is a mariner, of Penny Street?—Yes.

33,332. Did he get the whole of the 13*l.* from Bleasdale?—He told me he got it from Bleasdale.

33,333. Did he get the whole of it from Bleasdale?—I heard him say that 13*l.* came from Bleasdale, and that the other 3*l.* came from a man named Marsden.

JOHN HARRISON sworn and examined.

33,334. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—In Church Street.

33,335. Are you a householder?—Yes.

33,336. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,337. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the last election?—No, not anything.

33,338. Did you take much interest in the election?—No, none whatever.

33,339. And you had nothing to do with it beyond recording your vote?—No.

JOHN WHITTAM sworn and examined.

33,340. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you of Lodge Street, Lancaster, cabinet maker?—Yes.

33,341. Did you not vote at the last election?—No.

33,342. Did you receive any money for not voting?—No.

EDWARD WINDER sworn and examined.

33,343. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a book-keeper on Castle Hill?—Yes.

33,344. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

33,345. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

33,346. That you are certain of?—Positive.

33,347. Did you get anything for any assistance you rendered?—I had nothing whatever to do with the election in any shape or form.

33,348. Then you recorded your vote voluntarily?—I did.

WILLIAM WARBRICK sworn and examined.

33,349. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a householder?—Yes.

33,350. In the Ulswater Road?—Yes.

33,351. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

33,352. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of the last election?—I did.

33,353. What?—2*l.* on the morning of the election.

33,354. Who from?—Mr. Thomas Harrison.

33,355. What other money did you receive?—About a month after the election Mr. Edward Riley sent word that he wanted me, and when I saw him he asked me what he would be in my debt for assisting at the election. I said I did not know; and he said he would see about it, and a week afterwards he sent to me and gave me two sovereigns.

33,356. Did you receive any more money?—No.

33,357. How did you expend that 4*l.*?—The first 2*l.* Mr. Harrison gave me at the "Plough Inn." I was upon the committee with him, and he left it at 7 o'clock in the morning for me to expend on the voters there while he went to the "Wheatsheaf." We had no account there, we paid as we went on.

33,358. Was not the "Plough" an open house?—No.

33,359. Who kept it?—John Wearden.

33,360. He had a bill you know?—But I paid as I went on.

33,361. What did you spend the 2*l.* upon?—I did not spend it all at the "Plough."

33,362. How much did you spend there?—Perhaps about 15*s.*

33,363. In what?—In spirits and beer.

33,364. Where did you go then?—To the "Wheatsheaf."

33,365. That was an open house?—Yes.

33,366. Then you did not spend anything there?—Yes, I spent 3*s.* 4*d.*; whatever I ordered I paid for.

33,367. Where did you go to then?—To the "Old Sir Simons."

33,368. That was an open house, too?—Yes, but I always paid for everything I got.

33,369. Why should you pay for what you ordered if it was an open house?—I did not know that it was an open house.

33,370. But you knew the "Wheatsheaf" was an open house?—I did not.

33,371. Where else did you spend any money?—Nowhere.

33,372. Then you spent 18*s.* 4*d.* altogether?—No, I spent some at the "Old Sir Simons."

33,373. How much?—Perhaps 5*s.*

33,374. Did you spend anything else at all?—Yes, on the nomination day at night.

33,375. How much did you spend then?—Perhaps 15*s.*

33,376. Did you spend anything else at all?—Yes, sundry few shillings every night.

33,377. But the committee bills were being paid I never received anything.

33,378. Did you send in any claim to Edward Riley?—I did not.

33,379. Did you tell him that you were money out pocket?—I did.

33,380. When?—The first time he sent for me, perhaps three weeks after the election.

33,381. Who was Riley?—A grocer, in Moore Lane.

33,382. When did you tell him you were money out of pocket?—He sent to my father's to say he wanted to see me, and when I saw him he asked me what he was in debt. I said I was a few shillings out of pocket. He said, "I am aware of that. Can you tell me what it was?" I said, "I cannot exactly." He said, "You had better call again;" so I called in afterwards, and he said, "Here is two sovereigns for you. Will that do for you?"

33,383. Had you made up your mind then how much he owed you?—I had not.

33,384. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you receive anything from Moser?—I did not.

33,385. Are you quite sure you did not receive anything from Moser?—Positive.

33,386. And you have told us of all the money you received?—Yes.

33,387. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you by trade?—A stonemason.

33,388. A master mason?—No, a foreman. There is another William Warbrick. He is no relation of mine.

33,389. Had you ever voted at elections before?—Yes, I voted for Mr. Fenwick in Fenwick and Saunders's election.

33,390. What did you get then?—Nothing.

33,391. Did you expend any money then?—No, I did not.

33,392. Who told you to go on spending money?—Mr. Thomas Cleminson.

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Edward Rawlinson sworn and examined.

33,393. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You used to be an attorney practising in this town?—Yes.

33,394. We have heard that you received 10*l.* at the last election from Isaac Vickers?—Yes.

33,395. Is that all you have received?—Yes.

33,396. How did you vote?—For Fenwick and Schneider. It has been stated that I refused to vote unless I was paid. That I deny. I had voted for the Liberals before, and I should have voted for them now whether I had been paid or not.

. Bland.

James Bland sworn and examined.

33,397. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A farmer and butcher.

33,398. Are you a householder or a freeman?—A householder.

33,399. Of Penny Street?—Yes.

33,400. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,401. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

33,402. What assistance did you give towards furthering the election?—I received 10*l.* to buy a man to vote.

33,403. From whom did you get the 10*l.*?—From John Bleasdale.

33,404. Who did you buy?—I did not buy him, it was John Earnshaw that I tried to buy.

33,405. Did you buy his vote?—No.

33,406. Why not?—I could not; he voted for Lawrence and got 12*l.*

33,407. Of course you returned the money?—Yes.

33,408. To whom did you return it?—To Bleasdale.

33,409. When did you return the money?—On the day of the election.

33,410. At what time?—About 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

33,411. Where was he?—At my house.

33,412. Who saw you do it?—I cannot say.

33,413. Yes, you can. Who saw you return the money to Bleasdale?—I do not know whether anyone else saw me, but my own family.

33,414. Tell us the name of anyone of your family who saw the money returned?—My wife.

33,415. Why did you say just now you did not know that anybody saw you return it?—I thought my wife had nothing to do with me as a witness against me.

33,416. Why did you say nobody saw you return the money when you now say that your wife saw it?—I mean any person that might be a witness against me.

33,417. Why did you say just now that nobody saw you return the money when you now tell me that your wife saw it?—That was my meaning; I did not think my wife could be a witness against me.

33,418. What was Bleasdale doing in your house at 2 o'clock on the day of the election?—I do not know; he many a time called in.

33,419. What was he doing?—Talking about the election.

33,420. What was he talking about with reference to the election at 2 o'clock on the day of the election? Did he come there to get back the 10*l.* from you?—Very likely.

33,421. What was he doing there?—Nothing particular.

33,422. What time did you vote?—At 9 in the morning.

33,423. At what time did you get the 10*l.* from Bleasdale?—On the nomination day.

33,424. Who is this John Earnshaw?—He is a butcher.

33,425. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did Bleasdale give you altogether?—10*l.*

33,426. Nothing more?—No.

33,427. Did you receive any money from anybody except Bleasdale?—No.

33,428. Not a farthing?—No.

33,429. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did not Bleasdale give you 2*l.* on the day of the election?—He gave me 2*l.* back when I gave him the 10*l.*

33,430. What was that 2*l.* for?—For my services.

33,431. In what?—In running up and down trying to get votes for Fenwick and Schneider.

. Grant.

James Grant sworn and examined.

33,432. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Before I examine you I will state that the Commissioners are much obliged to you for having sent them a very good account of the statistics of the borough. What are you?—I am clerk to the Guardians of Lancaster Union; the superintendent registrar of births, deaths, and marriages for the Lancaster district, and clerk to the Assessment Committee of the Lancaster Union, I have been in the service of the union about 27 years.

33,433. You were engaged I believe in preparing the electoral statistics that were required by the Government in December last year, for the purpose of the Reform Bill?—I prepared most of those which were required by the Government, but there were many others besides those prepared in December.

33,434. I see that in your paper you give us as the number of 10*l.* householders who are on the freemens register of 1865-6, and are not upon the householders register, as 170?—Yes.

33,435. And you give the number of 10*l.* tenements in the borough as 1,303?—Yes.

33,436. Can you give us also the number of those freemen who hold 10*l.* tenements, but are nevertheless on the freemen's register?—About 170.

33,437. Can you give us their names or their numbers on the register?—I could do so in a short time; I think I have them marked.

33,438. (*Mr. Newton.*) I understand you to say that there are 170 freemen who live in 10*l.* houses?—170 on the freemen's list who are 10*l.* householders.

33,439. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Will you be good enough at some time to supplement this statement of yours by reading us that list?—I will.

33,440. (*Mr. Newton.*) I think we were told that there are about eight double entries?—Yes.

33,441. Three in one list and five in the other?—Yes, I think those are the numbers.

33,442. (*Mr. Hill.*) I see you have another paper before you. Have you anything to add to the information you have already given us?—I did not add on the list I have given you the number of working men on the freemen's list and on the householders list; I do not know that it is important.

33,443. Can you give it now?—Yes; with reference to the register of last year—1865-6, the freemen were 608.

33,444. What do you intend by the term "working men?"—There were instructions given by the Poor Law Board upon that subject, and it was a matter requiring a large amount of care and knowledge. Generally speaking, a working man is assumed to be a person who was chiefly maintained by wages earned by his own labour.

33,445. Those wages, I presume, being of the character of weekly wages?—Yes, I should say hand labour.

33,446. Would you call a book-keeper, earning a guinea a week, a working man?—If he were a very common kind of book-keeper, almost a messenger, I should. Such a man as Dobson, Mr. Maxsted's clerk, who got 35*s.* a week, I should not call a working man. A man also was regarded as a working man if his wife kept a shop, he himself working at hand work.

33,447. The fact of his wife keeping a shop would not take him out of the category of a working man?—No; and a man who worked on his own account,

although he occasionally had a journeyman and an apprentice or two, is still regarded as a working man.

33,448. He would be under those circumstances what you would call a master working man?—Yes, I should say that 57 of the householders were working men.

33,449. Can you give us their names also?—Yes, I think I can. I should wish to make this remark, that there are cases open to very considerable question as to whether the parties are to be really regarded as working men or not. I exercised a large amount of care and inquiry as to those I did not know, and I think that on one or two occasions I wrote to the Poor Law Board. We had also supplementary instructions in consequence of the first instructions that were sent not being very clear, and I altered my return by about seven in consequence of that, so that there may be a difference of opinion as to certain individuals.

33,450. But like everything else, what you give is given to the best of your ability?—Yes; I made inquiries of numbers of persons on both sides in politics.

33,451. And you have, I hope, no bias one way or the other?—I tried to be perfectly accurate.

33,452. Have you anything else to add?—I should wish to add one or two other little matters. I do not know whether I may be allowed to refer to the Grammar School in this town.

33,453. I do not think we need go into that. We saw that ourselves, and it seemed to be very flourishing?—Yes; there are pretty nearly 100 boarders there which brings a number of people to the town, and adds to its importance. Then I may state that a large amount of pure water has been lately brought into the town by Mr. Rawlinson, the Government civil engineer, not only for domestic use, but also for manufacturing purposes; and I may state, that in consequence of that improvement, the death rate in Lancaster has very considerably decreased.

33,454. You say there are 1,303 10*l.* houses in the borough?—Yes, some persons occupy several 10*l.* tenements, and many are occupied by females.

33,455. Some are occupied by persons who are not qualified to vote?—Yes, by not having been for a sufficient period in the town, and possibly some may be disqualified in consequence of not having paid their rates. I think you asked the town clerk the number of freemen on the register in 1832–3; there were 848.

33,456. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How do you calculate you 10*l.* rental?—We consider that the gross estimated rental is as near the actual rent as we could get. If we consider it really a proper rental, we should take that as the gross estimated rental.

33,457. You take the actual rental as the gross estimated rental unless there be special circumstances?—Yes.

33,458. Then we may take it that there are 1,303 houses paying an actual rent of 10*l.* a year and above?—Tenements, not necessarily houses.

33,459. You have told us that the number of 10*l.* householders on the register is 467?—Yes, that was the number last year.

33,460. The number of freemen qualified to be on the register as 10*l.* householders is 170.—Yes.

33,461. That would give 637 10*l.* householders on the register?—Yes.

33,462. Can you account for the difference between the number of voters qualified in respect of 10*l.* houses and the gross number of 1,303 10*l.* tenements?—It is accounted for by the fact that many persons occupied several 10*l.* tenements, and some are occupied by females.

33,463. Because the difference strikes me as being very great?—Yes; some persons occupy three or four tenements perhaps.

33,464. However, that is the fact?—Yes, of course these are exclusive of those in Scotforth, which I give in another paragraph.

33,465. (*Mr. Newton.*) I understand you to say that you class only the men who are employed in manual labour?—That is so.

33,466. Then why is not a clerk who works at quill driving, and who is earning 30*s.* a week, called a working man?—To the best of my ability I carried out the instructions of the Poor Law Board. I do not know that they specifically mentioned that; but my impression was, that persons of that kind were not to be regarded as working men.

33,467. Those were your instructions, that you were merely to find out persons who are artizans and labourers, and were not to include clerks and people of that kind?—Yes; as far as I now remember.

33,468. Those were your instructions?—That is my present impression. It may not perhaps be out of place to remark, that the men you have had before you from Morecambe do not represent the Morecambe people. There are a large class of the respectable persons there quite different from the freemen you have had before you.

33,469. It so happens, that all except 12 of the voters there who are freemen have been bribed?—But there are a large number of persons resident there of quite a different class.

33,470. Morecambe is not within the borough?—No.

33,471. So that persons in the higher class at Morecambe have no votes?—No.

33,472. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And in consequence they have never been tempted?—No.

33,473. Have you anything else to add?—I am not aware of anything.

The following statement referred to in the examination of this witness, is put in:—"The population of "the borough of Lancaster in 1831 was 1,3934. In "the electoral statistics of this year it is stated to "have been 14,066. The error has arisen from the "inclusion of the whole of the townships of Skerton "and Bulk, part only of those townships being in the "parliamentary borough. Population of the borough "in 1861:—

"Lancaster - - -	14,487
"Bulk part of - -	51
"Skerton - - -	1,467
	16,005

"Increase in 1861 over 1831, 2,071 or 15 per cent. "stated in the electoral statistics to be 1,939.

"It is computed in the electoral statistics that the "population has decreased 81 since 1861. Such is "not the case. The following facts justify my belief "that there has been an increase of at least 1,500 "since that period.

"(1.) The increase of births at 35 per annum to "1,000 persons (the average rate of Lancaster) gives "an increase of 1,543.

"(2.) The number of hands employed at three "works established since 1861, viz., a large cotton "mill, a joint stock waggon works, and an iron ship-"building yard is 900. Many of these hands have "families.

"(3.) The number of houses in 1861 was

Inhabited - - -	2,992
Uninhabited - - -	299
	3,291

"At present there are about

Inhabited - - -	3,335
Uninhabited - - -	45
	3,380

"This gives an increase of 343 inhabited houses "and, at 5 for each house, an increased population of "1715.

"Computing the increase upon 1861 at 1,500 only, "the population of the borough is now 17,505, "making an increase upon 1831 of 3,571 or 25½ per "cent. instead of 1858 or 13 per cent. as stated in the "electoral statistics.

"There is scarcely a house uninhabited which is "fit to live in.

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"The number of 10*l.* householders on the register
was in 1832–3 - - - 261
„ 1864–5 - - - 432
„ 1865–6 - - - 467
Increase of 1864–5 over 1832–3 - 171
„ 1865–6 „ - 206
„ „ 1864–5 - 35

"No. of 10*l.* householders who are on freemen's
" register of 1865–6 and who are not upon the house-
" holder's register—170.

"No. of 10*l.* tenements in borough 1,303.

"The value of rateable property has increased up-
" wards of 20 per cent. in 20 years.

. Barrow.

JOHN BARROW sworn and examined.

33,474. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A painter, of Derwent Road.

33,475. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,476. Did you get any money?—No.

33,477. Were you on no committee?—No.

33,478. You got no money after the election?—None.

T. Smith.

THOMAS SMITH sworn and examined.

33,479. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—I am ostler at the King's Arms, and keeps an inn, the "Bay Horse" in China Lane.

33,480. How did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Mr. Lawrence.

33,481. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, I did not.

33,482. Did you busy yourself in the election?—I had nothing at all to do with it whatever.

33,483. You being ostler at the "King's Arms" probably do not know very much about what goes on at your house in China Lane?—I do not.

33,484. Is there a Mrs. Smith?—Yes.

33,485. She would know what goes on at the "Bay Horse?"—Yes, she does.

33,486. You are not ostler in the evening, you are not looking after the horses then?—I am backward and forward during the day. Sometimes I am in my own house.

33,487. At what time are you at your own house in the evening?—At different times—sometimes 6 and sometimes 7; sometimes I am kept as late as 10.

33,488. Can you call to mind any evening in July 1865 when you found a quantity of people there?—I do not know that there were more people there then than there are at other times; all was going on right.

33,489. Can you recollect any night about the election time when there were a great number of people at your house?—I cannot.

33,490. Was your house used as one of the houses engaged for the party?—No; it was never engaged since I have had it and that is going on for six years, not by either party.

33,491. *Mr. Hill.*) It has never been engaged do you say?—Yes, it has never been engaged.

33,492. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did any of the Conservative captains go to your house?—They have been in it I have no doubt.

33,493. Have you seen them there?—I have seen all sorts there.

33,494. Then they have gone there?—Yes.

33,495. Have you seen them giving drink to any of the electors?—No.

33,496. Was there ever a score run up at your house?—No.

33,497. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What would these Conservative captains be doing there if they were not spending money in drink?—I could not say; they used to come in occasionally you know.

33,498. What brought them in?—I cannot tell; they had been accustomed to come into the house before, and during the time of the election and since.

33,499. What Conservative captains came to your house; tell me some of their names?—I could not tell you their names.

33,500. You told us just now they were men who used your house?—They are accustomed to come into the house to have their drink.

33,501. Then you must know who they are?—I could not tell you their names.

33,502. That is too absurd an answer; you must know the names of those who use your own house? I can mention one any way.

33,503. Mention him then?—I do not know that he had any great interest in it.

33,504. Mention his name?—George Danson came.

33,505. What did he do?—I never saw him do anything.

33,506. You must have seen him do something, a man does not come into a house and do nothing you know?—No, of course not.

33,507. What did he do,—tell us what he did?—He has asked for a glass of something to drink, and perhaps he has given or taken one.

133,507*a*. Was he treating anybody in your house?—Not particularly.

33,508. Was he treating anybody?—I say he might treat a few of them.

33,509. Was your house more thronged than usual at the election time?—No, not at all.

33,510. Was George Danson treating the electors in your house in the way we have heard described?—No.

33,511. Nothing of that sort was going on?—Nothing at all.

33,512. And your house was not used by either party at the election?—It was not.

T. Winder.

THOMAS WINDER sworn and examined.

33,513. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

33,514. What are you?—I am set down in my summons as an auctioneer. I am at present a furniture broker.

33,515. You are put down in the register as an auctioneer?—Yes.

33,516. And you do occasionally an auctioneer's business?—No, I beg your pardon.

33,517. You do not take out a licence?—No.

33,518. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

33,519. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the election?—Not a halfpenny.

33,520. Did you not have anybody to look after?—No, I did not interfere with it whatever.

33,521. Not in any way?—I did not.

33,522. Neither as a briber nor in any other capacity?—By no means.

33,523. Not as a captain?—No, and I never went into a committee-room or into any house that was open.

33,524. Were you canvassed by both parties?—Of course I was.

33,525. Have you always voted Blue?—Always.

Bratherton.

ROBERT BRATHERTON sworn and examined.

33,526. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—In Leonard Gate.

33,527. Are you a householder?—Yes.

33,528. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

33,529. Did you receive any money about the election time?—10*l.*

33,530. From whom?—Through Mr. Jackson.

33,531. Which Mr. Jackson?—Mr. Isaac Jackson.

33,532. Anything else?—No.

33,533. Nothing for being on the committee?—No, not a farthing.

33,534. Nothing from George Danson?—No.

33,535. Nothing from the other party?—Not a penny from anybody.

33,536. You just got a clean 10*l.*?—Yes.

33,537. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is your rental?—14*l.* for the house.

33,538. What are you?—A labouring man.

33,539. (*Mr. Newton.*) What wages do you earn a week?—I do not know, sometimes more and sometimes less. I keep a horse and cart, and sometimes I am employed and sometimes I am not.

33,540. You are a jobber?—Yes, I job about for anybody. I work for anybody that will employ me.

THOMAS HARRISON affirmed and examined.

T. Harrison.

33,541. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—I am a tea dealer.

33,542. Where do you live?—In Quernmore Road.

33,543-4. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,545. Did you get anything for your vote?—Nothing.

33,546. Had you anything to say at the election?—I took no part in it. I remember a conversation with one, Mr. Horrocks, about his wife in Penny Street, to the effect that Mr. Wilson of Liverpool had called and offered them money. I believe the sum named was 30*l.* for Horrocks' vote and interest or influence.

33,547. Were you present?—No, it was merely a conversation with his wife.

33,548. Did the wife receive the money?—I believe that they did not vote on that side; I believe they voted on the Liberal side; Horrocks voted on the Liberal side.

33,549. Then I did not catch the purport of the conversation?—Mr. Wilson of Liverpool (I understood her to say), had called and offered 30*l.*

33,550. For the vote of whom?—Of her husband.

33,551. When did this conversation take place between you?—Previous to the election.

33,552. Where?—It would be on a Friday. I cannot give the date.

33,553. Where was this conversation?—They were shopkeepers at that time; it was in their shop in Penny Street.

33,554. Did she say what Mr. Wilson it was?—She said Mr. Wilson of Liverpool.

33,555. What more did she say?—She said they had no intention of changing from the Liberal party.

33,556. That is all you know?—That is all I know.

33,557. You did not pay any money yourself?—I did not.

33,558. Nor receive any money?—No.

LAWSON WHALLEY SWAIN sworn and examined.

L. W. Swain.

33,559. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A carter.

33,560. Do you keep your own cart and go out jobbing?—Yes, I have done so some years.

33,561. Have you more than one horse and cart?—Several.

33,562. And a good many people working under you?—Yes.

33,563. What is the rent of your house?—The house I am living in now is 10*l.*

33,564. What do you occupy with it?—I occupy nothing with it; not belonging to the landlord you know.

33,565. How much rent do you pay altogether?—10*l.* for the house.

33,566. How much rent a year do you pay out of your own pocket?—I think the buildings I occupy are my own.

33,567. What is about the rental of them?—About 22*l.* a year.

33,568. Then you occupy to the extent of about 32*l.* a year?—Somewhere on that way.

33,569. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,570. What monies did you receive?—10*l.*

33,571. You received that from Henry Welch?—I did not receive it from Henry Welch; he was a strange person that brought it down. I did not know his name. I had never seen him before, and have not seen him since.

33,572. It came from Henry Welch through this strange person?—Yes, it came from him.

33,573. Did you receive any other money?—No.

33,574. (*Mr. Newton.*) How had you always voted before?—I have not been a voter very long, but I have generally voted for the Liberals.

33,575. How came you to be tempted this time by 10*l.*?—I think it was two or three months after the election the money came down to me, and of course I received it.

33,576. I do not see that there was any "of course" in it at all. If you voted according to your principles, why did you receive 10*l.*?—I did not ask them for anything, and they did not promise me anything.

33,577. Do you mean to say the money was forced upon you?—They gave it to me.

33,578. Do you mean to tell to us that you did not say that others had got money, and that you had not?—I never mentioned it to anybody.

33,579. Did you never complain that you had got nothing for your vote?—Never at all.

33,580. How long after the election do you say it was when they gave you the 10*l.*?—A great part of two or three months, I daresay. I cannot tell to weeks, for I took no notice of it.

33,581. It was three weeks or a month after, was it not?—Above two months, I should say, without any doubt.

33,582. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you not say beforehand, that you would not vote unless you got 10*l.*?—To no one.

33,583. Who canvassed you?—Of course the Liberal party canvassed me.

33,584. Did the other party canvass you also?—They came, but I never saw them.

33,585. Did any of the captains come to you?—No, not one.

33,586. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which way did you vote in the Fenwick and Saunders' fight?—I voted for Fenwick.

33,587. And which way did you vote in the election previous to that?—I cannot possibly tell you; to tell you the truth, I do not think I have voted above twice or three times in my life.

JAMES THOMPSON sworn and examined.

J. Thompson.

33,588. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a miller?—Yes.

33,589. Where do you live?—In Damside Street.

33,590. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,591. What money did you receive?—*5l.*

33,592. From whom?—From Robert Whiteside.

33,593. What other monies did you receive?—*5l.*

33,594. What besides?—Nothing.

33,595. You received 10*l.* altogether?—No, *5l.* altogether.

33,596. Were you on no committee?—No.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

J. Thompson.

29 Sept. 1866.

33,597. When did you receive this money?—On the night of the election.

33,598. After you had polled?—Yes.

33,599. Had you had any agreement before, what you were to have?—No, not particular.

33,600. You did not take much interest in the election?—No, I did not.

33,601. Have you generally voted "Yellow?"—I voted for Fenwick when Saunders put up.

33,602. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did you get when you voted for Fenwick?—I think it was 20*s.*

33,603. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is your rental?—11*l.*

33,604. Is that all you occupy?—Yes.

33,605. You occupy none of your own?—No.

T. Kelsall.

THOMAS KELSALL affirmed and examined.

33,606. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at West View, Scotforth, and are a farmer?—I used to be a farmer; I am not now. My son is a farmer there now; but he was here yesterday.

33,607. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,608. Are you the man described on the register, as of West View, Scotforth, farmer?—There is no doubt about it, but there is two of us.

33,609. Did you get any money about the election time?—None at all.

33,610. Were you on no committee?—No, I only came down that morning, and went back at 12 o'clock.

33,611. What time in the morning did you come?—About 8 or 9 o'clock. I do not know exactly; about 9 I should think.

33,612. You got no money?—No money at all.

33,613. (*Mr. Hill.*) No expenses?—No.

33,614. Did you give any money away?—No, I did not give any away; I had nothing to do with the election.

W. Kelsall.

WILLIAM KELSALL affirmed and examined.

33,615. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a farmer?—Yes.

33,616. At Quernmore?—Yes.

33,617. And you are a husbandman?—Yes.

33,618. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Lawrence.

33,619. And what did you get for your vote?—5*l.* for voting.

33,620. Who paid you?—Thomas Cranstoun.

33,621. That is Mr. Garnett's steward?—Yes.

33,622. 5*l.*?—5*l.* for vote and part for expenses.

33,623. Did you get anything else besides the 5*l.*?—No.

33,624. How much did you get for your expenses?—I went up to see a brother of mine about 10 or 12 miles off. I went by railway backwards and forwards. That was all I got.

33,625. What did you get at Fenwick and Saunders's election?—I got 2*l.* from Saunders.

33,626. Are you an agricultural labourer?—I work at land when I do work.

33,627. What wages do you get?—I get no wages.

33,628. Have you a little property of your own?—I live with a nephew of mine.

J. Booth.

JOHN BOOTH sworn and examined.

33,629. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you spend any money at the last election?—Yes, I did.

33,630. You spent money for Mr. Lawrence?—I spent it out of my own pocket. I never received a farthing. I spent it on Mr. Lawrence's behalf.

33,631. How much did you spend altogether?—I paid Myers 6*l.* for his house and 5*l.* 4*s.* for refreshments.

33,632. What is Myers's sign?—John Myers, of the "Green Dragon."

33,633. Was that all you paid Myers?—That is all I paid him.

33,634. What other money did you spend?—I paid a man named William Hunter, a non-voter, 1*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* for his expenses to Carnforth to look after a voter called Anthony Taylor. That was for two days work and his railway fare to bring Taylor up to vote. William Hunter is the non-voter who went for Anthony Taylor the voter.

33,635. Did you pay anything else?—Yes, I paid three men, for assisting during the morning of the election, 10*s.* each—two men of the names of Baines and Ward, and I forget the name of the other man.

33,636. Were they non-voters?—Non-voters; they were strangers. I believe the other man's name was Taylor.

33,637. Anyone else?—Then I paid Woodhouse, a voter, 2*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.*

33,638. Which Woodhouse?—Woodhouse who keeps a public-house. He has been examined. Robert Woodhouse; that was for refreshments.

33,639. What sum?—2*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.*

33,640. Anyone else?—No, I think not.

33,641. Are you quite sure?—Yes. William Hodgson, he was on the staff—he is a voter too—I paid him 4*l.* altogether.

33,642. What Hodgson is that?—William Hodgson, of Golden Ball Yard (*a paper is handed by the witness to the Commissioners*).

33,643. I see it is charged to the committee of Edward Lawrence, Esq.?—Yes, but I paid it, and I have not been refunded either.

33,644. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you supply goods gratuitously to any person in consequence of the election?—No, not at all.

33,645. Do you know anything of a man named Whittaker?—No, I do not. I know one Mr. Whittaker, who is living in Church Street.

33,646. Just look at those (*handing two papers to the witness*)?—Yes. This gentleman lives in London now. He was a tailor and draper in Church Street.

33,647. Those are goods supplied by you to him?—Yes, goods supplied by me *bonâ fide*.

33,648. In the ordinary course of trade?—Yes, in the ordinary course of business.

33,649. And paid for by him?—Yes, decidedly.

33,650. You did receipt the bill gratuitously on consideration that he should vote one way?—No; everybody who knows him knows he is far above anything of that kind. He is a highly respectable gentleman.

33,651. Mr. Whittaker was the first or second witness examined here this morning?—I am not aware of that.

33,652. Why do you say he is gone to London?—He is gone into partnership with a gentleman there, I believe.

33,653. He has not gone yet?—Oh, yes, he has been there some time.

33,654. I am told that Mr. Whittaker gave those bills this morning into Mr. Hill's hands?—I believe he has been disposing of his business, and perhaps he has come for that purpose, but I was not aware he was here. He was my tailor and draper; he makes all my clothes and my nephew's clothes, and these goods were had in the ordinary course of business.

33,655. It looks very like it?—It is so.

33,656. (*Mr. Hill.*) I see on the bill there are three items in red ink, "16*s.* 8½*d.* were the amounts I supplied to Thomas Parkinson?" He supplied it, and you supplied it to him, and it was paid for in the regular course of business?—Yes, no doubt. Those bills were settled when I settled my own account.

33,657. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you receive any money

from Mr. Lawrence's committee?—No, never a farthing.

33,658. All your assistance has been gratuitous on your part?—Yes.

33,659. Did you pay anyone for their votes?—No, certainly not. I never paid anyone a single farthing, and never saw anyone paid.

33,660. Is this all the part you took in the election?—That is all. I have another item to give you. I gave a man named George Norman 1*l.* for board and wages; he formerly lived at Kendal, but now he resides at the "Victoria Hotel."

33,661. He is a voter?—Yes.

33,662. Where is the "Victoria Hotel?"—In Penny Street, Lancaster, a few yards higher up than I reside. At that time he was living at Kendal. He came to me to say he should want something for his wages, and he was here two or three days perhaps.

33,663. You are this 21*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.* out of pocket?—Yes, just so.

33,664. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you ever said you spent 100*l.* on Mr. Lawrence?—Never.

33,665. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you ever made any application for payment of this 21*l.* odd?—No, I have not.

33,666. You do not intend to do so?—No, of course not now; it has never been offered to me voluntarily.

33,667. I do not see why you should say "of course not;" but you have not—that is enough for us?—No, I have not.

33,668. What did you give George Norman the 1*l.* for?—He resided at Kendal, and he was coming to stop a few days before the election. He said he was short of money, and of course I gave it to him to keep himself and for his own expenses during the time.

33,669. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you think his expenses would come altogether to 1*l.*?—He was here two or three days before the election.

33,670. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you spend any money in treating?—No doubt I was a few pounds out of pocket in going about amongst the voters.

35,671. Besides this 21*l.* odd?—Yes, but I cannot give you any definite sum.

33,672. We generally ask the witnesses to say about what they think?—I should think you might put it down, during the canvass and everything together, 3*l.* or 4*l.*

33,673. What shall we take?—I really cannot tell you.

33,674. Give us the sum; shall we say 3*l.* or 4*l.*?—You may put down whichever you think proper. I cannot tell you to a few shillings.

33,675. (*Mr. Hill.*) Shall we say 3*l.* 10*s.*?—If you like.

JOHN WHITTAKER sworn and examined.

J. Whittaker.

33,676. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—In Lodge Street.

33,677. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

33,678. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

33,679. What did you get?—I got 5*s.* for being on the committee. They offered me 10*s.*, and I said 5*s.* was sufficient.

33,680. Did you not get anything more than 5*s.*?—No.

33,681. Were you paid nothing for your vote?—No.

33,682. You received no other money except the 5*s.*?—No, not a farthing. I received it from Harrison. I see he puts it at 10*s.*, but 5*s.* of it was for a man named Gardner, a wood carver.

33,683. That is all you got?—Yes, it was.

33,684. Are you in Gillow's employment?—Yes.

MILES WILLAN sworn and examined.

M. Willan.

33,685. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a builder?—No, I am an ironmonger and plumber.

33,686. In partnership with George Cleminson?—Yes.

33,687. You voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes, I did.

33,688. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None at all.

33,689. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the canvass?—None at all.

33,690. You were on the committee?—No I was not. I never took an active part at all beyond voting. I never asked my own workmen even for a vote.

33,691. You never received any money either for yourself or any other person?—No, nor did I pay a penny.

33,692. You did not pay any of your own money?—No, not for electioneering purposes.

33,693. Did you see anyone paid?—I saw Mr. Cleminson pay the bell-ringers a sum of money for ringing the bells, but that is all, and whether that was for electioneering purposes or not I do not know.

33,694. I suppose the church bells were rung when the members were returned?—He will be able to answer that himself I daresay.

33,695. You do not know whether they were or not?—No, I do not know indeed.

JAMES BOND sworn and examined.

J. Bond.

33,696. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Quarry Street.

33,697. What are you?—A joiner and builder.

33,698. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

33,699. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

33,700. Nothing at all?—No.

33,701. Did you assist in any way at the election?—Richard Stanton called at our house about a week previous to the election, and gave me 10*s.* to treat some voters with; and on the morning of the election, at the "Sun Inn," he gave me 17*l.* 10*s.* to pay two voters with that were in the room. I merely took it in one hand and handed it to them right forward. The voters were there.

33,702. Who were the two voters?—Jonathan Wolfendale, butcher, Moor Lane, 10*l.*

33,703. Who was the other?—John Taylor Dunderdale. He will be a freeman.

33,704. How much did you give to him?—7*l.* 10*s.*

33,705. How was it Stanton did not pay them?—I do not know; he was very busy, and just gave me the money to give it to them.

33,706. Where was this?—At Bannister's, at the "Sun Inn," in Church Street.

33,707. Was that all you had to do with the election?—Out of that 10*s.* I gave to Dunderdale's mother ——

33,708. Which 10*s.*?—I got 10*s.* about a week previous to the election.

33,709. You did not tell us about that?—Yes, I did. I got it about a week previous to the election. This Dunderdale's mother is a very poor widow, and she was put to some additional expense by Dunderdale coming from Manchester. I gave her 7*s.* 6*d.*, so I had 2*s.* 6*d.* left, and I spent that amongst sundry voters. That is all I had to do with it.

33,710. Where is Dunderdale?—In Manchester he was then, but I think he is now at Ashton-under-Lyne.

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33,711. (*Mr. Hill.*) You paid him?—Yes, I just handed him the money.

33,712. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is that all you know about it?—Yes.

33,713. Did you treat any voters?—I never gave any any drink. I gave it to them in money; I only had half-a-crown to spend, but I gave a good deal more than that.

33,714. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where was Dunderdale when you paid him?—At the "Sun Inn." Mr. Stanton just handed me the money, and I gave it to him.

33,715. You were there helping Stanton?—No, I was not.

33,716. What brought you there?—I do not know.

33,717. What did you go there for?—I was at liberty to go there.

33,718. Yes, of course one is at liberty to go to a great many places, but one does not go without a reason?—That is the only part I took in it.

33,719. At what time in the day was it?—Between 9 and 10 in the morning.

33,720. You do not always go to public-houses between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning?—I very seldom go at all.

33,721. That is all the more reason why you should not have gone there without a reason?—That is all the part I took.

33,722. You went there to help Stanton?—If that was helping him I did.

33,723. It was helping him, was it not?—Very good if you say so.

33,724. Do you not call it helping him?—That is the only part I took.

33,725. Did you take either of them to the poll?—I do not know anything about that.

33,726. Did you take either of them to the poll?—No.

33,727. Who took them to the poll?—They went right away as soon as ever they got the money.

33,728. Who took them to the poll?—I do not know. I do not think anyone did.

33,729. Had they polled when you paid them?—No.

33,730. How do you know that?—They said they had not.

33,731. You having received this money in your hands, did you not keep it until they had polled?—No, I just handed it to them right away.

33,732. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

33,733. Were you not the man to hold the money until they had polled and come back safe?—No.

33,734. How near were they standing to Stanton when you paid them?—They were a few yards off.

33,735. What made him pass the money into your hands?—It was me that went up to them. I had seen them in the street.

33,736. And you brought them in to Stanton?—No; I do not know how it was.

33,737. Come, give us a straightforward answer. You saw them in the street, and brought them into the "Sun Inn." Is not that the truth?—I do not know whether I did or did not.

33,738. Now I put it to you, do you not recollect that that is the truth of the matter?—I am not sure whether I went in with them or not.

33,739. What did you go to the "Sun Inn" for if it was not to take them to Stanton. Did you know either of them before?—I was personally acquainted with them both.

33,740. You knew what they were going to get; did you not take them into the "Sun Inn"?—I do not know whether I did or not.

33,741. You would not have gone into the "Sun Inn" with those men without some reason; when was it arranged what money they were to have?—I do not know anything at all about it.

33,742. Had you been at the house of either of them shortly before the election?—I am in the habit of going to their houses frequently.

33,743. You cannot tell me when you were at the house of Wolfendale before the election?—I should think I was there in and out three or four times a week or more.

33,744. When were you last at Wolfendale's house, before the 12th of July 1865?—Perhaps a week before the election.

33,745. Did you arrange with him then what he was to have for his vote?—No, I did not.

33,746. Did he tell you what he wanted for his vote?—He wanted to know if they were giving anything, and I said the best thing he could do was to go up to the "Sun Inn" early on the morning of the election.

33,747. You met him in the street and took him in, why did you not tell us that before? When did you call at Dunderdale's, before the 12th?—He was in Manchester at the time.

33,748. When did you see Dunderdale before the 12th?—On the night before the election.

33,749. Did he ask you what they were giving for votes?—No; I just told him to go the same as Wolfendale to the "Sun Inn."

33,750. You also took him?—No, I think he came in afterwards.

33,751. You were with him at the "Sun Inn?"—Yes, I was.

33,752. You know in your own mind you arranged about the price or talked about the price? What is the use of giving me all this trouble. Why do you not give a straightforward account of it at once?—Mr. Stanton handed me the money and I merely just handed it over to them.

W. Gardener

WILLIAM GARDENER sworn and examined.

33,753. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A joiner.

33,754. Where do you live?—In Leonard Gate.

33,755. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

33,756. How much did you get?—10*l.*

33,757. From whom?—Mr. Stanton.

33,758. Where?—At the "Sun Inn."

33,759. What else did you get besides?—2*l.* 5*s.* from George Danson.

33,760. What else?—Nothing.

33,761. Was that all you got?—Yes.

33,762. I suppose the 2*l.* 5*s.* was for committee work?—Yes.

33,763. Were you on the Yellow committee as well?—No.

33,764. Did you not get anything to spend in refreshing?—No.

33,765. You got no odd shillings given to you at different times?—No, only that 2*l.* 5*s.*

33,766. And the 10*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

33,767. When did you arrange about the price of your vote?—I never arranged at all.

33,768. They brought it to you?—No, Mr. Stanton gave it to me after I had voted.

33,769. The same day?—Yes.

33,770. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote in 1864?—Mr. Saunders.

33,771. What made you take money this time?—Because I took it before.

33,772. You were always a Conservative?—Yes.

33,773. Did you get anything from Saunders?—2*l.*

33,774. You would not be a Conservative unless you were bought, I suppose?—Yes, I would.

33,775. Why did you accept this money. You say you did not go to Stanton to make any agreement beforehand?—No, I did not.

33,776. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is your rent?—About 9*l.* 10*s.*

JAMES BIRKETT Junior, sworn and examined. *J. Birkett.*

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33,777. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,778. Did you get any money?—Yes, 6*l.*

33,779. Did you get that from Birdall?—Yes, 3*l.*

33,780. How much did you get altogether?—6*l.*

33,781. Did you get anything more?—No, not a farthing.

JOHN RALPH sworn and examined. *J. Ralph.*

33,782. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Leonard Gate.

33,783. What are you?—A spinner.

33,784. How did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

33,785. What did you get for your vote?—I got 8*l.* but I do not know that I voted for the 8*l.* exactly; I did not ask for any money.

33,786. What do you mean by that?—I mean to say I should have voted for Fenwick and Schneider if I had never got a halfpenny. I never asked for any.

33,787. Who paid you?—William King.

33,788. Where did he pay you?—At the "Swan Inn."

33,789. Were you on any committee?—No.

33,790. Is that all you did?—Yes.

33,791. You got 8*l.* for your vote?—Yes.

33,792. Did you ask King beforehand for the 8*l.*?—No. I never said anything to him about money in no way.

33,793. How did you vote in 1864?—For Fenwick.

33,794. Did you get paid then?—No.

33,795. Why did you accept this money this time?—I took it as a present.

33,796. What for?—I do not know. I would take it from you if you would give it to me for a present.

33,797. I am not likely to offer it to you, but I do not understand why you should take money if you vote according to your principles?—I am not overweighted with money.

33,798. What are you?—A cotton spinner.

33,799. What rent do you pay for your house?—6*l.* 10*s.*

33,800. What wages can you earn?—Is that a fair question?

33,801. Yes, certainly; and I beg you to understand you must answer any question I put to you. What wages do you earn?—About 1*l.* a week, but I do not know exactly.

33,802. Are you a scholar?—It just depends upon what your definition is of a scholar.

33,803. Can you read?—Yes.

33,804. Can you write?—Yes.

THOMAS HARLING sworn and examined. *T. Harling.*

33,805. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you live in Monmouth Street?—I did at the time of the election.

33,806. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

33,807. What did you receive?—7*l.* 10*s.*

33,808. From whom did you receive it?—Mr. Bradshaw.

33,809. Did you get anything else besides that?—No.

33,810. Which of the Bradshaws paid you?—The young man.

33,811. What is his christian name?—I do not know I am sure.

33,812. Did you get anything else besides?—No.

33,813. Were you not on any committee?—No.

33,814. How did you vote in 1864?—I voted for Fenwick.

33,815. What did you get then?—I got my day's wage.

33,816. What was that?—He gave me 10*s.*

33,817. Did you earn 3*l.* a week then?—No, I did not.

33,818. You got 10*s.* for voting for Fenwick in 1864?—Yes.

33,819. And 7*l.* 10*s.* at the last election?—Yes.

JOHN KILNER WHITTAKER sworn and examined. *J.K. Whittaker.*

33,820. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A railway clerk at the Castle Station.

33,821. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

33,822. Did you receive any money?—None whatever, nor did I expect any.

33,823. Did you canvass the other clerks at all?—No.

33,824. Did you take no part in the election beyond voting?—None whatever.

33,825. Were you applied to by any of the officials of the railway, on either side, for your vote?—No.

33,826. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did not Mr. McKinley apply to you for anything?—No, I should think not.

33,827. Did he not mention the subject of your vote to you?—No.

33,828. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did Mr. Storey ever come to you?—No. I saw him on the election day.

33,829. Where did you see him?—At the "Sun Inn."

33,830. Did you have any conversation with him?—He asked me if I had voted and I said "No," and I told him I was going to vote immediately after I had had my dinner.

33,831. Is that all that took place?—Yes.

33,832. Nothing further passed between you two?—No.

33,833. (*Mr. Hill.*) You were down on the list to vote for Lawrence. You were entered as a promise for Mr. Lawrence?—Yes; I promised Mr. Lawrence.

EDWARD GARDENER sworn and examined. *E. Gardener.*

33,834. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

33,835. Who canvassed you?—No one, I was never asked for my vote.

33,836. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

33,837. Did nobody offer you any money?—No.

33,838. Did you take any part in the election?—Yes.

33,839. I worked very hard for Mr. Lawrence; I was engaged for three weeks.

33,840. Did you receive any money?—Yes, 1*l.* from Stanton and 10*s.* from William Storey.

33,841. How did you spend the 1*l.* 10*s.*?—I spent it among the non-electors.

33,842. In treating?—Yes.

33,843. Is that all you spent for the purposes of the election?—Yes, it was.

33,844. Did you take anyone to the poll?—I did.

33,845. Did you get paid for that?—No.

33,846. Were you on any committee?—Yes, I was on Mr. William Storey's committee.

33,847. Were you paid for that?—No; five weeks after the election I was paid.

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33,848. How much?—*5l.* from Mr. Gibson, and I gave him a receipt for it.

33,849. You do not call that receiving money for the purposes of the election?—That is not previous to the election.

33,850. You knew what I meant; I asked you what money you received for the purposes of the election, and you said you received 1*l.* 10*s*?—I was not aware that you meant that.

33,851. You got *5l.* from Gibson?—Yes.

33,852. How long after the election?—Five weeks after the election, and I gave him a receipt for it.

33,853. What was it for?—For services.

33,854. What services?—Services rendered on behalf of Mr. Lawrence for canvassing.

33,855. Tell me the name of any voter you canvassed?—I had some of the street lists with me.

33,856. Tell me the name of any voter you canvassed?—I canvassed the Rennisons and the Ralphs.

33,857. The two Rennisons?—Yes.

33,858. And how many Ralphs?—Three.

33,859. Tell me the names of any others you canvassed besides those five?—Harrison, the butcher I canvassed as well.

33,860. Go on?—There were a great many more but I could not give you their names.

33,861. Did anbody canvass you?—No, I was never asked for my vote.

33,862. Then I suppose you were the only person in Lancaster who was not?—I was never asked for my vote.

33,863. What other assistance did you render?—I assisted in delivering out circulars, going to the committee-room and looking after the committee-room.

33,864. You are a watchmaker?—Yes.

33,865. Are you a journeyman?—No.

33,866. A master?—Yes.

33,867. Why did you take the *5l.*?—I lost my time.

33,868. Mr. William Storey told you at the time you were put on the committee that you were to be paid for being on?—No, he did not say a word.

33,869. Were you off your work the whole time?—Yes, a great deal of it.

33,870. You were off your work entirely?—Yes, I did no work at all. I was at the committee-room all the week.

33,871. (*Mr. Hill.*) Was that the time you were off work?—Three weeks I was at the committee-room every day.

33,872. If you say you were in the committee-room for three weeks, how is it that Mr. Gibson has written you down here "14 days?"—It was three weeks.

33,873. This is Mr. Gibson's handwriting, and he has put you down 14 days?—It might be a mistake of Mr. Gibson's.

33,874. And it may be a mistake of yours also. What other monies did you hold for people going to the poll?—None.

33,875. You took some to the poll?—Yes.

33,876. And you brought some back to be paid?—Yes.

33,877. You got some money to hold till they had polled, did you not?—No, I never got any money at all.

33,878. You took them back to Mr. Stanton to be paid?—Yes.

W. Parkinson.

WILLIAM PARKINSON sworn and examined.

33,879. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—At Morecambe.

33,880. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

33,881. For whom did you vote?—Fenwick and Schneider.

33,882. What are you?—A painter.

33,883. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—None.

33,884. Did not any money pass through your hands at all?—No.

33,885. Did Mrs. Parkinson receive anything?—No.

33,886. Are you quite sure?—Nothing.

33,887. You are quite sure?—Yes, positive.

33,888. You are not one of the Morecambe 12?—I do not know, I am sure; I have not seen anything of that sort.

33,889. Did you not see 12 names given as persons who had not received bribes?—I did not see it, but I understood there was something of that sort in the paper.

33,890. You did not receive anything?—No.

33,891. You know nothing about it?—No, nothing.

33,892. Did you take any interest in it?—No.

33,893. You did not look up the Edmondsons, Armisteads, or Bonds?—No, I have no taste for that.

33,894. There are a great many of your name, and I should think you have been summoned by mistake. You are not a painter now?—No, not at present.

33,895. Have you given up business?—Yes, 20 years ago.

33,896. It must be a mistake, because I have no doubt from what I have here that you were one of the 12 who have been returned to us as not having taken a bribe?—Very likely.

W. A. Greenall.

WILLIAM AUSTIN GREENALL sworn and examined.

33,897. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

33,898. Did you receive any money during the election?—Previous to the election I received small sums.

33,899. Just tell us about those small sums?—The first was 5*s*. from Mr. Cooper; 1*l.* 10*s*. from William Storey, and 3*l.* from Stanton. That was previous to the election.

33,900. During or after the election what did you receive?—During the election I received 2*l.* for one Mr. Garnett. I got it and gave it to him after he had polled.

33,901. Where did you get it?—I got it at the "Sun Inn."

33,902. From whom did you get it?—From a stranger, and at the same time I got 1*l.* towards my own expenses during the day.

33,903. Did you receive any other money?—Perhaps two weeks after the election, but I do not know exactly. I received *5l.* 5*s*. for my services.

33,904. Is that all you received?—Yes, that is all I received.

33,904*a*. Have you given us an accurate account of all you did, and all you received?—Yes, all I did and all I received.

33,905. You paid Garnett after he had voted?—Yes, the day after.

33,906. How much of this did you spend in drink before the election?—*5l.* 15*s*.

33,907. You could not have spent all that?—I could have spent a deal more if I had had it.

33,908. Who paid you this five guineas after the election?—Mr. Maxsted's partner, Mr. Gibson.

33,909. Are you sure Mr. Gibson paid it to you?—Yes, positive.

S. Bond.

SAMUEL BOND sworn and examined.

33,910. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—Assessor and collector of income tax.

33,911. Did you take any part in the election?—None whatever.

33,912. You did not vote?—I did not.

33,913. Is that because you were assessor and collector of income tax?—No.

33,914. What was the reason?—I was so thoroughly disgusted with the whole proceedings and had been for some time past.

33,915. Have you been summoned here?—Yes, I have.

33,916. When did you receive your summons?—Yesterday.

33,917. The reason you give for not voting is that you were so thoroughly disgusted with the whole proceeding?—Yes.

33,918. Can you give us any information which will be at all useful?—I was not canvassed at all. I have always been in the habit of avoiding the canvassers, and not speaking to them, upon principle, but one morning, on arriving downstairs, I found a stranger in the dining-room, who I found was Mr. Lawrence. I had a conversation with him in reference to the corrupt practices which were prevailing in the town.

33,919. When was this?—The week before the election.

33,920. Can you at all tell us what sort of conversation you had with him as to corrupt practices?—I told him that there was a great deal of drinking going on in the town, a great many open houses, and I was determined I would not vote for anyone who would not discountenace such practices.

33,921. What did Mr. Lawrence say to that?—He said he had come to Lancaster with the intention of not spending any money but what was strictly legal; in fact, he almost word for word stated what he stated in his evidence here the other day.

33,922. Did you tell him there was any treating going on on the "Blue" side?—I really did not know which the houses were open for, because there was no display of flags or anything of that kind. It was impossible to tell on what sides the houses were open for.

33,923. Did Mr. Lawrence make any further observation?—He said he should spend no money but for strictly legal purposes.

33,924. Did he ask you for your vote?—Yes.

33,925. What did you tell him?—I told him I never promised a vote to any canvasser, and I never should.

33,926. What am I to understand by "any canvasser?"—The candidates when they are waiting upon the voters to ask for their votes.

33,927. In fact you are of opinion that the voters ought to go to vote without being asked to go?—That is my opinion.

33,928. And that is what you told Mr. Lawrence?—Yes.

33,929. He went away with the impression that you would not vote for him?—That I should not vote for him unless he kept clean hands. I told him I should vote for the candidate or candidates that I saw had clean hands.

33,930. Did you receive a visit either from Mr. Fenwick or Mr. Schneider?—I saw them both in the streets, but I avoided them; when I saw they were coming in contact with me I avoided them.

33,931. You avoided coming across them?—Yes.

33,932-3. They never canvassed you?—No. If they wished anything to say to me I wished it said on the hustings. Whenever I have anything to say to the candidates I go to the hustings and say it to them.

33,934. Can you give us any further information?—All that I can say is this: that on the nomination day there was such a drunken rabble in front of the hustings that it was a mere farce.

33,935. In fact you had no opportunity of asking any questions from the candidates?—I could not do so. There was such a rabble; otherwise I had meant to question every one of them on the subject of bribery.

33,936. I do not suppose they did it on purpose to prevent you from asking questions?—Oh, dear, no. It was the same with anyone else. It was a mere farce speechifying or anything else.

33,937. Can you tell us anything about the election day?—I went about the town and kept my eyes and ears open.

33,938. What did you see and what did you hear?—I never saw less drinking on the election day than I saw on the last election.

33,939. Will you tell us what you did see?—The men that polled in the booths that I was backwards and forwards in, certainly the great bulk of them, were sober.

33,940. I gather from your conversation that you are a teetotaller?—I am.

33,941. You laid great stress upon the word. We are now dealing with bribery. Did you see any bribing?—No, I did not.

33,942. You know nothing about it?—No.

33,943. Can you tell us anything further?—I may state with reference to an old man of the name of Stirzaker, who has been examined here, that I heard him in a hairdresser's shop, on the Saturday evening after the election, state almost word for word what he has stated here in his evidence, that certain parties waited upon him.

33,944. We have had that from him?—I thought it was due to the old man that it should be stated.

33,945. I must ask you now, as I have asked every witness, did you receive any money for the purpose of the election?—I neither received, spent, or gave any money.

33,946. You did not treat anybody?—No, nobody.

33,947. (*Mr. Hill.*) Which way did you vote in 1864?—For Mr. Fenwick.

WILLIAM CRAGG sworn and examined.

W. Cragg.

33,948. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—At Greenbank, over Wyresdale.

33,949. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

33,950. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

33,951. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the election?—None at all.

33,952. Were you summoned here to-day?—I was not, but I was advised to come, and was told that I should have to come the far end of the week. The man as delivers the summonses out wished me to come, and said it would save me a journey.

33,953. You did quite right to come. Can you say you did not receive anything nor give anything?—I did neither.

33,954. You had nothing to do with the election?—No; I had nothing to do with it no further than just giving a vote. That is all I had to do with it.

33,955. You did not look after any voters?—No, not at all.

33,956. You were not on any committee?—No.

Adjourned.

THIRTIETH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Friday, 4th January 1867.

THIRTIETH DAY.

4 Jan. 1867

PRESENT:

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON.

T. Atkinson.

THOMAS ATKINSON affirmed and examined.

33,957. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you receive any money for the purposes of the last election?—Yes.

33,958. What was it that you received?—About 3*s.* I think.

33,959. How did you vote?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,960. How did you come to receive that money?—I received it from Benjamin Mills.

33,961. What did you do with it after you had received it?—I treated the voters at Quernmore.

33,962. Whom did you treat?—I do not know them by name; there were four or five voters there.

33,963. Where did you treat them?—In the "Dog and Partridge."

33,964. How came Benjamin Mills to give you this money to treat the voters with?—I went with him into Quernmore.

33,965. Are you sure as to the amount?—I am not sure to a shilling or two, but as near as I can recollect that was about the amount.

33,966. Did you receive anything for your own vote?—No.

33,967. Is that all the money that you received?—It is.

R. Atkinson.

RICHARD ATKINSON sworn and examined.

33,968. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,969. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

33,970. How much did you get?—10*l.*

33,971. Who paid you?—Thomas Bradley.

33,972. Where did he pay you?—At the "Old Sir Simon's."

33,973. Were you on a committee?—No.

33,974. Did you get anything else?—No.

33,975. 10*l.* was all you got for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

33,976. What are you?—A labourer.

33,977. Do you work at any trade?—No.

R. Ball.

ROBERT BALL sworn and examined.

33,978. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you Robert Ball, of Skerton, coachman?—Yes.

33,979. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

33,980. What money did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

33,981. That was from a stranger at the "Black Bull," was it not?—Yes.

33,982. Was that all you received?—Yes.

33,983. You were on no committee?—No.

33,984. Did you get any money to spend in drink?—No.

J. Ball.

JOHN BALL sworn and examined.

33,985. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is your name John Ball?—Yes.

33,986. Of Warton, farmer?—Yes.

33,987. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Schneider and Fenwick.

33,988. What money did you receive?—I got 10*l.* for my expenses.

33,989. From whom did you get that?—From Mr. Wilson.

33,990. Did you get anything besides?—No.

33,991. You are a farmer?—Yes.

33,992. How much land do you farm?—I farm a piece of my own.

33,993. How many acres of your own have you?—Perhaps between 50 and 60.

33,994. Do you rent any land?—No.

33,995. It is all your own?—Yes.

33,996. What do you suppose the value of that would be to rent?—I am sure I cannot say.

W. Barrow.

WILLIAM BARROW affirmed and examined.

33,997. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of King's Street, Lancaster, grocer?—Yes.

33,998. For whom did you vote at the last election—For Fenwick and Schneider.

33,999. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I did not.

34,000. Neither for yourself nor for anybody else?—I did not.

34,001. Neither directly nor indirectly?—No, in no way whatever.

J. Barrow.

JOHN BARROW sworn and examined.

34,002. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,003. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I did.

34,004. How much?—I received 50*l.* to spend on behalf of Mr. Schneider from Captain Hosking, of Dalton, of which I returned 40*l.*

34,005. You are a draper in Bath Street?—I resided there at that time, but I do not reside there at present. I am a jobber as well as a draper.

34,006. You returned him 40*l.* you say?—I returned him 40*l.*

34,007. What did you do with the other 10*l.*?—I gave that at the top of Penny Street, at the "White Cross."

34,008. To whom did you give it?—The circumstance is this: we arrived at Bay Horse at 20 minutes to 9.

34,009. Bay Horse is a station on the London and North-western line, is it not?—Yes.

34,910. What had you been doing at Bay Horse?—I had been there the night previous, and had been there at a good many elections.

34,011. What had you been doing there on is occasion?—I went there to get the voters up.

34,012. On whose behalf?—On behalf of Mr. Lawrence.

34,013. Well?—And after we got to Lancaster we had both rooms filled.

34,014. Well?—At the "White Cross;" the men

were trying to get away, and the two Whitesides were trying to push past me, and I gave a man 10*l.*, and during the time I was wishing them to go back, before they received their money, he came downstairs and bolted right out of the front door ; I called out to a man (that was Holden) "There is three men gone, " and here is a couple of shillings or half a crown " (I do not know which), and you had better take " some refreshments upstairs. I had spoken to Mr. " Alexander Allinson, and asked where the men were " gone ; and he said to the "White Lion ;" I could " not run after the men then, they were trying to get " away."

34,015. Who were these men who got away ?—I tkink one was Harrison, but I cannot positively swear to him.

34,016. Which Harrison ?—He came from Galgate. I just saw him once on the buss, but I do not know him personally. I think the name of the man was Harrison, but I could not positively swear to him.

34,017. Who were the other two ?—One was Sharples.

34,018. Who was the other ?—I do not know.

34,019. Where did Captain Hosking give you this money ?—On the nomination day, about half-past 10 in Common Garden Street, the "Black Horse."

34,020. That would be on July the 11th ?—Yes, on the Tuesday I think it would be.

34,021. What were you doing at the "Black Horse"?—I had met Captain Hosking many weeks previous at the "Queen's Hotel," at Ulverston. I had known him for many years, and I made an agreement with him that if Mr. Lawrence was safe I would do my best to assist Mr. Schneider, being the second man, and that not being the case, I returned him the money.

34,022. But you did not return him all the money ?—No, the 10*l.* as I said before was given to a man that ran downstairs at the "White Cross" down Penny Street.

34,023. The 10*l.* then was given to a man to run downstairs ?—No ; he was at the top of the stairs and was going away ; he was one of the voters, and I gave him that 10*l.* to be, as I thought, the first man to go to poll.

34,024. You mean you gave 10*l.* to a voter ?—Yes, I did.

34,025. But you do not know his name ?—I have a good idea of it, but I could not positively swear to his name.

34,026. What is your idea ?—I think it was a man they call Harrison.

34,027. Who was present when you gave this 10*l.* to the voter ?—No one except the two Whitesides, of Poulton, who were pushing past to get away ; one is a tailor, and the other a labourer, living at Poulton Lane.

34,028. For whom did you give this 10*l.* ?—He was going to vote for Lawrence and Schneider, but to prevent the rest from going away I thought if I could make him all right as it were to stay it would be better to give it to him.

34,029. When did you return this money to Captain Hosking ?—At half-past 1 on the election day at the "Cross Keys," in Market Street.

34,030. When these men were pushing past did you try to stop any of them ?—Yes ; that was how the others got away, this Harrison and the other two ; I had voted the two Whitesides, Pedder, and Smith, for the last four elections.

34,031. (*Mr. Newton.*) You do not mean to represent that there were voters in the room, and that you, when you had 40*l.* in your pocket, did not buy them ?—We had no money ; the Conservatives had not from 20 minutes to 9. I could not part with the money to pay Lawrence's voters.

34,032. You were to buy people for Schneider ?—Yes, but that was on condition that Mr. Lawrence was the leading candidate.

34,033. How could you tell whether he was the leading candidate or not ?—I heard the statements that came up.

34,034. You represent that you got the 50*l.* on condition that if Lawrence and Schneider were at the head of the poll you were to go on buying votes for Schneider ?—I was to go on spending the 40*l.* for Schneider, and more if I wanted it.

34,035. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What did Captain Hosking say to you when you returned him the money ?—He was quite satisfied when I explained it to him.

34,036. You told him you had given a man 10*l.* to vote for Lawrence, and he was quite satisfied ?—No ; not to vote for Lawrence, for Lawrence and Schneider.

34,037. What Harrison was this ?—It was a man from Galgate. I saw him on the buss once, that was all, and he was at some distance from me.

34,038. You do not know how the Harrison you speak of voted ?—No, I do not.

34,039. You knew that Harrison had voted for Lawrence and Schneider did you not ?—No, I never looked.

34,040. Do you really mean to say that you had not the curiosity to ascertain how the man voted to whom you had given the money ?—I never saw him after.

THOMAS JOHNSON sworn and examined.

T. Johnson.

34,041. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are an attorney ?—Yes.

34,042. How did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,043. Did you interest yourself in the election at all ?—Not in the slightest, beyond giving my personal vote.

34,044. You received no money ?—No ; my partner received a retainer, but it was on his exclusive account.

34,045. Who is your partner ?—William Tilley.

34,046. You did not yourself receive any money or pay any money for the purposes of the election ?—None at all.

34,047. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You had been engaged on former occasions on the Liberal side, had you not ?—On one occasion only, and that was Mr. Fenwick's previous election. I had refused it for 20 years, but on that occasion I rather strained the point against my will.

34,048. Was that the single handed election ?—Yes.

34,049. I thought Mr. Christopher Thornton Clark had been his agent ?—No, that was at the general election some years before.

34,050. Can you tell us anything about the expense of that election, at which you were Mr. Fenwick's agent ?—Yes ; I have not refreshed my memory by looking at any accounts. I was his agent and furnished to the returning officer the account of the sums I had disbursed.

34,051. But I mean the gross sum of money ; can you tell the gross sum that was spent by Mr. Fenwick in the contest with Mr. Saunders ?—I am sorry to say anything that may appear to be like flying in the face of the court, but I thought the fact of there having been an unimpugned election between this and the last contest precludes the Commissioners from going into that.

34,052. We are not at all precluded from going into it, and we ask you that question, and you must answer it ?—Then I will state that I have reason to believe that a good deal more money was spent than passed through my hands, but I have no knowledge of the amount.

34,053. What were the legal expenses on that occasion ?—They were returned something over 900*l.* for Mr. Fenwick alone.

34,054. We have evidence on this subject already ?—I am afraid I must correct a statement when my

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book was closed. I asked Mr. Fenwick what I was to do with the balance. I had had 1,000*l.* put into my hands, and I had a balance of a little over 50*l.*

34,055. (*Mr. Newton.*) Then we may say you had in fact about 950*l.* ?—No; 940*l.* odd.

34,056. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you tell us about what sum was spent altogether ?—If I am bound to state the whole truth upon my oath, and if your Commission enables you to go into that, I ought to state that I can put you into a train for ascertaining. When my book was closed I asked Mr. Fenwick what I was to do with the balance left in my hands, and he told me to pay it over to Mr. Henry Welch.

34,057. (*Mr. Newton.*) We should not ask you any questions unless we thought we had a right to ask you ?—Only I had formed an opinion of my own with reference to the Act of Parliament.

34,058. And we have formed ours, and we are the persons to decide at present ?—I will answer any questions you put to me.

34,059. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Mr. Fenwick desired you to pay that balance of 50*l.* to Mr. Henry Welch ?—Yes, 55*l.* I think it was.

34,060. Do you know what was the gross amount for expenses of all kinds spent by Mr. Fenwick in that election. I mean the single-handed contest with Mr. Saunders ?—I have no knowledge upon the subject myself. I was absent from the room while those things were talked about, but on my mentioning to Mr. Welch that I should have to state this, he made a remark, "If you added a couple of ciphers to what "passed through your hands you would not be far "out of the mark."

34,061. He said that on your handing over to him the balance of 50*l.* ?—No, it was not on my handing over the balance; it was with reference to this Commission; when this inquiry came on I had a talk with him, and I said, "If we go back to the former election "I shall have to state about the 55*l.*," and he said, "If you add a couple of ciphers to it you will not be "far off the mark."

34,062. (*Mr. Newton.*) Which election was that ?—The single-handed contest; this payment of 55*l.* was several weeks after the election, and I may add further, that I disliked the transaction so much that it confirmed my resolution to have nothing to do with any further retainers; and may I as a man of character in the town make one further statement: that I felt that I could not apply to my own use the money I received. I only charged 20 guineas as election agent, and I gave away one half to pay off a debt of the Teetotallers Society, and gave away the rest in other ways; at the last election I spent the day with some friends in the country, in order to be out of it.

34,063. But you voted ?—Yes.

34,064. For Fenwick and Schneider ?—Yes.

R. Ball.

ROBERT BALL sworn and examined.

34,065. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live ?—At Heaton.

34,066. You are a farmer ?—Yes.

34,067. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

34,068. What money did you get for the purposes of the election ?—Nothing at all.

34,069. Did you get anything for your expenses ?—No.

34,070. Not a farthing ?—No.

34,071. Did no one offer you any money ?—No.

34,072 Who asked you for your vote ?—Mr. Fenwick.

34,073. Anyone else ?—Mr. Schneider was with him; they were both together.

34,074. Did anybody else besides Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider ask you for your vote ?—No.

34,075. Do you mean to say that you received nothing at all either for yourself or for any other person ?—Yes.

34,076. Did any of your relations receive money that you are aware of ?—I believe a brother of mine received his expenses.

34,077. What is his name ?—Henry.

34,078. Where does he live ?—At Stalmin.

34,079. Do you know what your brother received ?—I think it was 5*l.*

34,080. Do you know from whom he got it ?—Yes.

34,081. Was that from Birchall ?—Yes.

34,082. How did he vote ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,083. I understand you to say that no money came to your hands either directly or indirectly for your vote ?—No.

34,084. That you swear ?—Yes.

J. Ball.

JOHN BALL sworn and examined.

34,085. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,086. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—Only for my room.

34,087. What are you ?—I am a publican.

34,088. What is the sign of your house ?—The "Red Lion."

34,089. How much money did you receive ?—Knowles Allinson took my room.

34,090. What did he give you ?—He gave me nothing.

34,091. You told me just now that you received nothing but what you got for your room ?—Only for my room, but he did not pay me for it.

34,092. Who did ?—Henry Welch.

34,093. How much did he pay you ?—7*l.* 10*s.*

34,094. Is that all you received ?—Yes.

G. Ball

GEORGE BALL sworn and examined.

34,095. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—A farmer

34,096. Of Heaton ?—Yes.

34,097. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

34,098. What did you receive ?—Nothing at all.

34,099. Are you related at all to Robert Ball the last witness ?—I am brother to him.

34,100. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you on no committee ?—No.

34,101. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Who asked you for your vote ?—I think it was Mr. Fenwick.

34,102. Did none of the townspeople ask you for your vote; Allbright for instance ?—No, it might be mentioned by some one I do not know.

34,103. Did anyone offer you any money ?—No.

34,104. Did any relation of yours receive any money; any of your own family. I do not mean Henry Ball, but any of your own family ?—No.

34,105. Not your wife ?—No, not anyone.

J. Barwick.

JOSEPH BARWICK sworn and examined.

34,106. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a stationer ?—I am.

34,107. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Lawrence.

34,108. Did you receive any money ?—No.

34,109. Neither for yourself nor for any other person ?—No.

34,110. Are you aware whether any relation of yours received any money on your behalf ?—No one did.

WILLIAM BATTERSBY sworn and examined. *W. Battersby.*

34,111. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

34,112. Did you take any part in the election?—Not at all, beyond voting.

34,113. By that I presume you did not receive or pay anything?—Not a fraction.

ROBERT BAXTER sworn and examined. *R. Baxter.*

34,114. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a farmer at Middleton?—Yes.

34,115. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,116. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

34,117. Was that from a gentleman you did not know who came down?—Yes.

34,118. Who was with you when he paid you the money?—Nobody.

34,119. What do you farm?—180*l.* a year.

34,120. Was 10*l.* all the money you received?—Yes.

34,121. You were on no committee?—No.

34,122. And you had not any money given you for drink?—No, not a farthing.

JOHN BECKETT sworn and examined. *J. Beckett.*

34,123. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a cabinet maker?—Yes.

34,124. Do you live in High Street?—In Middle Street.

34,125. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,126. Did you take any part in the election?—I was deputy mayor, that was all.

34,127. Being the deputy mayor did you receive any money or pay away any money for the purposes of the election?—I received two guineas for my services that day.

34,128. You received two guineas for your services as deputy mayor?—That was all I got.

34,129. Who did you get the two guineas from?—Mr. Swainson.

34,130. The town clerk?—Yes.

JAMES BIBBY sworn and examined. *J. Bibby.*

34,131. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,132. You are a cooper are you?—Yes.

34,133. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—10*l.*

34,134. From whom did you receive it?—From Robert Hodgson.

34,135. Were you on any committee?—No.

34,136. Did you get any money to spend in drink?—I think there was about four shillings thrown on the table; that was all.

34,137. Where were you paid?—At the public-house—at Hodgson's own house.

WILLIAM BLACOW sworn and examined. *W. Blacow.*

34,138. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a hatter?—No.

34,139. What are you?—A grocer.

34,140. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,141. Did you take any part in the election?—No.

34,142. Did you receive any money?—No.

34,143. Did you pay any money?—No.

34,144. In fact you took no part whatever?—No.

34,145. Is George Blacow any relation of yours?—My brother.

34,146. Is he here?—I do not know.

WILLIAM BLEASDALE sworn and examined. *W. Bleasdale.*

34,147. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,148. What money did you receive?—Nothing at all.

34,149. Did none of your relations receive any money for you?—No.

34,150. Are you any relation to William Bleasdale, of Penny Street, hairdresser?—Yes.

34,151. What relation are you to him?—A cousin.

34,152. Are you any relation to John Bleasdale, of Penny Street?—Brother.

34,153. Did he give you nothing?—No.

34,154. How came that?—I do not know.

34,155. Money was flying about on all sides you know?—I never received any money in my life.

34,156. Nothing came in your way?—No; and I never was offered any in my life.

WILLIAM BLEASDALE sworn and examined. *W. Bleasdale.*

34,157. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Penny Street?—Yes.

34,158. Are you a hairdresser?—Yes.

34,159. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

34,160. Did you take any part in the election?—A little.

34,161. What part did you take?—I was assisting in the Penny Street district.

34,162. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

34,163. How much?—I received 1*l.* about a fortnight before the election.

34,164. From whom did you receive that 1*l.*?—From John Bleasdale.

34,165. What relation are you to John Bleasdale?—He is a cousin of mine.

34,166. What other money did you receive?—1*l.* the day before the election.

34,167. From whom did you receive that?—From John Bleasdale.

34,168. What else did you receive?—And 10*l.* for my services.

34,169. What did you do with the 2*l.* which Bleasdale gave you?—I spent it.

34,170. In drink?—In treating.

34,171. Is that all you got?—That is all the money I got.

34,172. Were you on any committee?—No; and I beg leave to correct a statement that was made by Mr. Welch in his first examination. He then stated that he gave me 3*l.*, which is incorrect.

34,173. He did not give you any money at all?—No, he did not.

34,174. The probability is that your cousin returned your name to Mr. Welch as having received 2*l.*, and that is how it occurred?—I do not know as to that.

34,175. You did not receive anything from the other side?—Nothing at all.

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W. Bleasdale.

William Bleasdale sworn and examined.

34,176. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Nether Kellett?—Yes.

34,177. You voted for Mr. Lawrence at the last election?—Yes.

34,178. What money did you receive?—4*l.*

34,179. From whom did you receive it?—From a person in China Lane from, Hodgson; I did not know him.

34,180. What was that money given to you for?—For my vote.

34,181. Was that all you got?—Yes.

34,182. You got no money to spend in drink?—No.

J. Blezard.

John Blezard sworn and examined.

34,183. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a tinman?—Yes.

34,184. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,185. Did you take an active part in the election?—No.

34,186. You did not receive anything for your vote, did you?—Yes.

34,187. How much did you receive?—10*l.*

34,188. Who paid you?—William Jackson, of the "Malt Shovel."

34,189. Were you on a committee?—No.

34,190. Did you get anything from George Danson?—No.

34,191. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

34,192. 10*l.* was all you got?—Yes.

R. Barker.

Robert Barker sworn and examined.

34,193. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Bolton-le-Sands?—Yes.

34,194. You voted for Lawrence at the last election?—Yes.

34,195. What money did you receive?—Nothing for voting.

34,196. But what money did you receive for your trouble?—10*l.*

34,197. You got that from Hodgson, of China Lane?—No.

34,198. From whom did you get it?—I do not know; I got it in Hodgson's house.

34,199. Was that all you got?—Yes.

34,200. Did you get any money to spend in drink?—I got this money to spend in drink, I suppose.

34,201. But did you get anything besides to spend in drink?—Nothing.

T. Baxter.

Thomas Baxter sworn and examined.

34,202. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Bolton-le-Sands?—Yes.

34,203. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,204. Did you get anything for your vote?—15*l.*

34,205. Who paid you?—Robert Stackhouse.

34,206–7. Where did he pay you that?—At Bolton-le-Sands.

34,208. Did you get anything besides the 15*l.*?—I got 1*l.* 10*s.* from Robert Richmond at Slyne.

34,209. Anything else?—No.

34,210. You got 16*l.* 10*s.* then for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

34,211. That is all?—Yes.

34,212. I see you are called a husbandman?—Yes.

34,213. Are you a farmer?—No, not now I am not.

34,214. What are you now?—I am a publican now.

34,215. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What were you at that time?—A farm bailiff.

34,216. To whom?—S. E. Bolden, Esquire.

34,217. Had you generally voted this way?—No, I only voted once before, and I voted then for Mr. Saunders.

34,218. What made you vote for Fenwick and Schneider this time?—Mr. Bolden would not allow me to vote for Mr. Lawrence.

34,219. Do you mean Mr. Bolden himself?—Yes.

34,220. Did not Mr. Bolden either propose or second one of the candidates?—Yes, I believe he nominated Mr. Schneider.

W. Bond.

William Bond sworn and examined.

34,221. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

342,22. What money did you receive?—I received 14*l.* for the use of the house and refreshments.

34,223. Are you Bond of the "Three Mariners"?—Yes.

34,224. How much money did you receive for the use of the house?—I think it was 3*l.*

34,225. And 11*l.* for refreshments?—Yes.

34,226. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No; I received 10*l.* about a week after the election for my services.

34,227. Was that all you received?—Yes.

34,228. Who paid you the 10*l.*?—Mr. Storey.

34,229. And who paid you the 14*l.*?—Mr. Storey paid me part and Mr. Stanton the other.

34,230. You assisted Mr. Storey, did you not?—Yes.

34,231. You were a sort of sub-captain to him?—Yes.

C. Bower.

Charles Bower sworn and examined.

34,322. (*Mr. Newton*). How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,233. Did you take an active part in the election?—I took no part whatever except voting.

34,234. Did you receive any money?—Certainly not.

34,235. And you did not pay any money?—No.

E. Bradshaw.

Edward Bradshaw sworn and examined.

34,236. (*Mr. Newton.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,237. What money did you receive?—8*l.*

34,238. Who did you receive it from?—From Roger Wright.

34,239. Was that all you received?—Yes.

34,240. Did you receive nothing for being on the committee?—No.

34,241. Did you get any money to spend in drink?—No.

WILLIAM BRIGGS sworn and examined. *W. Briggs.*

34,242. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Poulton-le-Sands, broker?—Yes.

34,243. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

34,244. Did you take any active part in the election?—Not particularly an active part.

34,245. But what did you do?—I believe I introduced Mr. Schneider to the voters.

34,246. You went about canvassing?—No, I did not.

34,247. When then did you introduce Mr. Schneider to the voters?—On one evening; the evening he came down.

34,248. When he went down to Poulton?—Yes.

34,249. There was speechifying I suppose?—Yes.

34,250. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Not a farthing.

34,251. Did you pay any money?—No, I did not.

WILLIAM FISHER sworn and examined. *W. Fisher.*

34,252. (*Mr. Newton.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,253. Did you take any active part in the election?—No, I did not.

34,254. By that I suppose you mean you did not receive or pay any money?—Yes; I did not receive or pay anything.

RICHARD BRISCOE sworn and examined. *R. Briscoe.*

34,255. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,256. You are a cotton spinner?—Yes.

34,257. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Yes.

34,258. How much?—8*l.*

34,259. Who paid you?—Isaac Vickers.

34,260. Were you on a committee?—No.

34,261. Did you get anything from the other side?—Yes, I got a sovereign.

34,262. From whom did you get that?—From George Danson.

34,263. Was that all you got?—Yes.

34,264. You are quite sure of that?—Yes.

34,265. You only got 9*l.* for the election?—Yes, and there was my son as well.

34,266. What did he get?—8*l.*

34,267. And did he vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

34,268. Is he a gunsmith?—Yes.

34,269. He got the same as you did?—Yes.

34,270. Did he get 1*l.* from George Danson?—No, he got 30*s.*

34,271. Vickers paid you, did he not?—Yes.

34,272. Did Vickers pay your son?—No.

34,273. Who paid your son?—Marsden, the brush maker.

34,274. Where is your son?—At home.

34,275. Why did he not come here himself?—He has been poorly a day or two.

JOHN BROCKBANK sworn and examined. *J. Brockbank.*

34,276. (*Mr Newton.*) You are an attorney in Lancaster?—Yes.

34,277. You were chairman of Mr. Lawrence's committee?—I was chairman at one meeting on the 15th of June; it was merely at one meeting.

34,278. Who was chairman of Mr. Lawrence's committee?—Mr. John Sharp.

34,279. You were chairman at one meeting?—At one meeting.

34,280. Was that all the part you took in the election?—Well, no; I took an interest in the election; but I was not very actively engaged in the election.

34,281. Did you canvass for Mr. Lawrence?—I do not recollect that I was out with him; I think Mr. Lawrence was under a mistake. He mentioned my name as proceeding with him on the canvass on the first day, but in that he was mistaken. I was staying in the neighbourhood of London at that time, and I did not return to Lancaster till the Tuesday before the nomination day.

34,282. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No, I did not.

34,283. Nor pay any?—Nor pay any. I do not know whether I ought to tell you that there is a neighbour of mine who I asked for a vote. I asked him what he was going to do with his vote, and he intimated to me that he would vote as he always had done, but he said, "They never come near me. They have no meetings at my house." He is a publican; and I saw Mr. Vince afterwards, and mentioned to him what he had said. I did not enquire any further about it.

HENRY BROWN sworn and examined. *H. Brown.*

34,284. (*Mr. Newton.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

34,285. You are a plumber, are you not?—Yes.

34,286. Did you take any part in the election?—No.

34,287. Did you receive any money?—Yes, 8*l.*

34,288. From whom did you receive that?—From Colonel Yeadell.

34,289. Are you sure it was not 10*l.*?—Yes.

34,290. Quite sure?—Yes.

34,291. Where did he pay you the money?—At the "Queen's Hotel."

34,292. Was that on the morning of the election?—Yes.

34,293. Were you on a committee besides?—No.

34,294. That was all you got at the election?—Yes.

34,295. You got nothing on the other side?—No.

THOMAS BUTCHER sworn and examined. *T. Butcher.*

34,296. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a tailor?—Yes.

34,297. Living in Cable Street?—Yes.

34,298. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,299. What money did you receive?—5*l.*

34,300. From whom did you receive that?—From Jacob Moser.

34,301. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

34,302. What did you receive?—5*s.* a day.

34,303. But how much did you receive altogether?—I was on a fortnight.

34,304. That would be 3*l.*?—Yes, about 3*l.*

34,305. From whom did you receive it?—From Johnson and Tilley.

34,306. Did you receive anything from the other side?—No.

34,307. You were not on their committee too?—No.

34,308. You got some money to spend in drink, did you not?—No.

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R. Butcher.

RICHARD BUTCHER sworn and examined.

34,309. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a tailor ?—Yes.

34,310. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,311. What did you get ?—5*l.*

34,312. From whom did you get that ?—From Mr. Jacob Moser.

34,313. Were you on any committee ?—No.

34,314. None at all ?—No.

34,315. Five pounds was all you received ?—I received 5*s.* after the election.

34,316. Did you receive that from Moser ?—5*l.* I got from Moser, and 5*s.* I got from Johnson and Tilley's office.

34,317. Did you get anything from the other side ?—No.

J. Capstick.

JOHN CAPSTICK sworn and examined.

34,318. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a painter ?—Yes.

34,319. How did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,320. Did you take any active part in the election ?—No.

34,321. None at all ?—No, none whatever.

34,322. And were you not paid anything ?—No.

34,323. And you did not pay anybody ?—No.

34,324. Were you not on any committee ?—No.

34,325. On neither side ?—On neither side.

34,326. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you receive nothing from Stanton ?—No.

34,327. You received nothing from either side ?—No; I received nothing from anyone.

R. Charnley.

ROWLAND CHARNLEY sworn and examined.

34,328. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Schneider and Fenwick.

34,329. You are an ironmonger ?—I am not now ; I was.

34,330. What are you now ?—I am out of business.

34,331. And you live in Dallas Place, Lancaster ?—Yes.

34,332. Were you active in the last election ?—Not at all.

34,333. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—No, not at all.

34,334. Neither for yourself nor for any other person ?—From no one.

R. Chatburn.

ROBERT CHATBURN sworn and examined.

34,335. (*Mr. Newton.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,336. You are a yeoman, are you not ?—Yes.

34,337. Did you get any money for your vote ?—No.

34,338. Nothing ?—Nothing.

34,339. Did you pay any money for the purposes of the election ?—No.

34,340. And took no part in it ?—No.

34,341. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you take no part in the election at all ?—No.

34,342. Did you not canvass any of your neighbours ?—No.

G. Cleminson.

GEORGE CLEMINSON sworn and examined.

34,343. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a plumber ?—Yes.

34,344. And you voted at the last election for Fenwick and Schneider ?—Yes.

34,345. You took a pretty active part, did you not, in the election ?—Well, I took an active part in it.

34,346. We hear that you took a very active part in it ?—Very well.

34,347. Did you sometimes assist Mr. Wearing and Mr. Welch, and Mr. Blades ?—Well, I do not know that I did.

34,348. You surely remember whether you did or not ?—Assisted them in what do you mean ?

34,349. Were you in the room at the "Queen's" with them ?—I was in the "Queen's" several times.

34,350. Were you in the room at the "Queen's" with Mr. Welch, Mr. Wearing, and Mr. Blades ?—Yes.

34,351. Did you stay any time with them ?—Perhaps half an hour.

34,352. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—Yes.

34,353. How much did you receive ?—55*l.*

34,354. From whom did you receive it ?—From Henry Welch.

34,355. What did you do with it ?—I paid 10*l.* to Thomas Cleminson for canvassing.

34,356. Where did you receive it, at the "Queen's ?"—No; I received 5*l.* at Mr. Welch's shop.

34,357. When ?—I cannot tell you that ; it was some time previous to the election.

33,358. Where did you receive the rest ?—At my own shop. Mr. Welch brought it.

34,359. He brought 50*l.* to you at once ?—Yes.

34,360. Do you recollect what time that was ?—No, I do not indeed ; it was previous to the election.

34,361. Would it be in the same week as the election ?—Well, I cannot be certain about it.

34,362. It is not important you know, but we should like to have a date as near as can be ?—If I knew I would tell you.

34,363. It was not on the Monday or Tuesday before the polling ?—That I cannot say.

34,364. What did you do with this 50*l.* ?—I paid it away ; at least a portion of it.

34,365. We want to know how you paid it away ?—I paid Thomas Cleminson 10*l.*, as I have told you, and I paid Benjamin Hartley, of Mary Street, about 7*l.*, I think, as nearly as I can tell, and about the same amount to Thomas Wade.

34,365*a*. Who is Wade ?—He is a sort of commercial traveller. He lives in Lancaster a good deal of his time.

34,366. He is not a voter, I believe ?—No, he is not a voter.

34,367. That is 24*l.* ?—I paid Thomas Baines 1*l.* at the "Queen's" on the morning of the nomination for refreshments ; he came from Oversands, he and some friends, and I had not time to stop with them. I paid John Cross, of Claughton, 1*l.* 10*s.* for money he had expended out of his own pocket in canvassing.

34,368. Who else ?—I paid John McCann 1*l.* 7*s.* for cabs ; I paid four guineas to the bell ringers.

34,369. Who are they ; what are their names ?—The one that I paid it to they called Parker ; there were eight of them at 10*s.* 6*d.* a piece.

34,370. Who else ?—I think that was all, except I spent about 7*l.* myself. I gave the particulars to Mr. Welch two days after the election, and returned him between 15*l.* and 16*l.*

34,371. You have accounted to us for 32*l.* 1*s.* ?—I returned Mr. Welch between 15*l.* and 16*l.* I gave him the particulars at the time.

34,372. (*Mr. Newton.*) You gave the balance back ?—Yes, about two days after the election, and I gave him the particulars.

34,373. Then if so you would have about 7*l.* remaining ?—Yes ; I should expend about 7*l.*, as near as I could tell.

34,374. In what way did you spend that 7*l.*?—I spent it in expenses of canvassing and railway fares. I had the engagement of the whole of the conveyances. I spent part at Ulverstone and Preston.

34,375. Did you pay anything for eggs?—No, not a penny.

34,376. Perhaps those were furnished gratuitously?—I do not know; I only had one, and I cannot say.

34,377. I dare say you either heard or read what was said about you?—One hears a deal of things that is not true.

34,378. It is not true that you threw eggs out of the window, is it?—Not that I threw eggs. I threw one egg after they had been at it about three quarters of an hour.

34,479. You think that is all the money you received and all you spent?—I am certain of it.

34,380. You did not take anything for yourself?—No, not a farthing.

THOMAS ARMER sworn and examined. *T. Armer.*

34,381. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a labourer at Cockerham?—Yes.

34,382. How did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Lawrence.

34,383. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

34,384. Who paid you?—Jacob Nelson.

34,385. Where did he pay you?—At the "White Cross."

34,386. Were you on a committee at all?—No.

34,387. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

34,388. You only got 10*l.* for the election?—No.

34,389. You are sure that was all you got?—Yes.

ANTHONY ARMER sworn and examined. *A. Armer.*

34,390. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,391. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

34,392. Who did you receive that from?—From Jacob Nelson.

34,393. Who is Jacob Nelson?—A farmer of Cockerham.

34,394. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

ADAM COTTAM sworn and examined. *A. Cottam.*

34,395. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a farmer at Heaton?—Yes.

34,396. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,397. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

34,398. Who paid you?—A stranger; a little man. I did not know him.

34,399. Where at?—At the side of Oxcliffe—at the side of my house.

34,400. You do not know who he was?—No.

34,401. How did he pay you that 10*l.*? Did he pay it to you in 10 sovereigns?—Yes, in ten sovereigns; it was in gold.

34,402. Were you on a committee besides?—No.

34,403. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

34,404. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did Hodgson, of China Lane, pay you anything?—No, he did not.

34,405. Were you paid anything in China Lane, in Hodgson's house?—No.

34,406. (*Mr. Newton.*) What do you farm? Is it your own land?—No.

34,407. How much do you farm?—I farm about 60 acres.

34,408. What rent do you pay?—130*l.* odd.

JOHN COTTAM sworn and examined. *J. Cottam.*

34,409. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,410. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

34,411. Who paid you?—He was a stranger; I did not know who it was.

34,412. Was anyone you knew with him?—No.

34,413. When did you receive it?—The night before the election.

34,414. Do you assist your father?—No.

34,415. Are you a farmer on your own account?—I farm a farm myself.

34,416. What is the extent of your farm? What rent do you pay?—138*l.*

34,417. Did you receive anything except this 10*l.*?—No.

34,418. Were you paid anything in Hodgson's of China Lane's House?—No.

THOMAS COTTAM sworn and examined. *T. Cottam.*

34,419. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a farmer at Overton?—Yes.

34,420. How did you vote?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,421. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

34,422. How much?—20*l.*

34,423. Who paid you?—Maddock, of Liverpool, gave me 10 sovereigns.

34,424. And who gave you the other?—George Danson gave me two 5*l.* notes.

34,425. Did you get anything for being on the committee?—Nothing whatever.

34,426. How was it that you got 20*l.* for your vote?—George Danson knew that I had got the first 10*l.*

34,427. Did you tell George Danson that you were not going to vote unless you got 10*l.* from him?—Yes, very likely I did.

34,428. And you screwed another 10*l.* out of him?—Yes.

34,429. You are a farmer? How many acres do you farm?—I had about 10 acres at that time.

34,430. Was it your own or did your hire it?—It was about that altogether. Some of it was my own and some I farmed.

34,431. What rent did you pay?—I paid about 14*l.* a year.

34,432. And what was the value of that which was your own?—18*l.* on the rate book.

34,433. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What rent do you pay now?—236*l.*

34,434. (*Mr. Newton.*) Who is your landlord now?—Mr. Sharp is the trustee of the estate.

34,435. (*Mr. Barstow.*) And you farm your own land besides?—At this present time I do. I have only had it this year a few months—not a year yet.

34,436. How many acres have you of your own freehold?—Eight customary acres.

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J. Cottam.

JOHN COTTAM sworn and examined.

34,437. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,438. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

34,439. From whom did you receive it?—A stranger.

34,440. You knew who the stranger was, I suppose?—No, I did not.

34,441. But you know now, do you not?—No.

34,442. When did you receive it?—The night before the election.

34,443. Was that all you received?—Yes.

34,444. You received nothing but that 10*l.*?—No.

34,445. Where did you receive it?—Close to home.

34,446. You did not screw out another 10*l.* from anybody?—No.

34,447. You are a farmer, I see; what is your rent?—I am no farmer.

34,448. What are you?—I am a farm servant.

J. A. Coulston.

JOHN ADAM COULSTON sworn and examined.

34,449. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Ulleswater Road?—Yes.

34,450. And you are a tailor?—Yes.

34,451. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

34,452. Did you get anything for your vote?—10*l.*

34,453. Who paid you?—John Marsden.

34,454. Were you on any committee?—No.

34,455. On neither side?—No.

34,456. And that is all you got at the election, 10*l.*?—Yes, for my vote.

34,457. What did you get for your services?—Nothing; only I had a message to take one night and I got a shilling.

34,458. From whom did you get that?—From George Shaw, I think.

34,459. What did you do with the shilling he gave you?—I spent it.

34,460. In drink?—Yes.

R. Cragg.

RICHARD CRAGG sworn and examined.

34,461. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a farmer at Cleveley?—I was.

34,462. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you at the time of the election?—Yes.

34,463. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,464. What money did you receive?—*5l.*

34,465. Who paid you?—I did not know the gentleman.

34,466. Did you see Mr. Clarke at the place where you were paid?—I think he was in another room; he was not in the same room.

34,467. Where were you paid?—At the "White Cross."

34,468. What rent did you pay at this time?—I was not on my own account; there was my mother along with me. It was about 220*l.* a year.

34,469. That is, you both between you paid that?—Yes.

34,470. (*Mr. Newton.*) Had you half and she half?—Yes.

34,471. In fact, then, you paid 110*l.* a year?—Yes.

34,472. How much rent did you pay yourself?—The lease was drawn for the two, you know, and the rent was 220*l.*

34,473. And how much of that 220*l.* did you pay?—I paid the whole of it; I managed for her.

34,474. And how much did she pay?—She paid the same as I did.

34,475. What was that?—110*l.*

34,476. She paid 110*l.* and you paid 110*l.*?—I paid the whole of it, and she had the interest of it.

34,477. (*Mr. Barstow.*) It was a partnership, I suppose?—Yes.

34,478. Had you both an equal interest in it?—Yes.

34,479. The rent altogether I think you say was 220*l.*?—Yes.

THOMAS CRANE is called, but does not answer.

A. Crane.

ANNA CRANE sworn and examined.

34,480. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You appear for Thomas Crane?—Yes.

34,481. He is your husband?—Yes.

34,482. Is he a hairdresser in Market Street?—Yes.

34,483. How did he vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

34,484. And what money did you receive for him? I got 5*l.* after the election; he had nothing do with it.

34,485. From whom did you get that 5*l.*?—John Bell, in the North Road. He sent for me to his shop and gave it me after the election.

34,486. Did he say that that was for your husband's vote?—He said nothing about his vote; he gave me that after the election.

34,487. Did you ask him before the election for the 5*l.*?—No, I had nothing to do with it. He sent for me after the election and gave the money to me.

R. Hall.

ROBERT HALL sworn and examined.

34,488. (*Mr. Newton.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for the Conservative candidate.

34,489. That, I believe, was Mr. Lawrence?—Yes.

34,490. Did you get any money for so voting?—I did not; I was retained professionally.

34,491. You are an attorney?—I am.

34,492. Did you receive any money at all for the purposes of the election?—Not a farthing.

34,493. What were you retained for?—I received my own election fee, but nothing further than that.

34,494. What was that fee?—25 guineas.

34,495. What did you do for those 25 guineas?—I was principally engaged at the committee room; I also went out on the canvass.

34,496. When was the retainer sent to you?—I think it would be about a fortnight before the election. I do not recollect exactly.

34,497. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For what did you consider you received the 25 guineas?—For my services as election agent.

34,498. And what services did you render as election agent?—I accompanied Mr. Lawrence a portion of the time on the canvass, and I also acted in the committee room. I had to do with preparing street lists, writing to outside voters and many other things.

34,499. Did you do anything on the polling day?—I was in the committee room, I think, the whole of the day, with the exception of the time I voted.

34,500. What were you engaged in doing?—I stood to see how the voters went, how they recorded their votes.

34,501. Can you tell us how many professional gentlemen were engaged for Mr. Lawrence?—I think I can; Mr. Clark was the principal agent, and Mr. Gibson and myself.

34,502. Do you know who were engaged on the other side?—Mr. Maxsted and Mr. Tilley; I think that was all.

JAMES CROFT, junior, sworn and examined. *J. Croft.*

34,503. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,504. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Nothing whatever. I was in the committee room at the "Royal Oak," for which I received 7*s.* 6*d.* a day for 10 days, making 3*l.* 15*s.*

34,505. You were employed as a clerk were you?—Yes.

34,506. How were you employed?—In writing out street lists, and doing a great number of things. I was there from 8 in the morning till 8 at night several days.

34,507. For how many days?—10 days at 7*s.* 6*d.* a day.

34,508. What is your occupation generally; what are you?—I have not been much at home. I have been with my father; he is old.

34,509. Are you a clerk?—No, I am not doing much, I am out of occupation.

THOMAS CROSSFIELD sworn and examined. *T. Crossfield.*

34,510. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a labourer at Halton?—Yes.

34,511. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,512. Did you get anything for your vote?—10*l.*

34,513. Who paid you?—George Danson.

34,514. Where did he pay you, do you remember?—I think it was at the "Royal Oak."

34,515. Did Mr. Sharp come to you?—Yes.

34,516. Did he tell you to go to George Danson?—No, he did not.

34,517. Who told you to go to George Danson?—It was King as told me to go there.

34,518. Which King; King of Slyne?—Of Slyne. I do not know what his name is.

34,519. Is that all you got, 10*l.*?—I got 30*s.* from King.

34,520. What was that for?—I do not know what it was for; I got it before the election.

34,521. How did you vote at the election before the last?—I voted for Fenwick.

34,522. Then you would not vote for Lawrence unless you got 11*l.* 10*s*; that was it I suppose, was it not?—I cannot say it was.

34,523. King said you must vote for Lawrence, and he paid you 1*l.* 10*s.*, did he not?—I got it before the election.

34,524. And he told you to go to George Danson, was not that it?—No, he did not tell me to go to George Danson.

34,525. I thought you said he told you to go to George Danson; he told you to go the "Royal Oak," and that you would be paid there, was that it?—Well, perhaps it was.

34,526. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you paid this 1*l.* 10*s.* at the "Royal Oak?"—No, I got it before the election.

34,527. Do you know who this Mr. King is?—He comes from Slyne.

34,528. Was that all you got?—Yes.

34,529. You got nothing to spend in drink?—I spent 30*s.* in drink; that was all I got to spend in drink.

34,530. Did you get anything from Fenwick and Schneider's people?—No.

34,531. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a day labourer?—Yes.

34,532. What wages do you earn?—I have different wages; sometimes 3*s.* 6*d.*, and sometimes 4*s.*, it depends on what I am doing.

34,533. Were you a day labourer at the time of the election?—Yes.

JOHN CROSKELL sworn and examined. *J. Croskell.*

34,534. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a farmer at Overton?—I was; I am not now.

34,535. Where are you living now?—I am living at Overton.

34,536. But you are not a farmer?—No.

34,537. You voted for Mr. Lawrence at the last election did you not?—Yes.

34,538. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

34,539. Was that all you received?—Yes.

34,540. Where did you receive it?—At Overton.

34,541. Did you receive anything from Hodgson?—No.

34,542. Did you receive nothing in his house?—No.

34,543. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you on any committee?—No.

34,544. And you received nothing on the other side?—No.

BARTHOLOMEW PYE sworn and examined. *B. Pye.*

34,545. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understand you wish to say something?—Yes; I have been summoned wrong.

34,546. Are you not a voter?—No.

34,547. Where do you live?—At Wyresdale.

34,548. What are you?—I have a small farm.

34,548-9. Do you know a man named James Towers?—No.

34,549. Who lives at Dolphinholme?—No, I do not know him.

34,550. Who lives at Bare then?—I do not know where he lives; I do not know a man of that name.

34,551. Did you ever pay him 5*l.* for the purpose of the election?—No, I never had anything to do with the election, and never was at one.

34,552. You are a farmer, and you live at Wyresdale?—Yes.

34,553. Are there any more of your name living at Wyresdale?—Yes, there is another man of the same name, but he had no more to do with the electioneering than I had.

34,554. Do you know that this man Towers has said that Bartholomew Pye paid him 5*l.* at the election?—No, it is a thing I never knew anything about.

34,555. Towers told us when he was standing in that place that Bartholomew Pye paid him 5*l.* for his vote?—It is the name that is wrong, if you will be so kind as to read that you will see (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

34,556. You are not the Bartholomew Pye who paid Towers 5*l.* for his vote?—No, it is a mistake in the name.

34,557. Do you know Bartholomew Pye?—Yes, there is another of that name.

34,558. Is he any relation of yours?—He is some kind of relation, but he is a very old man, and he had nothing to do with the election.

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J. Crosskell.

JOSEPH CROSKELL, junior, sworn and examined.

34,559. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,560. What money did you receive?—12*l.*

34,561. From whom did you receive it?—He was a stranger, I did not know him.

34,562. Where did you receive it?—In China Lane.

34,563. At Hodgson's in China Lane?—Yes.

34,564. Was that all you received?—Yes.

34,565. What rent do you pay?—250*l.*

34,566. Do you know the gentleman who paid you?—No, I never saw him before.

34,567. Do you know Isaac Jackson?—I do not know him that I know of.

G. Croshell.

GEORGE CROSKELL sworn and examined.

34,568. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you an ironmonger in Cheapside?—Yes.

34,569. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For. Mr. Lawrence.

34,570. Did you receive anything for your vote?—Nothing.

34,571. And you did not pay anybody else for their votes?—No.

34,572. You had nothing in fact to do with the election?—No, nothing whatever.

J. Crosthwaite.

JAMES CROSTHWAITE sworn and examined.

34,573. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Upper King street, and you are a painter?—Yes.

34,574. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,575. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

34,576. From whom did you receive it?—From John Marsden the brush maker.

34,577-8. Was that all you received?—No, I received 1*l.* from John Bleasdale a day or two before the election.

34,579. Did you receive anything besides that?—No.

34,580. Were you on any committee?—I do not know whether they put me on the committee or not, I am not certain about that.

34,581. Were you paid for being on the committee?—I got no more money.

34,582. You only got 11*l.* altogether?—That is all.

34,583. Can you read and write?—Yes.

W. R. Cumpsty.

WILLIAM ROBINSON CUMPSTY sworn and examined.

34,584. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A tailor.

24,585. Of Leonard Gate?—Yes.

34,586. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,587. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, not a halfpenny.

34,588. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

34,589. Which?—Fenwick's.

34,590. What did you get for being on that committee?—5*s.* a day.

34,591. How many days were you on it?—Six I believe.

34,592. Then you got 30*s.* for being on the committee?—Yes.

34,593. Who paid you that?—Mr. Tilley.

34,594. You say you were not on the other committee?—No.

34,595. And they did not pay you any money on that side?—No.

(*Richard Robinson Cumpsty is called but does not answer.*)

34,596. Is Richard Robinson Cumpsty your son?—Yes.

34,597. Is he a plumber?—Yes.

34,598. Where is he?—He was at Southampton the last time we heard of him.

34,599. How did he vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,600. Do you know what he got?—6*l.*

34,601. Did you see him paid?—No, he showed it to me when he got home, when he had received it. They sent for him from Halifax in Yorkshire; he was working at Halifax at the time.

34,602. And they paid him 6*l.*?—Yes.

34,603. Was that for his expenses or for his vote?—I cannot say that.

34,604. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you receive nothing from Bradley?—No, I never received a halfpenny from any one, only from Mr. Tilley.

34,605. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did your son tell you who paid him?—No, he did not say who paid him.

34,606. Do you know who paid him?—I do not; I was not there.

W. Curwen.

WILLIAM CURWEN sworn and examined.

34,607. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Quernmore?—Yes.

34,608. What are you?—A labourer.

34,609. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,610. What did you get?—5*l.*

34,611. From whom did you get that?—I got that; I never asked for it.

34,612. Who gave it you?—My brother.

34,613. Who is he?—He is John Curwen.

34,614. John Curwen, a labourer of Quernmore? Yes.

34,615. Is he here?—No, he is not here; he has never got any summons yet. I never asked for anything.

34,616. You got nothing except the 5*l.*?—No, that is all I got.

(*John Curwen is called but does not answer.*)

34,617. You say your brother John is not here?—No, he is not here.

34,618. Where is he?—He is at Quernmore.

34,619. Do you know what he got?—Yes; he got the same, 5*l.*

34,620. Who gave it him?—George Pease, I believe.

34,621. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you see your brother receive it?—Yes.

J. Davis.

JOHN DAVIS sworn and examined.

34,622. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Alfred Street?—Yes.

34,623. What are you?—An attendant at the Lunatic Asylum.

34,624. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,625. Did you get anything for so doing?—Yes, 10*l.*

34,626. Who paid you?—William Dugdale.

34,627. Who is he?—He is an attendant at the asylum also.

34,628. Do you know where he got it from?—I believe he got it from a man of the name of Bradshaw.

34,629. Did you get anything else?—No.

J. Davis.

JOSEPH GUNSON sworn and examined. 4 Jan. 1867.

J. Gunson.

34,630. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Parkfield Terrace, Scotforth?—Yes.

34,631. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

34,632. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

34,633. From neither the one side nor the other?—No.

34,634. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

THOMAS EDMONDSON sworn and examined.

T. Edmondson.

32,635. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a bookseller in Brock Street?—Yes.

34,636. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,637. Did you receive anything for the purposes of the election?—No.

34,638. Did you do anything at the election except record your vote?—Nothing, except record my vote.

WILLIAM DICKINSON sworn and examined.

W. Dickinson.

34,639. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Market Street?—Yes.

34,640. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,641. Did you receive anything?—Not a penny.

34,642. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

34,643. You are an accountant I think?—Yes.

JOHN EDMONSON sworn and examined.

J. Edmonson.

34,644. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are described as of Grassyard Hall, Caton, Esquire?—Yes.

34,645. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,646. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Nothing whatever.

34,647. Did you pay any money?—No.

34,648. Did you not propose one of the candidates?—No.

34,649. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were any of your servants engaged in the election?—Yes, one.

34,650. Your butler?—Yes.

34,651. What is his name?—Henry Row. He is summoned for Monday.

JOHN DAVIS recalled and further examined.

J. Davis.

34,652. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understand you wish to make some correction in your evidence?—Yes; I beg pardon, I believe I made a mistake in the name. I think it was Bond that gave me the money.

34,653. William Bond you think paid you?—Yes.

34,654. Where did he pay you?—He paid me at the asylum.

34,655. After you had voted?—No, before.

34,656. Had you told anybody how you were going to vote?—No.

34,657. Had you made an arrangement that you were to be paid 10*l.* if you voted for Lawrence?—Dugdale said I should be paid 10*l.* if I voted for Mr. Lawrence.

THOMAS GRASSYARD EDMONDSON sworn and examined.

T. G. Edmondson.

34,658. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You voted I see for Mr. Lawrence at the last election?—Yes.

34,659. I believe you either proposed or seconded him?—I seconded him.

34,660. Is that all the part you took in the election—I went round with Mr. Lawrence one day through part of Caton and Littledale to see the voters.

34,661. Did you either receive or pay any money?—No; and I saw one or two voters on the day the election was going on.

34,662. Who did you see on that day?—I saw, I think, a son of Mr. Richmond, the painter.

34,663. Did you ask him to vote for Mr. Lawrence?—He was not in; it was only his wife that I saw.

34,664. Did you offer her any money?—No.

34,665. Did you offer anyone any money?—No.

34,666. You made no promise of money to any person?—No.

34,667. Did you introduce anyone though you did not offer money yourself to people who you thought would be likely to offer them money?—No.

DANIEL EDMONSON is called but does not answer.

JOHN EDMONSON sworn and examined.

J. Edmonson.

34,668. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are the son of Daniel Edmonson?—Yes.

34,669. He is unwell, we understand, and not able to come here?—He is not.

34,670. Do you know of your own knowledge how much money he received for his vote?—He received, he says, from Dr. Bradshaw 2*l.*; he put it into his hands and shook hands with him; he did not ask him how he was going to vote.

34,671. And how did he vote?—He voted for Mr. Lawrence.

34,672. Who is attending your father now?—There is nobody attending him; he has got an old man.

34,673. How old is he?—About 85.

34,674. Was that all the money he received?—Yes.

34,675. Do you know whether he received anything besides these 2*l.*?—He received nothing.

34,676. (*Mr. Newton.*) How was it that he received so little?—He always had voted that way, and I suppose he did not expect to receive anything; he would have voted without receiving anything.

34,677. You got 11*l.* for your vote?—I got about three or four and twenty pounds for that, and for all my expenses. I was Shackleton's mate.

34,678. Shackleton paid you?—Yes.

THIRTIETH DAY.

T. Bond.

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THOMAS BOND sworn and examined.

34,679. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A labourer.

34,680. Of Poulton-le-Sands, farmer?—Yes.

34,681. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,682. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

34,683. Who paid you?—Mrs. Willacy.

34,684. Was that all you got?—Yes.

34,685. What did you get from the other side?—Nothing.

34,686. Were you on any committee?—No.

E. Edmonson.

EDWARD EDMONSON sworn and examined.

34,687. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you Edward Edmonson, of Heysham, yeoman?—Yes.

34,688. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,689. What money did you receive?—I had 2*l.* sent me to spend.

34,690. Who sent it to you?—Mr. Vince.

34,691. Was that all the money you received?—Yes.

34,692. Did you get nothing from Hatch?—No.

34,693. When did you receive the 2*l.* from Vince?—It was before the election. It was when they were canvassing.

34,694. (*Mr. Newton.*) What was the 2*l.* given to you for?—To spend.

34,695. What in?—Drink.

34,696. Upon yourself?—Myself and others; I treated freemen with it.

34,697. You are a freeman yourself?—Yes.

34,698. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you spend it all in treating?—Well, I got some myself out of it.

34,699. (*Mr. Newton.*) It was not given to you for your vote?—No; I voted for 50 years, and I never had it yet.

34,700. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How many acres do you farm?—About 20 of our own.

34,701. And how many do you hire?—I do not hire any.

34,702. Did you receive nothing from Hatch?—Not a penny.

34,703. Do you live at Heysham?—Yes; I have a son Edward.

34,704. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you receive any money for your son?—No.

34,705. Do you know Mr. Hatch?—Very well.

34,706. Did he pay you any money?—No.

34,707. Is your son here?—Yes.

E. Edmondson.

EDWARD EDMONDSON, junior, sworn and examined.

34,708. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you the son of the last witness?—Yes.

34,709. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,710. What money did you receive?—12*l.*

34,711. Who was that from?—10*l.* from Hatch, and 2*l.* from Vince.

34,712. How many acres do you farm?—I farm one I think.

34,713. One acre?—Yes.

34,714. Is 12*l.* all the money you received?—Yes.

34,715. (*To Edward Edmondson, senior.*) When did you get this 2*l.*?—My son brought it.

34,716. What night; do you remember. At what time?—I do not remember the time. It was before the election started.

34,717. Was it the same week as the election?—No; it would be a fortnight or three weeks before that I think.

34,718. (*To the Witness.*) Do you remember at what time Vince gave you this 2*l.* which you gave your father?—It was Thomas gave it him.

34,719. (*To Edward Edmondson, senior.*) Do you think it was on the Friday before the election?—I cannot say indeed.

T. Edmondson.

THOMAS EDMONDSON sworn and examined.

34,720. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you Thomas Edmondson, of Heysham, farmer?—Yes.

34,721. You voted for Mr. Lawrence?—Yes.

34,722. How much did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

34,723. Nothing?—No.

34,724. How was that?—I got nothing for my vote.

34,725. How was it that you got nothing; your father got 2*l.*?—Not for his vote.

34,726. But your brother got 10*l.*?—Yes.

34,727. Why was it then that you did not get it?—I did not want any. I never got any in my life for my vote.

34,728. How many times have you voted?—Five.

34,729. Had you no money at all?—Yes.

34,730. How much?—8*l.* 10*s.* from Hatch; 1*l.* I gave John Mashiter, and 10*s.* for the beerhouse, and 6*l.* for being on the committee.

34,731. And what did you do with the other 1*l.* 10*s.*?—I gave 1*l.* to John Mashiter, and 10*s.* for the beerhouse bill.

34,732. That is only 7*l.* 10*s.*?—1*l.* he gave me on the Monday before the election.

34,733. You say you got 6*l.* for being on the committee. You gave Mashiter 1*l.*, and 10*s.* you paid for a beerhouse bill, what became of the other 1*l.*?—It was for expenses.

34,734. For yourself?—Some for myself.

34,735. But what was the 1*l.* for expenses, was that for yourself?—No; It was to treat people.

34,736. You got 6*l.* for being on the committee and 1*l.* for expenses?—Yes.

34,737. Is that all you got from that side?—No; I got 6*l.* from Vince.

34,738. What was that for?—2*l.* for my father, and 4*l.* (two two's) for myself.

34,739. What was that for?—It was for expenses.

34,740. Four pounds, from Vince for yourself?—Yes.

34,741. That was for expenses?—Yes.

34,742. When was that, when did he pay you that?—He paid me 2*l.* of it the night before the election and 2*l.* a little before.

34,743. A little before that?—Yes.

34,744. On the Friday night?—I cannot say on what night it was. It was on one Saturday night.

34,745. Did he tell you what it was for?—It was to treat people with. I was put on the committee and I was assisting.

34,746. Was that all you got altogether?—That was all I got altogether.

34,747. From that side?—Yes.

34,748. What did you get from the other side?—Nothing.

34,749. Upon your oath do you say you got nothing?—I got nothing.

34,750. You got 6*l.* for being on the committee, and you got 5*l.* from Vince for your expenses?—No, 4*l.*

34,751. You got 7*l.* 10*s.*, 1*l.*, and 4*l.*?—Which 7*l.* 10*s.* and 1*l.* made 8*l.* 10*s.* That was from Mr. Hatch, and 6*l.* from Vince.

34,752. You got 7*l.* from Hatch?—8*l.* 10*s.*

34,753. But you paid away 1*l.* of that?—Yes.

34,754. You got 7*l.* 10*s.* from Hatch for yourself?—Yes.

34,755. You got 11*l.* for your vote?—I got nothing for my vote.

34,756. You say you got 6*l.* from Vince and 2*l.* you gave to whom?—To my father.

34,757. On what day was that?—It was on the Saturday.

ROBERT FELL sworn and examined. *R. Fell.*

34,758. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Lodge Street, Lancaster?—Yes.
34,759. And you are a warehouseman?—Yes.
34,760. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
34,761. Did you receive anything for the purposes of the election?—I received 5*l.*
34,762. That was from Bell?—John Bell.
34,763. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing.
34,764. Are you quite sure?—Quite sure.
34,765. Were you on no committee?—I was on no committee; I never was.
34,766. (*Mr. Newton.*) You got nothing from the other side?—Nothing.

WILLIAM FOX sworn and examined. *W. Fox.*

34,767. (*Mr. Newton.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
34,768. What money did you receive?—2*l.* 10*s.*
34,769. From whom did you receive it?—From William Bradshaw.
34,770. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.
34,771. Did you get any money to drink with?—No.
34,772. Did you treat other people?—No.

ANTHONY KNOWLES FOX sworn and examined. *A. K. Fox.*

34,773. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A joiner.
34,774. Where do you live?—In Martin Street.
34,775. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
34,776. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*
34,777. Who paid you?—Robert Hinde, from Bentham.
34,778. Were you on a committee?—No.
34,779. Did you get nothing from the other side?—No.
34,780. Nothing for your services?—No.
34,781. All you got was 8*l.*?—Yes.

THOMAS FOX sworn and examined. *T. Fox.*

34,782. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Dolphinholme?—Yes.
34,783. For whom did you vote at the last election;—For Mr. Lawrence.
34,784. What money did you receive?—5*l.*
34,785. From whom did you receive it?—His name was Cross. I do not know his christian name.
34,786. Where were you paid?—At the "Fleece Inn," Ellel.
34,787. Was that all you received?—Yes.
34,788. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a farmer?—No, I am not.
34,789. You are put down here as a farmer?—Yes, I dare say it will be so, but I work at husbandry. I am not a farmer.
34,790. Are you a day labourer?—Yes.

ANDREW FOX sworn and examined. *A. Fox.*

34,791. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A labourer. I am described as a labourer on the list.
34,792. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
34,793. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*
34,794. Who paid you?—Mr. Robert Hinde.
34,795. Were you on any committee?—No.
34,796. On neither side?—No.
34,797. That was all you got for the election?—Yes.
34,798. What do you work at?—I am a warehouseman.
34,799. Can you read or write?—Yes.
34,800. Both?—Yes.

JAMES GARDNER, junior, sworn and examined. *J. Gardner.*

34,801. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a farmer, at Conder Green?—A farmer's son.
34,802. What do you do yourself?—Work at the farmhouse.
34,803. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.
34,804. What money did you receive for voting?—Well, I do not know his name.
34,805. What money, I ask, did you receive?—3*l.* 3*s.*
34,806. From a stranger?—Yes.
34,807. Was Holmes with him?—Yes.
34,808. Was that all you got altogether?—Yes, it was.
34,809. Who is your landlord?—Mr. Starkey.
34,810. Do you know whether your father received anything?—I do not know; I did not see him receive anything.
34,811. (*Mr. Newton.*) Has he not told you that he has received something?—He never told me he had received anything.
34,812. Is your father here?—Yes.

JAMES GARDNER sworn and examined. *J. Gardner.*

34,813. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are the father of the last witness?—Yes.
34,814. And you are a farmer?—Yes.
34,815. How did you vote?—For Mr. Lawrence.
34,816. And how much did you receive for your vote?—Three guineas. I do not know what it was for.
34,817. Did you get anything else besides the three guineas?—No, nothing.
34,818. Were you paid at the same time as your son was?—Yes.
34,819. And at the same place?—Yes.
34,820. Your son saw you paid, I dare say?—Yes. We were all in the room at once.
34,821. And did you all get 3*l.* 3*s.*?—Yes.
34,822. Nothing more?—No.
34,823. How many acres do you farm?—36.
34,824. What rent do you pay?—67*l.*

NICHOLAS CAIRNS sworn and examined. *N. Cairns.*

34,825. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Brock Street?—Yes.
34,826. What are you?—A marine store keeper.
34,827. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
34,828. What did you get for your vote?—I got 5*l.*

THIRTIETH DAY.

N. Cairns.

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34,829. Who paid you?—William Welch paid it to me about a week or a fortnight after the election.

34,830. Were you on any committee?—No.

34,831. That is all you got; *5l.*?—Yes. It was a week or ten days after the election.

34,832. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you receive any money from anyone else?—No.

34,833. That is all you got?—That is all I got.

E. Gardner.

EDWARD GARDNER sworn and examined.

34,834. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a yeoman?—Yes.

34,835. Of Halton?—Yes.

34,836. You voted, I believe, for Mr. Lawrence, at the last election?—Yes.

34,837. How much money did you get?—I got nothing at all, either directly or indirectly.

34,838. And you paid no money to anyone?—No.

S. Austin.

SIMEON AUSTIN sworn and examined.

34,839. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you Simeon Austin, of Galgate, labourer?—Yes.

34,840. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,841. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

34,842. Who paid you?—I do not know who he was. I got it at the "White Cross."

34,843. Were you on any committee?—No.

34,844. And is that all you got for the purpose of the election?—Yes.

34,845. You got nothing from the other side?—No.

JAMES GARDNER, of Halton, Attorney, is called, but does not answer.

J. Gardner.

EDWARD GARDNER recalled and further examined.

34,846. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know anything of your son, where he is. I mean James Gardner, of Halton, attorney?—He was at Halton this morning.

34,847. Do you know why he has not come here?—I think it is from his going to public-houses drinking.

34,848. Have you seen your son this morning?—I saw him this morning. He is gone to the public-houses, drinking. That is the truth. He knows you are sitting here.

34,849. Tell him if he does not come we shall take steps to have him here?—I will tell him if I see him.

34,850. And tell him that he probably will be inside Lancaster Castle before Monday evening if he does not come?—Very well. I will tell him.

J. Gardner.

JOSEPH GARDNER sworn and examined.

34,851. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a tailor?—Yes.

34,852. And you live at the Workhouse Lodge?—Yes.

34,853. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,854. What did you get?—*5l.*

34,855. Who paid you?—Edward Riley.

34,856. Is that all you got?—For myself it is.

34,857. Were you on any committee?—I was told so, but I never intended to be. I had nothing for it.

34,858. Did you get any money to spend in drink?—No. I had 4*l.* paid for a son of mine. Mr. Allinson paid me 4*l.* for my son's assistance; it passed through my hands.

34,859. Is your son a voter?—No.

34,860. You got *5l.*, and 4*l.* for your son, who is not a voter?—Yes; he assisted Mr. Allinson.

34,861. In what way did he assist him?—He was running about on the election day.

34,862. That is all the money you received, *5l.* for yourself and 4*l.* for your son?—Yes.

34,863. And did you pay the 4*l.* to him?—I paid it to my wife, and she paid it to my son.

34,864. What age is your son?—20 years old. He was in London, and he came down here.

34,865. Did he take it away with him?—He had done one way or the other.

34,866. Do you know that he had it?—Yes.

W. Garnett.

WILLIAM GARNETT sworn and examined.

34,867. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you William Garnett, of Halton, farmer?—Yes.

34,868. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,869. What did you get for your vote?—I do not know that I got anything for my vote.

34,870. You must know whether you did or did not?—I got 3*l.* to spend, but I did not get anything for my vote.

34,871. Who did you get the 3*l.* from?—I got 2*l.* from Henry Nelson, and 1*l.* from Mr. Sharp.

34,872. Which Mr. Sharp?—Mr. William Sharp.

34,873. What were you to do with those 3*l.*?—I spent it.

34,874. What did you spend it in?—In refreshments for any friends or voters.

34,875. That is all you got?—Yes.

34,876. Were you on any committee?—No.

34,877. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

J. Garnett.

JOHN GARNETT is called but does not answer.

34,878. Is John Garnett your father?—Yes.

34,879. Is he a yeoman?—Yes.

34,880. Why is he not here?—He is poorly. He is an old man between 80 and 90.

34,881. How did he vote?—He voted for Mr. Lawrence.

34,882. What did he get?—I do not know that he got anything, and he has got that far that if you ask him I dare say you could not get a proper answer.

34,883. But I daresay you know what he did get?—I do not know that he got anything.

34,884. Do you not know that he got *2l.*?—No; he did not live with me, and I do not know if he got anything.

34,885. What is your father's age?—He is either 86 or 87 I think. I cannot exactly say.

G. Garnett.

GEORGE GARNETT sworn and examined.

34,886. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you of Scargill Halton?—Yes.

34,887. Are you a farmer?—Yes.

34,888. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,889. What money did you receive?—I got 3*l.* for my expenses.

34,890. Was that all you received?—It was.

34,891. Who gave it you?—I was paid in an office down in Church Street, but I cannot exactly mention

the gentleman's name who gave me the money. I believe he is a partner with Mr. Maxsted at present. Whether he was there or not I cannot say.

34,892. What did you get that money for?—I assisted John King with his horses.

34,893. Is that King, of Slyne?—Yes; and I treated a few voters, and perhaps made them a present of 6*d.* or 1*s.* when they were dry, and so forth.

34,894. Did George Danson pay you anything?—No.

34,895. You were not on the committee?—No.

34,896. Was 3*l.* all you received?—Yes; 3*l.* was all I received, and I did not receive that till three weeks or a month after the election. I was told to go to that office, and receive my expenses; and I did.

ROGER GARTH sworn and examined. *R. Garth.*

34,897. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a labourer living at Nether Kellet?—Yes.

34,898. How did you vote at the last election?—For. Mr. Lawrence.

34,899. And what did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

34,900. Who paid you?—Mr. Taylor.

34,901. Was that a gentleman from Liverpool?—No; he is a liquor merchant. A spirit merchant here in Lancaster.

34,902. Is that all you got?—Yes.

34,903. You were not on any committee at all?—No; nothing at all.

ROGER GARTH, junr., sworn and examined. *R. Garth, junr.*

34,904. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Nether Kellet, labourer?—Yes.

34,905. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,906. What money did you receive?—12*l.*

34,907. Was that all you received?—Yes.

34,908. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you on no committee?—No.

34,909. Who paid you?—Taylor.

JOHN GARTH sworn and examined. *J. Garth.*

34,910. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a labourer at Nether Kellet?—Yes.

34,911. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,912. What did you get for your vote?—12*l.*

34,913. Who paid you?—Taylor.

34,914. Was that all you got?—10*s.* to spend.

34,915. Who did you get that from?—From Taylor.

34,916. Then you got 12*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

JOHN GARTH sworn and examined. *J. Garth.*

34,917. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you John Garth of Bulk, husbandman?—Yes.

34,918. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,919. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

34,920. Who did you receive that from?—From George Danson.

34,921. Did you receive anything besides?—No.

34,922. Were you on no committee?—No.

34,923. Was nothing given to you to spend in drink?—No.

THOMAS GARTH sworn and examined. *T. Garth.*

34,924. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are Thomas Garth, of Golgotha?—Yes.

34,925. What are you?—A labourer.

34,926. An agricultural labourer?—Well, I work at stone.

34,927. How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Schneider.

34,928. And what did you get for your vote?—Nothing.

34,929. Were you not canvassed by anybody?—Yes; I was canvassed.

34,930. By whom?—By my landlord.

34,931. What is his name?—Mr. Coulston.

34,932. What did he ask you to do?—He wanted me to vote for Schneider.

34,933. Did he promise you any money?—No.

34,934. Did anybody else promise you any money?—No; I was promised no money at all.

34,935. Were you on any committee?—No.

34,936. Did you get anything for your services?—No.

34,937. Did you get any money for your expenses?—Not that I know of.

34,938. You must know perfectly well whether you did or not?—I did not.

34,939. You did not get any money at all for the purpose of the election?—No, I did not.

34,940. Have you got a wife?—Yes.

34,941. What did she get for the election?—Nothing.

34,942. Are you sure of that?—I am sure of that.

34,943. Have you a daughter?—Yes.

34,944. Did she get anything for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

34,945. For you?—Nothing; neither of them got anything.

34,946. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Nor any other relation of yours?—Yes; them that is up here.

34,947. Did any of your relations receive anything for you?—No; there was nothing received for me.

34,948. Did you get anything either directly or indirectly?—No, I did not.

JAMES GERRARD sworn and examined. *J. Gerrard.*

34,949. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Cockerham, and are a farmer?—Yes.

34,950. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,951. What money did you receive?—Nothing.

34,952. Nothing at all?—No.

34,953. You came all the way to Lancaster and voted for nothing?—For nothing, and I brought my own conveyance and everything; I never cost them a halfpenny.

34,954. Did no member of your family receive anything that you know of?—No.

JOHN GIBSON sworn and examined. *J. Gibson.*

34,955. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you John Gibson, of Lodge Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

34,956. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,957. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*

34,958. Who paid you?—John Bell.

34,959. What did you get for being on the com-

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mittee?—Nothing; I was on the committee but I did not get anything.

34,960. Were you on the other committee?—No.

34,961. Did not anybody come to you from the other side?—They came to our house but they never saw me.

34,962. Did they leave any money when they came to your house?—No; I never had anything to do with the other side.

34,963. All you got was 8*l.*?—Yes; that was all.

34,964. Can you read and write?—I can read.

L. Gibson.

LAWRENCE GIBSON sworn and examined.

34,965. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are Lawrence Gibson, of Germany Street?—Yes.

34,966. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,967. What money did you receive?—8*l.*

34,968. Who from?—John Bell.

34,969. Is that all you received?—Yes.

34,970. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes; quite sure.

34,971. Did you get any money to spend in drink?—No.

R. Gilgrass.

ROBERT GILGRASS sworn and examined.

34,972. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of Cragg Ellel?—Yes.

34,973. What are you?—I have a bit of land.

34,974. Are you anything else besides?—No.

34,975. How did you vote at the last election?—14 acres.

34,976. That is not what I am asking you; my question is how did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence, a plumper.

34,977. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did they give you anything?—Aye.

34,978. How much?—Four sovereigns.

34,979. Who gave it you?—Robert Lawson.

34,980. Did you get anything else?—No.

R. Gilloe.

RICHARD GILLOE sworn and examined.

34,981. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are describe Denny Beck, Quernmore?—Yes.

34,982. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

34,983. What did you get?—Nothing.

34,984. You really got nothing?—Nothing.

34,985. Had you always voted Blue?—Yes; always.

34,986. Were you on any committee?—No.

34,987. How many acres do you farm?—I had a farm, but through bad health I was forced to resign.

34,988. You are no longer a farmer then?—No.

34,989. Do you really mean to say that you got no money at all?—No; not a halfpenny.

34,990. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did any relation of yours get any money for you?—No.

T. T. Goad.

THOMAS TURNER GOAD sworn and examined.

34,991. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Edward Street, watch maker?—Yes.

34,992. You voted for Mr. Lawrence at the last election?—Yes.

34,993. What money did you get?—10*l.*

34,994. Was that from Coupland?—Yes.

34,995. Is that all you got?—That is all.

34,996. (*Mr. Newton.*) You were on no committee?—No.

J. Greaves.

JAMES GREAVES sworn and examined.

34,997. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are of the North Road, tailor?—Yes.

34,998. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

34,999. Did you get anything for your vote?—I did not.

35,000. That you are prepared to swear?—Yes.

35,001. Neither your wife nor anybody connected with you?—No.

35,002. Did you get anything for your services?—Yes.

35,003. How much did you get?—2*l.*, three weeks after the election.

35,004. What were the services for which you got paid?—Assisting Mr. Bradley.

35,005. Assisting him by doing what?—Looking after voters.

35,006. What voters did you look after?—Several.

35,007. What else did you get?—Nothing.

35,008. Were you on any committee?—Yes.

35,009. Did you get any money for being on the committee?—2*l.*

35,010. Did you get any money to spend?—No, I did not.

B. Gregson.

BENJAMIN GREGSON sworn and examined.

35,011. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a cabinet maker?—Yes.

35,012. In Edward Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

35,013. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,014. What did you get?—Nothing.

35,015. Nothing at all?—No.

35,016. Neither for your vote nor in any other way?—I got nothing at all for anything.

35,017. Did no one get anything for you?—Not a farthing.

35,018, You got nothing directly or indirectly?—No.

35,019, Did you get nothing for your services?—No.

35,020. Do you know a man named "Cole"?—At Mr. Williamson's.

35,021. Yes.—I know him by sight.

35,022. Did not he give you anything?—No.

35,023. Are you sure of that?—Yes, quite sure; I never got a halfpenny in my life.

T. M. Gudgeon.

THOMAS MARTIN GUDGEON sworn and examined.

35,024. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a blacksmith?—Yes.

35,025. Of Marton Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

35,026. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,027. What did you get for your vote?—5*l.*

35,028. Who paid you?—John Marsden.
35,029. Were you on a committee?—No.
35,030. That was all you got for the election?—Yes.
35,031. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.
35,032. Did you get anything for your assistance?—No.
35,033. Did you get nothing to spend in drink?—No.
35,034. You only got 5*l.*?—Only 5*l.*

T. M. Gudgeon.

THOMAS WADE sworn and examined. *T. Wade.*

34,035. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are not a voter?—No.
35,036. Where do you live?—In Market Street.
35,037. That is in Lancaster?—Yes.
35,038. What are you?—A commercial traveller.
35,039. I believe you were rather active on behalf of the Liberal candidates at the last election?—Yes, I was.
35,040. What money did you receive for the purpose of the election?—I received 15*l.* from Mr. Welch.
35,041. That is Henry Welch I suppose?—Yes.
35,042. What did you do with it?—I gave 10*l.* to Preston of Galgate, the son of a cordwainer there, and 5*l.* to his brother.
35,043. What is Preston's christian name?—John I think; he is the son of a cordwainer, and the other is Robert.
35,044. Is John junior or senior?—It is junior.
35,045. And the other is Robert Preston, of Galgate?—Yes; brother to the cordwainer.
35,046. Is that all the money you received?—No; I received between 6*l.* and 7*l.* from George Cleminson.
35,047. What did you do with that?—I spent it among the voters at Galgate, and other places.
35,048. Have you anything more to tell us?—No, I have not.
35,049. With whom did you spend the money?—On the Galgate voters at the "Eagle and Child" the "Green Dragon," and also another house, but I really do not know the sign of it. I was down there with Mr. Bradshaw, and when he was away whatever came in I paid for it at the time.
35,050. You cannot tell us about bribing any other voter can you?—No.
35,051. This is all you know on the subject?—That is all I know.

ANTHONY DOWNHAM sworn and examined. *A. Downham.*

35,052. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are the overseer of Scotforth, are you not?—Yes; assistant overseer.
35,053. You are not a voter?—No.
35,054. We are told that you were very active on the Liberal side at the last election?—Well, I did not do much.
35,055. Will you tell us, if you please, what you did?—I paid 10*l.* to a man named Birkett for William Jackson, and 8*l.* to George Marshall.
35,056. Who gave you the money to pay them?—William Jackson, of Scotforth; you have had evidence of it before.
35,057. But we want your evidence. How much did he give you?—He gave me 18*l.* 5*s.*
35,058. When did he give it to you?—On the election day, in the morning.
35,059. And where?—At Poulton, in his own public-house.
35,060. What did you do with the money?—I gave 10*l.* to a man named Birkett.
35,061. Who is Birkett?—I think he is described as a wool comber in the list of voters.
35,062. Is he a freeman?—Yes.
35,063. What did you do with the rest?—I gave 8*l.* to George Marshall, of Scotforth.
35,064. Can you tell us anything else?—No; not as I did, nor as any other person else did. Mr. Halstead dragged me into that job, and I thought he should not.
35,065. Are you sure it was 8*l.* that you gave to Marshall?—Yes.
35,066. What Marshall do you mean?—George Marshall. I gave it to his wife.
35,067. What Marshall do you mean?—George Marshall, of Scotforth.
35,068. He says he only got 6*l.*?—But he is wrong there.

THOMAS WINDER FAITHWAITE sworn and examined. *T. W. Faithwaite.*

35,069. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Lancaster at present.
35,070. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.
35,071. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.
35,072. Did you pay anything to anybody else?—No, I took no part in the election whatever.
35,073. You know nothing about it?—No.
35,074. Did any member of your family receive anything for you?—No.

JOHN LAWSON sworn and examined. *J. Lawson.*

35,075. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a voter?—Yes.
35,076. Are you a freeman or a householder?—A freeman.
35,077. Are you John Lawson, the cabinet maker?—Yes.
35,078. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
35,079. Did you receive anything?—Nothing.
35,080. You received nothing either directly or indirectly?—No, not in any way.
35,081. Did you give anything for anyone else?—No.

JOHN SHAW sworn and examined *J. Shaw.*

35,082. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you John Shaw of Moor Lane, Lancaster, gentleman?—Yes.
35,083. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
35,084. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.
35,085. Did any of your family receive anything for you?—No; not anyone.

THOMAS MARSHALL sworn and examined. *T. Marshall.*

35,086. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Leonard Street?—Yes.
35,087. A shoemaker?—Yes.
35,088. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.
35,089. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No, nothing.
35,090. Neither directly nor indirectly?—No, nothing whatever in any way.
35,091. Did you give anything to anyone else?—No.

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R. Davis.

RICHARD DAVIS sworn and examined.

35,092. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you Richard Davis, of Ellel?—Yes.

35,093. You are not a voter?—No.

35,094. What are you?—A farmer.

35,095. What part did you take in the last election?—I canvassed a little, that was all.

35,096. Did you receive any money?—Yes, I received 15*l.*

35,097. On which side did you canvass?—For the Yellow side.

35,098. From whom did you receive the 15*l.*?—I received 5*l.* from Mr. Welch and 10*l.* from Mr. Birchall.

35,099. What did you do with the 15*l.*?—I spent the first 5*l.* in treating voters.

35,100. What did you do with the other 10*l.*?—I I paid Thomas Parker, of Dolphinholme.

35,101. How much did you pay Thomas Parker?—10*l.*

35,102. And you spent the other 5*l.* in treating?—Yes.

35,103. Is that all you did with the money?—Yes, that is all I did.

J. Harrison.

JOHN HARRISON sworn and examined.

35,104. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a whitesmith living at Scotforth?—Yes.

35,105. You are a freeman, I suppose?—Yes.

35,106. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,107. What did you get?—12*l.*

35,108. Who from?—George Danson.

35,109. Was that all you got?—No.

35,110. What more did you get?—30*s.* for services.

35,111. And is that all you got?—Yes.

H. Briggs.

HENRY BRIGGS sworn and examined.

35,112. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,113. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

35,114. Were you on any committee?—No.

35,115. Did any member of your family receive any money for you?—No.

35,116. Did you take any part in the election?—No.

J. Lee.

WILLIAM LEE sworn and examined.

35,117. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a porter, I see, in Mary Street?—Yes.

35,118. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

35,119. What did you receive?—5*l.* from Fenwick and eight days pay for the committee room.

35,120. From whom?—For Fenwick's committee room.

35,121. And how much was that altogether?—I do not know.

35,122. How much a day?—5*s.*

35,123. That was from Fenwick?—Yes.

35,124. Who did you receive the pay from?—John Curwen, of Quernmore.

35,125. What did you receive from the other side?—5*l.*

35,126. Who did you get that from?—John Curwen.

35,127. Of Quernmore?—Yes.

35,128. Anything besides?—No.

35,129. Were you not on George Danson's committee?—No.

35,130. Then you got 12*l.* altogether?—No; I only got 5*l.* for my vote for Lawrence, and eight days pay for Fenwick's committee room; that is all.

35,131. You did not get anything from Lawrence?—No.

35,132. I thought you told me you got something from John Curwen, of Quernmore?—5*l.* for my vote for Lawrence.

35,133. You are a very stupid fellow; that is just what I said. Who paid paid you the 5*l.* for your vote for Lawrence?—John Curwen.

35,134. And who paid you the 5*l.* for your vote for Fenwick?—Nobody; I got it for running errands.

35,135. (*Mr. Newton.*) But nevertheless you got 12*l.*?—No, I did not.

35,136. (*Mr. Barstow.*) John Curwen gave you 5*l.* for Lawrence, and somebody gave you another 5*l.*?—No.

35,137. What did you get altogether?—5*l.* from John Curwen.

35,138. What was that for?—To vote for Lawrence.

35,139. What did you get from Fenwick?—I got eight days pay.

35,140. That was 2*l.*?—Yes.

35,141. And what did you get for running errands?—That was for running errands.

35,142. Did you get anything from Fenwick's side except what you got for being on the committee?—No.

35,143. Then it is not true that you got 5*l.* from Fenwick's side?—No, I never did.

35,144. You only got 2*l.* from him?—No.

35,145. (*Mr. Newton*) You only got 7*l.* altogether?—No.

T. Richardson.

THOMAS RICHARDSON sworn and examined.

35,146. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where do you live?—In Brewery Yard.

35,147. You are a shoemaker?—Yes.

35,148. How did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Fenwick and Lawrence.

35,149. And what did you get for your vote?—"Schneider" I meant, though I said Lawrence.

35,150. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

35,151. Who paid you?—I cannot say as I know him.

35,152. Where did you get paid?—At the "Shovel."

35,153. And what did you get besides?—30*s.*

35,154. Who from?—From Tilley's office.

35,155. What was that for?—For services.

35,156. Running errands?—Well, I did not do that.

35,157. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

35,158. Nothing?—No; I could have done if I would have taken it.

35,159. What could you have got?—I had 15*s.* offered.

35,160. Who offered you that?—A chap in the street stopped me.

35,161. You meant to have taken it, did you not?—No.

35,162. You only got 11*l.* 10*s.*, that was all?—That was all.

S. Ross.

STEPHEN ROSS sworn and examined.

35,163. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are described as of East Road, Lancaster, gentleman?—Yes.

35164. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,165. Did you get any money for your vote?—No, no one would venture to offer me any.

35,166. Did you assist in any way?—Not at all, except by giving my vote.

35,167. Did you pay anybody?—No.

35,168. Then you did nothing?—No, except give my vote.

Adjourned to-morrow 10 o'clock.

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Lancaster Castle, Saturday 5th January 1867.

PRESENT:

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON.

Mr. HILL.

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ROBERT JACKSON sworn and examined.

35,169. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are an attorney in this town ?—I was, I am not now.

35,170. For whom did you vote at the last election? —For Mr. Lawrence.

35,171. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—None whatever.

35,172. Were you professionally employed by Mr. Lawrence ?—No.

T. Lamb.

THOMAS LAMB sworn and examined.

35,173. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are described as of Hay Carr, Ellel, attorney ?—Yes.

35,174. For whom did you vote at the last election ? —Mr. Lawrence.

35,175. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—I did not.

35,176. Neither for yourself, nor for any other person ?—Neither for myself nor for any other person.

35,177. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you? — An attorney.

35,178. You were not engaged professionally ?—I was not.

G. Jackson

GEORGE JACKSON sworn and examined.

35,179. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A wine and spirit merchant.

35,180. For whom did you vote at the last election? —For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,181. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—I received nothing.

35,182. Nothing whatever ?—No.

35,183. Neither for yourself, nor for any other person ?—For no one.

35,184. Do you know a man named Robinson who keeps a public-house ?—I know a man of that name who keeps a beershop.

35,185. Did you canvass him ?—No, not to my knowledge.

35,186. You must know whether you did or not? —I do not know ; I do not believe I was in the house.

35,187. Can you tell me whether you did or did not canvass him ?—No; to the best of my knowledge I did not.

35,188. You ought not to answer in that manner, you must know whether you canvassed him or not ? —I cannot remember every one that I canvassed.

35,189. We were told by Mr. Hatch, I think, that you had canvassed him in Robinson's house. Was that so or not ?—It was not so to my knowledge.

35,190. Can you not tell us whether you were there or not ?—I do not believe I was.

35,191. You did not give him any money ?—No.

35,192. Nor promise him anything ?—No.

35,193. Did you promise to take his house ?—I did not ; I had no authority to do it.

E. Simpson

EDMUND SIMPSON sworn and examined.

35,194. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,195. Are you a cabinet-maker ?—I was ; but I am the registrar of births and deaths.

35,196. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—No.

35,197. Neither for yourself nor for any other person ?—No, except Mr. Cross in the forenoon said, " There is this for Kitchen," and I put it in my pocket, and gave it to him. I do not know what the amount was. Kitchen said it was all right, and put it in his pocket.

35,198. You received money from Mr. Cross, I think you say ?—Yes.

35,199. To give to Kitchen ?—Yes.

35,200. You held it while he went to poll ?—Yes ; I believe it was for that purpose.

35,201. Did Kitchen agree then that you should hold the money ?—There was no agreement ; Mr. Cross said, " Will you hold this till I tell you to give it to him ? "

35,202. Kitchen was there ?—Yes.

35,203. And he knew you were holding the money for him ?—Yes.

E. Jackson

EDMUND JACKSON sworn and examined.

35,204. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a druggist in Castle Park Lancaster ?—I was ; I am out of business now.

35,205. For whom did you vote at the last election ? —For Fenwick.

35,206. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election ?—Nothing ; I left the town by the 9 o'clock train, and I did not return till the evening.

35,207. But before the election came on ?—No ; I never entered into it.

35,208. You left the town to be out of the way ?— I went to Grange to spend the day.

T. Clarkson

THOMAS CLARKSON sworn and examined.

35,209. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a householder ?—No, a freeman.

35,210. What are you ?—A printer.

35,211. For whom did you vote at the last election ? —For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,212. Did you receive any money ?—I received a sovereign for being on the committee.

35,213. Anything else ?—No.

35,214. Where were you paid ?—I do not exactly remember whether it was in the street or not, but it was a few days after the election.

35,215. Who paid you ?—Mr. King.

35,216. Is that Mr. King who is a reporter ?—Yes.

35,217. Was that all the money you received ?— Yes.

35,218. How long were you on the committee ?— Over a week ; a fortnight perhaps. I cannot exactly say, it was between a week and a fortnight.

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35,219. Did you spend any money?—No; I did not spend any.

35,220. You did not treat any voters?—No.

35,220. Had you no money given to you for that purpose?—No.

35,221. Did you make out any lists or anything of that sort?—No.

35,222. What did you do as a committee man?—I attended several meetings; I cannot say what I did.

35,223. You took your glass I suppose and pipe with the rest; was that it?—I had a glass certainly with the rest.

35,224. Have you always voted for the Liberals?—Yes.

C. Hudson.

CHRISTOPHER HUDSON sworn and examined.

35,225. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A dispenser of medicine.

35,226. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,227. What monies did you receive?—10*l.*

35,228. Who paid you that 10*l.*?—Colonel Yeadell.

35,229. Did you receive any other monies besides?—No.

35,230. You were not on any committee?—No.

35,231. And you received no money to spend in refreshments?—No.

35,232–3. What is the rent of your house?—10*l.* 15*s.*

J. Hadwen.

JOSEPH HADWEN sworn and examined.

35,234. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a fisherman at Poulton-le-Sands?—Yes.

35,235. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

35,236. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

35,237. From whom did you receive it?—I do not know the man.

35,238. I suppose from Mr. Shackleton. Shackleton was there was not he?—I did not see him.

35,239. You got it at Daniel Edmondson's the "Joiners Arms," did you not?—Yes.

35,240. Was that all you received?—Yes.

35,241. Did you get 1*l.* or 2*l.* before from Shackleton?—No.

35,242. Or from Christopher Hartley?—No; 10*l.* was all I got.

35,243. Did you get anything from the other side—did you get anything from Vince?—No.

35,244. Have you always voted for the Liberals?—That was the first time I did vote.

T. Hargreaves.

THOMAS HARGREAVES sworn and examined.

35,245. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a cabinet-maker in Pitt Street?—Yes.

35,246. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,247. What monies did you receive?—I got 14 days pay at 5*s.* a day.

35,248. That is 3*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

35,249. What was that for?—For services rendered.

35,250. What were those services?—Taking notes out and such like, notes round the country or anywhere.

33,251. What other money did you receive?—None whatever.

35,252. What is that paper you have in your hand?—It is from my brother Anthony.

35,253. Was that all the money you received?—I received no other money but that.

35,254. Did you hold no money for anybody?—No.

35,255. Were you engaged all day carrying notes?—Yes, when they were ready for me; I was in the committee room.

A. Hargreaves.

ANTHONY HARGREAVES is called but does not answer.

35,256. We are told that your brother Anthony is unfit to travel?—Yes; he met with an accident on Thursday, and is confined to his bed.

35,257. Do you come here to speak for him?—Yes, he is in bed; I was up with him all night; he is very ill.

35,258. What money did he get at the last election?—Nothing at all; I am quite sure of that; he is a man who has no occasion for it.

35,259. He is really bad is he?—Yes.

35,260. What is the matter with him?—He had a fall on Thursday and hurt his arm, or else he would have been very glad to come down and see you.

R. Hall.

RICHARD HALL sworn and examined.

35,261. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Poulton-le-Sands?—Yes.

35,262. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,263. You are a druggist I believe?—I was formerly, but I am not now.

35,264. What money did you receive?—That might save perhaps a little trouble (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*). I am very deaf.

35,265. What money did you get?—You will find it there (*referring to the paper*).

35,266. Did you receive 1*l.* from Anthony Knowles Allinson?—I did.

35,267. And 1*l.* 10*s.* by Christopher Hartley from Mr. Welch?—I did.

35,268. And a further sum of 8*l.* from Mr. Welch?—I did.

35,269. And 5*l.* 6*s.*, as Shackleton says, from Shackleton?—Yes, as he says.

35,270. You think it is 4*l.*?—I do.

35,271. And a further 2*l.* from Mr. Welch?—Yes.

35,272. Making a total, according to Shackleton, of 17*l.* 16*s.*?—According to Shackleton 17*l.* 16*s.*

35,273. And according to yourself 16*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

35,274. Did you receive anything from the other side?—Nothing.

35,275. You kept this all for yourself?—No; all those sundry items were spent in expenses according to authority from the different parties.

35,276. When did you receive the 1*l.* from Allinson?—It was prior to the election, perhaps a week.

35,277. And when did you receive the money from Christopher Hartley?—About the same time.

35,278. What did you receive the money from Shackleton for?—For expenses at Morecambe.

35,279. At what time did you receive it?—At various times; 10*s.* was the first.

35,280. When did you receive the 8*l.* from Mr. Welch?—I cannot give you exactly the date, but it was prior to the election. I should say that I gave a list of those expenses every two or three days to Mr. Shackleton. I gave him a list of how the money had been expended, and also to Mr. Allinson and Mr. Hartley. It was what they had authorized me to do.

35,281. Did you account to Mr. Welch at all?—No.

35,282. What was the last 2*l.* you received from Welch for?—For expenses incurred.

35,283. Do you mean you were out of pocket that sum?—I was, and he paid it me after the election.

35,284. (*Mr. Hill.*) How came you not to account to Mr. Welch for the money?—Because I had agreed to assist for the sum of 8*l.*

35,285. That was not money out of pocket?—No.

35,286. Or the 2*l.* either?—Yes, the 2*l.* was.

RICHARD HARRISON sworn and examined. *R. Harrison.*

35,287. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a shoe maker?—Yes.

35,288. And you live in Damside Street?—Yes.

35,289. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,290. What money did you receive?—10*l.* at four different times.

35,291. From whom did you receive it?—I received 2*l.* from George Danson, and 2*l.* from William Storey, who said I received 5*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*, but I did not; and 1*l.* from Mr. Stanton; and 5*l.* from Mr. Gibson, the lawyer, five weeks after the election.

35,292. That made altogether 10*l.*?—Yes.

35,293. What did you do for that 10*l.*—It was for extra working expenses.

35,294. What working expenses used you to have?—I used to travel about in the town.

35,295. You used to go up and down the town?—Yes.

35,296. Did you get anything besides that for being on the committee?—No.

35,297. Were you not on any committee?—Yes.

35,298. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

35,299. 10*l.* was all you got?—Yes.

35,300. And you spent that mostly on yourself?—No, I did not.

35,301. How much did you spend on yourself?—Not many shillings; I was rather out of pocket I think.

35,302. Who did you spend the money on?—They came to the shop, and I used to treat them now and then with fish.

35,303. You spent the money on your own fish?—Part of it.

35,304. You are a fishmonger, and not a shoemaker?—I served my time to it; but I left it when I took my freedom up.

35,305. You treated them off your own fish?—Part of it.

35,306. At what house did you spend the money in drink?—At the "White Horse" in Church Street.

35,307. Are you a scholar?—No, not very much.

35,308. Can you read and write?—I can write part and read part.

35,309. You can read and write imperfectly as they say?—Yes.

35,310. You cannot tell us any house that you spent this money at in drink?—Yes, the "White Horse" in Church Street.

35,311. What day did you go there to spend it?—I cannot say.

35,312. Upon whom did you spend it?—Different parties; Nathan White for one.

35,313. How much did Nathan White drink?—I do not know, a good deal of brandy.

35,314. And you drank with him?—Yes.

35,315. And he with you?—Yes.

35,316. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I have no doubt that when Nathan White comes, he will say he spent his money on you?—Very likely he may.

35,317. (*Mr. Hill.*) When were you paid this 10*l.*?—I was paid 5*l.* before the election, and Mr. Gibson, the lawyer, paid me 5*l.* five weeks after.

35,318. Have you spoken to Mr. Storey, and told him he has put you down for more than you have had?—Yes, I spoke to him when I got the summons, and I spoke to him again this morning.

35,319. What did he say about it?—He said he thought I had got it, and to tell the truth.

35,320. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you live in Damside Street?—Yes, No. 99.

35,321. How came you to go to Mr. Gibson for the 5*l.*?—He sent for me. It was for working expenses, or else I should not have it.

35,322. Have you ever had a summons to come here before?—No.

THOMAS LEYTHAM sworn and examined. *T. Leytham.*

35,323. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Cable Street?—Yes.

35,324. What are you?—A draper.

35,325. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,326. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—Nothing at all.

35,327. Did you receive nothing either for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

35,328. Was any money deposited with you for any person?—Nothing at all.

35,329. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you in independent business?—No.

35,330. Are you with your father?—No, I am alone.

35,331. In independent business?—Yes.

HENRY HARTLEY sworn and examined. *H. Hartley.*

35,332. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a stonemason in Brock Street?—Yes.

35,333. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Mr. Lawrence.

35,334. What did you get?—I got 30*s.* from George Danson.

35,335. What else did you get?—I got 10*s.* to spend from Mr. John Cross.

35,336. What else?—Nothing else.

35,336*a*. Was that all you got?—Yes.

35,337. How came you to get the 30*s.* from George Danson?—I was on the committee.

35,338. Did not your wife get something for you?—No, not a farthing.

35,339. Are you sure that nobody has had any money on account of your vote?—I am certain of it; nobody got anything for my vote.

THOMAS HARTLEY sworn and examined. *T. Hartley.*

35,340. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a stonemason?—Yes.

35,341. Living in Brock Street?—Yes.

35,342. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,343. What money did you get?—10*l.*

35,344. From whom did you get it?—George Danson.

35,345. Did you get anything besides the 10*l.*?—No.

35,346. Not for being on a committee?—No; I was not on a committee.

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35,347. Did you get any money to spend in drink?—No.

35,348. You got nothing except that 10*l.*?—10*l.*

35,349. Can you read and write?—Yes.

35,350. What rent do you pay?—I do not pay any rent.

35,351. Do you live in your own house?—No.

35,352. I should like to know how that is?—I have a lodging.

H. Hartley.

HENRY HARTLEY affirmed and examined.

35,353. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—I am a husbandman.

35,354. Of Quernmore?—Yes.

35,355. Are you a labouring man?—I am a labouring man.

35,356. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,357. What money did you receive?—5*l.*

35,358. Did you get anything else?—No.

35,359. From whom did you receive it?—I cannot tell you his name.

35,360. Where did you receive it?—At Robert Lamb's.

35,361. Was that all the money you got?—Yes.

35,362. You are earning day wages are you?—Yes.

T. Hatton.

THOMAS HATTON sworn and examined.

35,363. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are down as of Chapel Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

35,364. You have come here from Liverpool have you not?—Yes.

35,365. What are you?—A brass founder.

35,366. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

35,367. What money did you receive?—I received 10*l.* on the day of the election.

35,368. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Bannister.

35,369. Who is Mr. Bannister?—The foreman in the employ of Mr. Jackson of Liverpool.

35,370. Is that Mr. Isaac Jackson?—Yes.

35,371. Where did you receive it?—In Sun Street.

35,372. At the "Sun Inn," probably?—No, in the street.

T. Haworth.

THOMAS HAWORTH sworn and examined.

35,373. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,374. What money did you receive?—I received 1*l.* 1*s.* for being poll clerk.

35,375 And nothing else?—No.

35,376. Did you hold any stakes for anybody?—No, not a farthing.

A. Heald.

ABRAHAM HEALD sworn and examined.

35,377. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a farmer at Cornforth?—Yes.

35,378. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,379. What monies did you receive?—7*l.*

35,380. Did you get anything else?—No.

35,381. From whom did you receive that?—I do not know the gentleman. I received it at the "Royal Oak."

35,382. You are a farmer?—Yes.

35,383. Do you farm your own land?—No; I was a bigger farmer at one time; I only farm a cottage now.

J. Storey.

JOSEPH STOREY sworn and examined.

35,384. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in West Place, Lancaster?—Yes.

35,385. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,386. What are you?—A manufacturing chemist.

35,387. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

35,388. How much did you receive?—I think I received about 19*l.* altogether—(*referring to a paper*) 17*l.*

35,389. What is that paper that you are looking at?—A sort of memorandum I made out of how I spent the money.

35,390. Did you make that memorandum at the time?—No, I have made it since, from recollection.

35,391. From whom did you receive this money?—I received 5*l.* from my brother, William Storey.

35,392. Do you know when you received it?—I do not know the exact date.

35,393. Was it before or after the election?—It was before the election, but I cannot say the exact day.

35,394. What next?—2*l.* and 5*l.* separately from Mr. G. C. Clark.

35,395. Was that before the election?—Yes.

35,396. The next?—5*l.* from Mr. Wilson Barker.

35,397. When was that, do you remember. Was that also before the election?—Yes, two or three days before the election.

35,398. Anything more?—Nothing.

35,399. How did you spend it?—Well; I spent altogether at Morecambe, with a man called Edmonson, 4*l.* 15*s.*

35,400. What Edmondson is that?—He is familiarly known as "Dan," I think.

35,401. The "Joiners' Arms"?—Yes, that is the place; 5*l.* I paid to a man named John Taylor for his vote. This money is accounted for by Mr. Clark; you will find it in Mr. Clark's statement. 1*l.* 5*s.* I gave to a man named John Punch who assisted in getting voters.

35,402. How much did you give to him?—About 25*s.* I gave 15*s.* at various times to John Harrison and others. 5*s.* I gave to Thomas Hoggarth for some purpose. He is a solicitor's clerk, I think; and about 5*l.* I expended in sundries, refreshments at the "White Horse," and other places; altogether I was a trifle out of pocket.

35,403. If you are a trifle out of pocket you have not told us how you spent that trifle?—When men are coming up to one at various times, asking for 5*s.* or 10*s.*, you cannot tell how you spend your money in the excitement of an election day. I have given you an account as nearly as possible of the monies I did receive.

35,404. The money that you are out of pocket besides would be for voters coming at odd times?—Yes, I spent a good deal in a desultory way at Morecambe. I was staying down there previous to the election.

JOHN HILL sworn and examined. *J. Hill.*

35,405. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a tailor are you not, in Leonardgate?—Yes.

35,406. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,407. What money did you receive?—1*l.* 5*s.*

35,408. What was that for?—I cannot tell you what it was for I am sure.

35,409. Was it not for your vote?—For my vote I suppose.

35,410. That was very little, was that all you got?—Yes.

35,411. How came you not to get more?—I cannot tell you that.

35,412. Were you on any committee?—No.

35,413. Did you not do any work of any sort?—No.

35,414. Did you help them in any other way besides voting?—No.

35,415. What time of day did you vote?—I cannot tell you.

35,416. Did you have any refreshments?—Very little.

34,417. You got a breakfast perhaps?—Yes.

35,418. And voted immediately afterwards?—Yes.

35,419. Did you not get anything from the other side?—No.

35,420. Was 1*l.* 5*s.* quite enough for you?—Yes, it satisfied me.

35,421. Did anybody get anything for you, your wife or anybody?—No.

GEORGE HINDE sworn and examined. *G. Hinde.*

35,422. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—I did not vote at all; it is a mistake in the print in one of the books.

35,423. On the register it says "George Hinde of Greaves Scotforth, gentleman," is that you?—Yes, it was on the list so, but I had left the Greaves.

35,424. They put you down as having voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes, but that is a mistake in the print. I never did vote.

35,425. I think you are in the poll book?—I never did vote.

35,426. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are your political principles?—A Liberal.

35,427. And you would have voted for Fenwick and Schneider if you had had an opportunity?—Yes, if I voted at all.

35,428. Why did you not vote?—The canvassers appeared very cool. They treated me with great coolness.

35,429. They did not payyou that respect which they ought to have done?—Just so. I suppose my vote was too cheap for them. They would rather pay for it.

35,430. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your number on the register?—414.

35,431. In what booth should you have polled?—I cannot tell. When I was treated in that way I thought I would not vote.

JOHN HALL sworn and examined. *J. Hall.*

35,432. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are an attorney, I believe, practising in Lancaster?—Yes.

35,433. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,434. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None whatever.

35,435. You were not retained professionally?—I was not; the only part I took in the election was that on one or two occasions I accompanied Mr. Lawrence on his canvass, but beyond that I took no further interest in the election; I was on no committee.

35,436. Did you accompany Mr. Lawrence on his canvass at any time near to the election?—I can scarcely call to mind.

35,437. Within a day or two of the nomination?—No; it would be previous to that; it would not be so close on to the election as a day or two. I was out with Mr. Lawrence, I think, about twice in the town and one evening I accompanied him to Heaton with Oxcliffe and Middleton and Heysham.

35,438. Had you ever any conversation with him as to the probable expense of the election?—I had no conversation with him upon the subject.

35,439. And in his presence you never heard the expenses of the election named?—They were never named in my presence.

35,440. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you know a man named Daniel Gudgeon?—No; I have heard of the name, it is familiar to me, but I do not know him.

35,441. He told us that a Mr. John Hall from Aldcliffe was in Edward Street?—No.

25,442. Canvassing?—No. I never was canvassing in Edward Street.

35,443. You are not the John Hall?—No; I think that would be a mistake. There is a person named John Hall of Aldcliffe, I believe.

35,444. What is he?—I think he is a farmer.

WILLIAM ROPER sworn and examined. *W. Roper.*

35,445. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a wine merchant?—Yes.

45,446. Of Springfield, Lancaster?—Yes.

35,447. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,448. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of the election?—None.

35,449. Did you expend any?—No.

35,450. You had nothing to do with the pecuniary part of the election?—No, nothing whatever.

THOMAS CUNNINGHAM sworn and examined. *T. Cunningham.*

35,451. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A cork-cutter.

35,452. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

35,453. You got 10*l.* from Stackhouse, did you not?—No, I did not get a halfpenny, nor a farthing; no coin of any sort.

35,454. Were you in Liverpool at the time of the election?—No.

35,455. Where were you?—I was in Lancaster, but I came from Belfast.

35,456. Did you get your expenses from Belfast?—No.

35,457. You came at your own expense?—Yes, I promised to come.

35,457*a*. You came at your own expense?—Yes.

35,458. And you got nothing whatever?—No, nothing.

35,459. Are you aware that Stackhouse has said that he paid you for coming here?—No, I just had that paper (*the summons*) handed to me. I did not know there was any inquiry about it.

35,460. (*Mr. Hill.*) I will read to you what Peter Moore said about you. He is asked as to different payments he made to different persons, and then he is asked "Who else?" and he says, "Thomas Cunningham, corkcutter, Damside Street; he is a householder." Then he is asked, "How much?" and he says, "10*l.*" Mr. Newton then says, "He came from Ireland did he not?" and the witness said "Yes." You may stand down for the present, but you must not leave the court. We will send for Peter Moore.

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R. Hodgson.

RICHARD HODGSON sworn and examined.

35,461. (*Mr. Hill*) Are you a freeman or householder?—A freeman.

35,462. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,463. What monies did you receive?—None whatever.

35,464. Did you spend any?—I spent a few shillings.

35,465. Of your own?—Yes.

35,466. You did not receive any money to spend?—No, not a farthing.

35,467. Are you in business in Lancaster as a corn dealer?—Yes.

R. Holme.

ROBERT HOLME sworn and examined.

35,468. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a cabinet maker of Glasson-with-Thurnham?—Yes.

35,469. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,470. What did you get?—I got three different sums, amounting to 8*l.* altogether.

35,471. Were you on any committee?—No, I was in the districts of Thurnham, Glasson, and Cockerham; I had to look after voters.

35,472. How much of that 8*l.* did you spend?—I spent the most part of it in conveyances and treating, and one thing and another.

35,473. What conveyances did you pay for?—Going between Lancaster and here; it is a very wide district.

35,474. Were not all the conveyances paid for?—This was before the election, and the election day as well.

35,475. How long before the election day was it that you received this money?—The Saturday morning before the election I received 1*l.*; the Saturday after that 1*l.*, and 6*l.* I received on the morning of the election.

35,746. What did you receive that 6*l.* for?—That was for my expenses, and I spent I suppose about half of it, as near as I can tell.

35,477. You received the 6*l.* from Eaves, did you not?—Yes.

35,478. And the other voters you introduced to him received 3*l.* each?—3*l.* 3*s.*

35,479. How came you to receive 6*l.*?—For my labour; it is a wide district. There are a very few voters, but they are very wide; I was engaged for a fortnight before the election.

35,480. Can you tell me any conveyance that you paid for?—I engaged them in Lancaster; I believe they came from Peter Moore's; I think so.

35,481. If they came from Peter Moore's you did not pay for them?—But I am sure I did; I merely sent for them.

35,482. Do you mean to say that you paid for any conveyance that was got from Peter Moore's?—Yes, I did.

35,483. Tell me a single conveyance that you paid for?—On each of those Saturday nights I paid for a conveyance; I did not go to the house myself to fetch it, but I paid for it.

35,484. That is, I suppose, you gave the driver 6*d.*?—4*s.* 6*d.* I think was the charge. I had no connexion with anybody but the driver; I made no bargain with anybody, but I paid the driver.

35,485. Those payments that you made to the drivers were all made before the election?—Yes.

35,486. That all came out of the 2*l.*?—It did. Then I was among the freemen; one of our freemen resided in Lancaster at the time.

35,487. Who gave you those 2*l.*?—Mr. George Clark.

W. Whiteside.

WILLIAM WHITESIDE (of Glasson), innkeeper, is called but does not answer.

35,488. (*The Witness.*) As to William Whiteside, of Glasson Dock, I expected to have a doctor's certificate that he is incapable of coming here. He was with me on that occasion; I am authorized by him to say that he received 3*l.* 3*s.*

35,489. He was one of those who were paid?—Yes.

35,490. In your presence?—There were none of them paid in my presence.

35,491. Which William Whiteside is it that you are speaking to?—William Whiteside, of Glasson, innkeeper.

35,492. You said you were expecting a certificate, what do you mean by that?—A certificate from the doctor stating that he is sick and incapable to travel.

35,492. What is the matter with him?—I do not know.

35,493. How did he vote?—He voted for Lawrence.

35,494. Is there anybody else you have got to speak to?—No.

35,495. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was there any money spent at his house?—There was none except the money I speak of that I spent there.

35,496. There was no committee room there?—No, there was not.

W. Howson.

WILLIAM HOWSON sworn and examined.

35,497. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a farmer at Low House, Claughton?—Yes.

35,498. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,499. Did you receive any money for the purpose of the election?—No.

35,500. Not for yourself, nor for any other person?—No.

35,501. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a tenant of Mr. Fenwick's?—Yes.

G. Howson.

GILES HOWSON sworn and examined.

35,502. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a currier in Sun Street?—Yes.

35,503. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,504. What monies did you receive for the purposes of the election?—None.

35,505. Did you expend any?—No.

35,506. You had nothing to do with the pecuniary part of the election?—None whatever.

35.507. You did not take any interest in it particularly perhaps?—None.

35,508. Are you a master currier?—Yes.

P. Moore.

PETER MOORE sworn and further examined.

35,509. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you seen that man (*Cunningham*) before?—Yes.

35,510. Do you know his name?—Yes.

35,511. What is his name?—Thomas Cunningham.

35,512. When did you see him before?—I think I have seen him once since the election.

35,513. Did you see him at the election?—Yes.

35,514. Where did you see him?—I saw him up our stairs.

35,515. In your house?—Yes.

35,516. Did you give him anything?—I gave him 10*l.*

35,517. You are quite sure that is the man?—Yes.

35,518. Was anyone present when you paid him the 10*l.*?—No, there was nobody present. I paid it to him in the watercloset upstairs. Mr. Shackleton I think it was that gave me the money or Mr. Hutchinson. I do not know which, it was either one or the other. I will not be sure which.

35,519. You gave it to him you say in the watercloset?—Yes, upstairs.

35,520. In your own house?—Yes.

35,521. What made you pay him in the watercloset. Did you pay anybody else there?—No, I did not, but he was in there, and I went there and paid him. I went with him, and saw him vote myself.

35,522. Do you remember Hutchinson being there at your house?—Yes.

35,523. Do you remember Hutchinson saying anything to you about giving money to this man?—No, I do not remember it.

35,524. You only dealt with Shackleton in short?—I believe Hutchinson gave Shackleton the money and Shackleton gave it to me.

35,525. That is what you told us before?—Yes.

(*Thomas Cunningham.*) He did not tell me he gave me that for voting; I had voted then.

35,526. (*Mr. Barstow to Cunningham.*) Did he give you 10*l.*?

(*Mr. Cunningham.*) Yes, but he did not say that that was for voting.

35,527. (*Mr. Barstow to Moore.*) Did you pay him his expenses in coming over?—No, I did not.

(*Cunningham.*) I voted first.

35,527*a*. (*Mr. Barstow to Moore.*) After he came out of the closet you took him to vote?—Yes.

(*Cunningham.*) I voted first.

JAMES HOWSON, of Bulk, near Lancaster, is called but does not answer. *J. Howson.*

The following letter is read by the Secretary:—

"Bulk, near Lancaster, January 2, 1866. To the "Commissioners of the Royal Lancaster Election "Petition. Gentlemen—As I shall not be able (per-"sonally) to attend to your summons for the 5th "instant, I beg to admit by letter that I received the "sum of 7*l.* from Mr. R. B. McKinlay, railway clerk, "after voting for Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider at "the last Lancaster election. I am, gentlemen, "yours obediently, JAS. HOWSON, Breaksman, Bulk."

JOHN CHARLES HUDSON sworn and examined. *J. C. Hudson.*

35,528. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a draper in Market Street?—Yes.

35,529. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,530. What money did you receive?—Nothing.

35,531. Did you receive no money at all?—No.

35,532. Did you spend any money during the election?—No.

35,533. Were you out canvassing with Mr. Lawrence at all?—No, not at all.

HENRY HUDSON sworn and examined. *H. Hudson.*

35,534. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a silk mercer in Cheapside?—Yes.

35,535. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,536. Did you receive any money for the purpose of the election?—No, nothing at all.

35,537. You received no money yourself, neither did any person to your knowledge receive any money for you?—No.

JOHN HUTTON sworn and examined. *J. Hutton.*

35,538. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are are a painter in Fenton Street?—Yes.

35,539. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,540. Did you receive any monies for the purpose of the election?—A week previous to the election Mr. Bradshaw, the draper, sent me 3*l.* to Manchester, that was for six freemen at Manchester, 10*s.* each.

35,541. Was that for their expenses?—For their expenses down to Lancaster.

35,542. Who were those men?—A man of the name of Richard Parkinson, Henry Stirzaker, William Ralph, Thomas Dobson, and myself.

35,543. That is five?—There was another.

35,544. How much do you say Bradshaw gave you?—He sent 3*l.*, but I could not find Dunderdale, one of the men, and Henry Stirzaker would not take it.

35,545. Was that all you got?—No, I got 2*l.* in Lancaster from John Cross.

35,546. Then 3*l.* 10*s.* was all you got for yourself?—Yes.

35,547. Including expenses from Manchester?—Yes. I was appointed there to assist Mr. Bradshaw in looking them up.

35,548. In looking up the Manchester men?—Yes.

35,549. That is to say you went round once and saw them?—I was round three or four times.

35,550. Who did you get the 2*l.* from?—Mr. Bradshaw, a draper in Manchester.

35,551. The 2*l.* as well?—No, that was from Mr. Cross.

35,552. Which Mr. Cross?—John Cross.

GEORGE INGALL sworn and examined. *G. Ingall.*

35,553. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Alfred Street?—Yes.

35,554. Are you an upholsterer?—Yes.

35,555. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,556. Did you receive any money for the purpose of the election?—None at all.

35,557. None either for yourself or for any other person?—No.

35,558. No money was deposited with you to give to any person?—No.

35,559. And no money was received by any other person for you?—No.

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G. Jackson.

George Jackson sworn and examined.

35,560. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are an upholsterer in Gage Street?—Yes.

35,561. For whom did you vote at the last election; For Mr. Lawrence.

35,562. Did you receive any monies for the purpose of the election?—No.

35,563. From nobody?—No.

35,564. And you expended none?—No.

35,565. You are a master upholsterer are you not, in business for yourself?—No. I am a clerk at present.

D. P. Jackson.

Daniel Paget Jackson sworn and examined.

35,566. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Over Kellet?—Yes.

35,567. Are you in any occupation?—No, I am out of business.

35,568. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

35,569. Did you receive any money for the purpose of the election?—Not a fraction of a penny, neither before nor afterwards.

35,570. Neither for yourself nor anybody else?—I did not.

35,571. Do you know a man named Hadfield?—I have seen the man. I do not know whether I should know him again or not.

35,572. Do you know Stephen Wright Wearing? Yes, I know him well.

25,573. Did you receive 20*l.* from him?—I received nothing at all.

35,574. I see that Hadfield has said you received 20*l.* from Stephen Wright Wearing. I do not pretend to say I believe it, but I ask you the question?—It is false altogether.

35,575. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you ever given Hadfield any cause to come here and tell lies about you?—No. I do not know the man at all.

35,576. Do you know anything of him?—Nothing.

35,577. It has been asserted of a very large number of gentlemen that they received money. Have you Lancaster gentlemen taken any steps to bring Hadfield to book for this?—No.

35,578. Then I should advise you to do so. It is not to be endured that a man should live in the town and play these tricks.

W. Jackson.

William Jackson, junior, sworn and examined.

35,579. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a blacksmith at Overton?—Yes.

35,580. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,581. What money did you receive at the last election?—I received 23*l.* altogether.

35,582. From whom did you receive that?—I received 10*l.* from Mr. Maddock, of Liverpool. I received 5*l.* from Mr. Stewardson, and 8*l.* from a man of the name of Tinker.

35,583. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

35,584. Quite all?—Yes.

35,585. What did Tinker give you the 5*l.* for?—Tinker did not give me 5*l.* Tinker gave me 8*l.*

35,586. What did he give you that for?—To vote for Fenwick and Schneider.

35,587. And you promised him of course to vote for them?—No, I did not. He never axed me.

35,588. How came he to give you the 8*l.* then, if he did not ask you to vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—Because he thought it likely I should vote for him, but I never told him I would.

35,589. Where did he give it to you?—At the "White Lion."

35,590. That is Anthony Knowles Allinson's house?—It was at Peter Moore's, at the "White Lion."

35,591. What did Stewardson give you 5*l.* for?—For an old account.

35,592. When did Stewardson give you that money?—In the committee room.

35,593. Where was that?—In the Market Street. Fenwick and Schneider's committe room.

35,594. You know, I suppose, that Peter Moore's was a Fenwick and Schneider's house?—Yes.

35,595. And what did Maddock give you the 10*l.* for?—To vote for Lawrence.

35,596. So you got 13*l.* to vote for Fenwick and Schneider in fact, and 10*l.* to vote for Lawrence?—Yes.

35,597. And you voted for Lawrence?—Yes.

35,598. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a master blacksmith?—Yes.

35,599. What sort of a rent do you pay for your house?—5*l.* for the smithy and the house together.

35,600. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did they not manage to get your services on either of the committees?—No.

T. Jackson.

Thomas Jackson sworn and examined.

35,601. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a farmer at Heysham?—Yes.

35,602. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,603. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—Not a farthing; I got nothing at all.

35,604. Did nobody give you anything?—Nobody.

35,605. Were you present when any money was given to anybody for their votes?—Never; I never saw any money given to anybody.

35,606. Was any money given by anybody to your knowledge on account of your vote?—No.

35,607. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

35,608. Not to any son or daughter or wife or anybody?—Not a farthing to anybody whatever.

35,609. You really mean to say that you voted without receiving any consideration for your vote?—Yes.

35,610. Had you always voted on the same side before?—Mr. Greene paid for my freedom and I polled for Greene, and then I polled for the Yellows ever since.

35,611. And you are sure you got nothing for your vote?—I never got nothing in my life.

35,612. You are a farmer?—I am a farmer at Heysham.

35,613. What is your rental?—250*l.* I once got a sovereign in a letter 20 years ago just after Gregson's election, but I never knew where it came from. That is all I ever received since I was a poller, and I have polled 40 years nearly.

M. Jackson.

Matthew Jackson sworn and examined.

35,614. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you Matthew Jackson, a husbandman, of Heaton?—I am Matthew Jackson, a farmer, of Heaton.

35,615. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,616. What money did you get?—10*l.*

35,617. Was that all you got?—Yes.

35,618. You got nothing to drink?—No.

35,619. No money was given to you to spend in drink?—No.

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35,620. What rent do you pay?—Somewhere between 80*l.* and 90*l.*

35,621. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you farm any land of your own?—No.

35,622. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You know who you got the money from now, I suppose?—No, I do not.

35,623. You did not know who he was then?—No, I never saw him either before or since. I never asked him for any money, and I never asked anybody for any.

THOMAS JACKSON sworn and examined. *T. Jackson.*

35,624. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you Thomas Jackson, of Heysham, innkeeper?—I was an innkeeper, but it is a long time since.

35,625. Were you so when you were put upon the register?—Yes.

35,626. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Fenwick and Lawrence.

35,627. What did you get for your vote?—I got 5*l.*

35,628. From whom?—From John Jackson, of Heysham, farmer.

35,629. Which part of your vote was that for, the Fenwick or the Lawrence part?—For the Lawrence.

35,630. What other money did you get?—I got no more.

35,631. Did you get nothing for voting for Fenwick?—No.

35,632. Then you voted for Fenwick for love and for Lawrence for money?—Yes, I did.

35,633. Have you retired from business now?—Yes, a long while; I am a working man, up and down anywhere now.

JOHN JACKSON sworn and examined. *J. Jackson.*

35,634. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you John Jackson, of Heysham, husbandman?—Yes.

35,635. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,636. What money did you get?—I got nothing for myself; I got 4*l.* 4*s.* for expenses.

35,637. What expenses?—What I laid out of my own pocket.

35,638. What did you spend it in?—Among the freemen.

35,639. How much did you spend in that way?—4*l.* 4*s.*

35,640. Where did you spend it?—At Heysham.

35,641. How did you spend it?—I spent it among them.

35,642. I want to know how you spent it among them?—They put me on to look after them four or five weeks before the election, so I went out at nights and spent it to get them up together.

35,643. It does not involve any expenditure the getting these people up together; how did you spend the money?—I spent it then; I spent it at night.

35,644. How did you spend it?—I spent it out of my own pocket.

35,645. What did you spend it in?—I spent it in drink.

35,646. And who paid it you?—Mr. Hatch.

35,647. How came you to spend the exact sum of four guineas?—It was just it.

35,648. Tell me any public house in which you spent the money?—There was the "Heysham Hotel," the "Royal Hotel," and at "Alice Burrows'."

35,649. How much a night did you spend?—Happen 10 or a dozen shillings.

35,650. And you went there most nights?—Yes, most nights at the "Heysham Hotel" and "Alice Burrows'."

35,651. Who authorized you to spend the money? Mr. Clark; I was to spend it out of my own pocket, and to keep an account.

35,652. Did you keep an account of what was spent every night?—Yes.

35,653. What have you done with that account?—I did not write it down; there was no writing.

35,654. What do you mean then by saying that you kept an account?—I kept it in my own mind.

35,655. What are you?—A farmer.

35,656. What is your rental?—About 90*l.*

35,657. Are you the brother of the other Mr. Jackson?—Yes, Thomas.

35,658. Did you ever go anywhere away from Heysham?—Yes.

35,659. Where to?—Claughton, for a man.

35,660. How much did you spend at Claughton?—I cannot exactly say.

WILLIAM JACKSON sworn and examined. *W. Jackson.*

35,661. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a whitesmith in North Edward Street?—Yes.

35,662. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

35,663. What did you get?—10*l.*

35,664. Were you on any committee?—No; I got 1*l.* from George Danson.

35,665. That was for the Conservative committee?—Yes.

35,666. How came you to be on the Conservative committee?—He got me put on; that was all.

35,667. Did you get put on the Yellow committee too?—No.

35,668. You got put on the Blue committee and voted Yellow?—Yes.

35,669. Was that all you got?—That was all.

35,670. What are you?—A whitesmith.

35,671. A master or a journeyman?—A journeyman.

SAMUEL JACKSON sworn and examined. *S. Jackson.*

35,672. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a farmer at Heysham?—I work at a farm.

35,673. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

35,674. What money did you get?—10*l.*

35,675. That was from Albright, was it not?—Yes.

35,676. Did you get anything more?—No.

35,677. Only 10*l.*?—Only 10*l.*

35,678. Were you on no committee?—No.

JOHN JACKSON sworn and examined. *J. Jackson.*

35,679. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a farm servant at Scotforth?—Yes.

35,680. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,681. What money did you receive?—8*l.*

35,682. From whom?—From Mr. Halstead.

35,683. Did not you get anything else?—No.

35,684. Were you not on any committee?—No.

35,685. Did you get any money given to you to spend in drink?—No.

35,686. Was 8*l.* all you got altogether?—Yes.

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Joseph Jackson sworn and examined.

J. Jackson.

35,687. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a labourer at Skerton?—Yes.

35,688. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,689. What money did you get?—12*l.* from Lawrence's party.

35,690. And how much from the other party?—30*s.* for taking notes out.

35,691. Was that all you got?—Yes.

35,692. Who paid you the 12*l.*?—I do not know; it was a Liverpool man I suppose; it was at the "Black Bull" at Skerton.

35,693. How came you to take notes out for one party and to vote for the other?—I had promised to vote before that.

35,694. Did your own party for whom you were delivering circulars know that?—Yes.

35,695. Did they not make you a bid of anything for your vote?—No.

W. Jackson.

William Jackson sworn and examined.

35,696. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are an asylum attendant?—Yes.

35,697. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,698. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

35,699. Did you get anything else?—No.

35,700. Who paid you?—William Dugdale.

J. Holmes.

John Holmes sworn and examined.

35,701. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Pitt Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

35,702. You are a householder, are you not?—Yes.

35,703. What are you?—A carver in wood.

35,704. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Schneider and Fenwick.

35,705. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of the last election?—No.

35,706. You had nothing to do with any money at all?—No.

35,707. Nor with arranging as to any votes?—No.

H. Harrison.

Henry Harrison sworn and examined.

35,708. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are the borough surveyor, I believe?—Yes.

35,709. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,710. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

35,711. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

35,712. You are not aware of any money having been paid to any relation for you?—No.

35,713. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you happen to know anything of a man John Swainson Harrison?—No.

W. Johnson.

William Johnson sworn and examined.

35,714. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a cabinet-maker in Cable Street?—Yes.

35,715. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,716. What money did you receive?—1*l.* was all I received; I had four days' pay from Mr Gibson.

35,717. Is that all the money you received?—That is all the money I received.

35,718. Did you receive no money to spend in drink?—No, not a half penny.

B. Dodding.

Bartholomew Dodding sworn and examined.

35,719. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are not a voter?—No.

35,720. What are you?—A farmer.

35,721. Where do you farm?—At Wyresdale.

35,722. What had you to do with the last election?—I had nothing to do with it; Mr. Clark gave me 2*l.* to spend among the voters.

35,723. And where did you spend that?—At the place and in Lancaster here.

35,724. In treating voters?—In treating them.

35,725. What nights were you in Lancaster during this time?—It was only on the election day.

35,726. Did they send for you to come in and help them?—I came along with them.

35,727. Did you arrange with anybody as to payment of money for votes?—I saw two five pounds given to Towers, and to Thomas Fox. I think Henry Nelson gave one, and I imagine Cross gave the other. I think that when we were sitting in the railway carriage I handed it over to them.

35,728. Are you ever called Bartholomew Pye?—No.

35,729. It is a mistake, is it?—Yes.

35,730. You never heard yourself called by that name?—No.

35,731. You saw somebody pay Towers?—Yes, I think so, but I really do not know. It was just in that way. I think one paid one, and the other the other.

35,732. What Towers was it?—James Towers.

35,733. Of Dolphin-holme?—Yes.

35,734. Can you say for certain that Towers had the money?—I am sure he had. It is entirely a mistake between Bartholomew Pye and me.

35,735. Do you know Bartholomew Pye?—Yes.

35,736. Which Fox was it?—Thomas Fox, of Dolphinholme.

G. Kirkby.

George Kirkby sworn and examined.

35,737. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Cockerham?—Yes.

35,738. What are you?—A farmer.

35,739. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,740. What money did you receive?—Nothing.

35,741. Nothing at all?—No.

35,742. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

35,743. Did any relation receive any money for you?—No, none whatever.

35,744. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

L. Lawrence.

Lawrence Lawrence sworn and examined.

35,745. (*Mr. Hill.*) Where do you live?—At Bulk.

35,746. What are you?—A labourer.

35,747. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,748. Did you receive any monies?—Yes, 10*l.*

35,749. From whom?—Mr. Slater, I believe; it came from Barrow.

35,750. That was for your vote; what other money did you receive?—I received 30*s.* from Johnson's office.

35,751. For being on the committee ?—Yes.
35,752. Did you get anything from the other side ?—No.
35,753. 11*l.* 10*s.* was all you got ?—Yes.
35,754. You are a day labourer ?—Yes.
35,755. What are your ordinary wages ?—18*s.*

LAWRENCE LAWRENCE, jun., sworn and examined. *L. Lawrence, jun.*

35,756. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a farmer at Nether Kellet ?—No.
35,757. You live at Liverpool, now ?—Yes.
35,758. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
35,759. What money did you receive ?—10*l.*
35,760. From whom did you receive it ?—From Mr. Welch.
35,761. Did you receive anything besides ?—No.
35,762. Did not you get anything for your expenses ?—That was for my expenses.
35,763. Did you get nothing besides for your expenses ?—No.
35,764. Do you really mean to say that you received nothing besides 10*l.* for your expenses ?—No.
35,765. Then any statement that has been made to that effect is inaccurate, is it ?—Yes.

WILLIAM LEIGHTON sworn and examined. *W. Leighton.*

35,766. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a tailor of Alma Road, Scotforth ?—Yes.
35,767. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
35,768. What money did you receive ?—10*l.*
35,769. From whom ?—John Marsden.
35,770. What other money did you receive ?—I received a further sum of 1*l.*
35,771. From whom ?—From the same person, John Marsden.
35,772. Was that for being on the committee or anything ?—No.
35,773. You had 11*l.* for your vote, then; did you get anything else ?—No.
35,774. That is all you had ?—Yes.
35,775. What are you ; a day labourer ?—A tailor. There is something I would wish to explain, before I leave the box. In the supplement that appeared, published by the "Lancaster Guardian," George Danson, in his evidence, has put it down that I received 3*l.* for being on Mr. Lawrence's committee, which I did not receive. I never was on any committee.
35,776. Then George Danson is mistaken, is he ?—It appears so.
35,777. You are quite sure you did not get it ?—Yes, I never received it. Then there is another thing. He has put 1*l.* 10*s.* down to a Benjamin Leighton. I may say there never was a Benjamin Leighton.
35,778. So George Danson has put down 4*l.* 10*s.* that you know is not correct ?—Yes ; there never was a Benjamin Leighton.
35,779. There is a Benjamin Latham on the register, so that it is probably a mistake in the name ?—That may be.

THOMAS LIVER sworn and examined. *T. Liver.*

35,780. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a weaver, in Monmouth Street ?—Yes.
35,781. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
35,782. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election ?—I received nothing but for my own services ?
35,783. What did you receive for your own services ?—Altogether, it would be about 4*l.* 5*s.* I was engaged in the committee room.
35,784. From whom did you receive it ?—I received 2*l.* 5*s.* from Mr. Johnson, at Mr. Johnson's office, and in the middle of August, after the election, Mr. Wearing sent for me, and he offered me 2*l.* for my services rendered, and I told him that was over-much, I thought ; but he said, "Take it ;" and I took it up, and came away.
35,785. (*Mr. Hill.*) What other work did you do, besides committee work ?—I assisted in looking after the men.
35,786. You did not go out of Lancaster—you stopped in Lancaster ?—Yes.
35,787. And you would have stopped in Lancaster, if there had been no election ?—Yes.

JAMES MACHELL sworn and examined. *J. Machell.*

35,788. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a farmer ?—Yes.
35,789. At Over Kellet ?—Yes.
35,790. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.
35,791. What money did you receive ?—5*l.*
35,792. From whom did you get the 5*l.* ?—I do not know.
35,793. Did you get anything else ?—No.
35,794. What is your rental ?—About 40*l.*, I believe.

HENRY SHAW sworn and examined. *H. Shaw.*

35,795. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—I am clerk and steward in the Asylum.
35,796. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Schneider and Fenwick.
35,797. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—Nothing.
35,798. Neither by yourself, nor by any other person ?—Neither directly nor indirectly.
35,799. Are you aware whether any money was deposited with any person for your use ?—I am sure of it, not a penny.

EDWARD MALLINSON sworn and examined. *E. Mallinson.*

35,800. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Galgate ?—Yes.
35,801. What are you ?—A silk-boiler.
35,802. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For a Fenwick and Schneider.
35,803. Did you receive any money ?—Yes.
35,804. How much ?—10*l.*
35,805. From whom did you receive it ?—From Edward Bradshaw.
35,806. Did you get anything else besides this money which you got from Edward Bradshaw ?—No.
35,807. You did not receive any money for any purpose ?—No, from no one.

Edward Mallinson, jun., of Galgate, silk dresser, is called but does not answer.

35,808. Your son, Edward Mallinson, junior, is at Rochdale, is he not ?—Yes.
35,809. Do you know what he got for his vote ?—I believe he got the same.
35,810. From whom ?—From Mr. Edward Bradshaw.
35,811. You have no doubt he got the same as you ?—No, I believe he did ; he said he did.

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35,812. Was he on any committee?—No.

35,813. What did Thomas Mallinson get? — I believe he got the same.

35,814. Where is he?—He is dead.

35,815. Do you know whether he got anything for being on any committee?—No, I do not.

W. Mashiter.

WILLIAM MASHITER sworn and examined.

35,816. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A farmer.

35,817. Where do you live?—At Heysham.

35,818. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,819. What money did you receive?—10*l.* 3*s.*

35,820. Who paid you?—Mr. Hatch.

35,821. Are you the son of the late John Mashiter?—Yes.

35,822. Do you know what he got?—He got nothing.

35,823. Are you quite sure of that? — He got nothing to bribe him, or anything of that; never in his life.

35,824. Did he get any money at all?—Well, I cannot say.

35,825. You do not know whether he did or not?—No.

35,826. You never heard him say?—No, I did not.

J. Eastwood.

JOSEPH EASTWOOD sworn and examined.

35,827. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Chapel Street?—Yes.

35,828. What are you?—A farmer and butcher.

35,829. What is your rental?—600*l.* a year.

35,830. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,831. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of the last election?—No.

35,832. Did you take an active part in the election?—None whatever.

G. Nelson.

GABRIEL NELSON sworn and examined.

35,833 (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Church Street?—Yes.

35,834. What are you?—A cabinet-maker.

35,835. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

35,836. Did you receive any money?—No.

35,837. No money at all?—No.

35,838. Not for yourself, or for any other person?—No.

35,839. Did anybody receive any money for you?—No.

J. Lodge.

JOHN LODGE, of Bare, gentleman, is called but does not answer.

The following certificate is read by the Secretary;

"Lancaster, January 4th 1867.—I hereby certify, that John Lodge Esquire, of Bare, is totally unfit to "appear before the election Commissioners on the 5th day of January 1867, being confined to bed by debility "consequent on bronchitis.—METCALFE JOHNSON, Surgeon."

Adjourned for a short time.

S. Mason.

SAMUEL MASON sworn and examined

35,840. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a weaver?—Yes.

35,841. Living in Adelaide Street?—Yes.

35,842. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,843. What money did you receive?—I received 2*l.* three weeks after the election.

35,844. Was that all the money you received?—I received 2*l.* for John Swindells.

35,845. From whom did you receive that?—From Robert Roberts.

35,846. You received 2*l.* for yourself and 2*l.* for John Swindells?—Yes.

35,847. From whom did you receive the 2*l.* for yourself?—Robert Roberts.

35,848. And from whom did you receive the 2*l.* for John Swindells?—Robert Roberts.

35,849. You received them both from Robert Roberts?—Yes.

35,850. Anything else?—That is all.

35,851. Did Robert Roberts at the time he gave you this money tell you from whom he had got it?—Yes.

35,852. From whom did he say he had got it?—From a shoemaker in Cheapside? they call him Wearing.

35,853. Were you on any committee?—I do not know that I was, only his.

35,854. Did you receive any money from Moser?—No.

35,855. Or from Tilley?—No.

35,856. That is all the money you received 2*l.* for yourself, and 2*l.* for Swindell?—That is all.

T. Mason.

THOMAS MASON sworn and examined.

35,857. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Tarnwater Ashton?—Yes.

35,858. What are you?—A farmer.

35,859. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,860. What money did you receive?— Three guineas.

35,861. Was that all you received?—Yes.

J. Ellershaw.

JAMES ELLERSHAW MILLER sworn and examined.

35,862. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Moor Lane?—Yes.

35,863. You are a cabinetmaker?—Yes.

35,864. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,865. What money did you receive?—5*l.* 10*s.*

35,866. From whom did you receive it?—From Benjamin Long.

35,867. Did you receive anything else?—No.

35,868. Were you on any committee?—No.

35,869. Did you get any money to spend in drink?—No.

35,870. That is all you got; 5*l.* 10*s.*?—That is all.

JOHN MOUNSEY sworn and examined. *J. Mounsey.*

35,871. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a weaver?—I am.

35,872. In Galgate?—Yes.

35,873. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,874. What money did you receive at the last election?—8*l.* 5*s.*

35,875. Were you on any committee?—I was not.

35,876. You received no other money besides that?—I did not.

HENRY NELSON sworn and examined. *H. Nelson.*

35,877. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a farmer living at Ellel?—Yes.

35,878. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,879. What money did you receive?—13*l.* I think altogether.

35,880. From whom did you receive it?—The first 3*l.* I received from John Cross.

35,881. Did you receive any money to spend?—Yes.

35,882. When was it that you received the 3*l.* from John Cross?—On the 27th of June I think.

35,883. When was the next?—The next I think, was on the night of the nomination.

35,884. The 11th of July?—Yes.

35,885. Whom did you receive that from?—William Cross.

35,886. How much?—10*l.*

35,887. Is that all you received?—Yes.

35,888. What did you do with the first sum of 3*l.*—I gave 1*l.* to Henry Smith.

35,889. Who is he?—He is a voter who lives in Ellel; it was for refreshments for voters and looking after them I suppose; and 1*l.* to Henry Bradshaw; the other I spent at the "Fleece Inn" at Dolphinholme. Previous to the nomination I gave 1*l.* to William Garnett of Ellel.

35,890. Is he a voter?—Yes, I believe he is.

35,891. Is that William Garnett of Halton, farmer?

35,892. Yes, he lives in Ellel now.

35,893. 1*l.*?—Yes, and I spent about 50*s.* before the nomination; that would be 3*l.* 10*s.* out of my own pocket before I got this last 10*l.*

35,894. How did you spend the 50*s.*?—In drink.

35,895. Where?—At the "Fleece Inn" and at the "Fiddle."

35,896. That makes 3*l.* 10*s.* you spent at the "Fleece Inn"?—Yes, I spent it at different times.

35,897. The "Fleece Inn" and "Fiddle," where?—At Dolphinholme.

35,898. Now go on?—I gave 5*l.* to Bartholomew Dodding for one James Towers I think it was.

35,899. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you give it him in the railway carriage?—No, I gave it him at the "Fleece Inn" in Dolphinholme at the back door.

35,900. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Well?—The rest I spent on the election day and the night before.

35,901. On what morning did you give this 5*l.* to Dodding?—On the election morning.

35,902. Did you come in the railway carriage with him?—No, I came in a bus I think.

35,903. Did Dodding come in a bus?—I cannot say that.

35,904. What made you spend this money at the "Fleece Inn"?—I spent it among friends.

35,905. But who told you to spend it?—Some one on Mr. Lawrence's committee. I do not know who.

35,906. You got from William Cross 10*l.* on the 11th of July?—The nomination day.

35,907. What did he tell you to do with it when he gave it to you?—Some I had already spent before that.

35,908. But what made him give you a round sum of 10*l.*?—5*l.* was for this Dodding.

35,909. He did not give it you for Dodding?—It was for Towers; I gave it to Dodding for Towers.

35,910. What was the other 5*l.* for?—1*l.* was for Garnett, and some I had spent before; but I have given that evidence.

35,911. Which of those 5*l.* do you say it was that you gave to Dodding?—It was for Towers; he asked me for it for Towers, and I gave it to him.

35,912. He says it was in the railway carriage?—We came on the bus, I did; I do not know how he came, but I did and Towers as well.

35,913. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who is the landlord of the Fleece?—John Mallett.

35,914. To whom did you pay these sums of money?—Him and the wife together I do not know which, and the servant at different times.

35,915. How many voters did you have in there for all this amount of drink that you paid for?—Perhaps 14 or 15.

35,915. The only part of this money that went to a voter absolutely, was this 5*l.*?—Yes.

35,916. Do you say you spent all the rest in treating?—I gave money to different persons.

35,917. What did you do with the other 5*l.*?—I spent it at the "Fleece and Fiddle," and different other places.

35,918. You came to Lancaster on the election day?—Yes, I did.

35,919. At what time did you come?—9 o'clock; between 8 and 9, I cannot say exactly.

35,920. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When did you go back again?—At three in the afternoon; a deal of this money was spent before the election.

WILLIAM NELSON, jun., sworn and examined. *W. Nelson, jun.*

35,921. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Overton?—Yes.

35,922. You are a shoemaker?—Yes.

35,923. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,924. What did you get?—10*l.*

35,925. From whom?—Mr. Maddock of Liverpool.

35,926. Did you receive any other money?—No.

ALBERT NELSON sworn and examined. *A. Nelson.*

35,927. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a cabinet maker living in Dalton Square?—Yes.

35,928 For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,929. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—Nothing whatever.

35,930. You were on no committee?—No.

35,931. You received nothing at all?—Nothing at all.

GEORGE NELSON sworn and examined. *G. Nelson.*

35,932. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a coachsmith in Upper Bulk Street?—Yes.

35,933. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,934. What money did you receive?—8*l.* from Richard Nixon.

35,935. What other money did you receive?—30*s.* from Johnson and Tilley's office.

35,936. Did you receive anything else?—2*l.* 5*s.* from George Danson; that is all.

35,937. You drew your full bill of committee wages then?—Yes.

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35,938. As much as you could get?—Yes.

35,939. How long were you on the Blue committee?—During the election.

35,943. It would puzzle you to say how long you worked there would it not; what are your usual weekly wages?—25*s.* or 26*s.*

G. Nelson.

[William Nelson of Upper Bulk Street, plumber, is called but does not answer.]

(*The Witness*:) That is my son William; he is not here, but he wishes me to say what he got.

35,941. Why is he not here?—He is working out in the country.

35,942. Where is he working?—He is living in the town, but he is working out; he wished me to state what he got.

35,943. What did he get?—He got 8*l.* from Mr. Nixon and 39*s.* from Johnson and Tilley's office; that is all he got.

35,944. Did not he get on the Blue committee?—No, Mr. Danson put him down 2*l.* 5*s.*, but he never got a farthing.

35,945. You say Danson was wrong in putting down William for that?—Yes.

35,946. Your son is of Upper Bulk Street, Lancaster?—Yes.

35,947. A plumber?—Yes, he is my son.

35,948. Did he vote for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

35,949. (*Mr. Hill.*) You say that he had nothing?—Yes.

35,950. Have you anything else to say?—No.

R. Nicholson.

Richard Nicholson sworn and examined.

35,951. (*Mr Barstow.*) You are a stonemason in Marton Street?—Yes.

35,952. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,953. What money did you receive?—8*l.*

35,954. From whom did you receive it?—From Henry Brockbank.

35,955. Who is Henry Brockbank?—He is a mason as works at the same place as I do.

35,956. Do you know whether he is a voter?—No, I think not; he is not a voter.

35,957. Is Brockbank in Lancaster?—Yes.

35,958. Now?—Yes.

35,959. Do you know where Brockbank lives?—Some where in Brier Street.

35,960. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you on any committee?—No, I was not.

35,961. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you get any money besides this 8*l.*?—No, I did not.

35,962. Nothing whatever?—No.

J. Nickal.

John Nickal sworn and examined.

35,963. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a painter in Nile Street?—Yes.

35,964. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

35,965. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

35,966. From whom?—I do not know; he was a gentleman at the "Royal Oak," I do not know who it was.

35,967. Was it Jackson?—No, it was not Mr. Jackson.

35,968. It was not Isaac Jackson?—No.

35,969. Do you know him?—I do very well.

35,970. Were you on any committee?—No.

35,971. Did you not get anything from Danson?—No.

35,972. Was that all you got?—I got 25*s.* or 30*s.* from Mr. Tilley.

35,973. What was that for?—For carrying notes out.

35,974. That would be for services for the Yellows?—Yes.

35,975. You worked for them did you?—I worked for Mr. Fenwick a bit.

35,976. Did you get anything from them besides that 1*l.* 10*s.*?—No.

35,977. All the money you got altogether was 11*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, I believe so.

35,978. Was that all you got or not?—Yes, for all I know.

35,979. Did anybody receive anything on your behalf?—Not that I know of.

35,980. Do you know whether you got anything more or not?—I did not get anything.

35,981. Did somebody receive anything for you?—Not that I know of.

35,982. Did your wife?—No.

35,983. Have you ever received anything since on account of the election?—No.

35,984. On your oath do you mean to say that 11*l.* 10*s.* is all you got?—To the best of my knowledge it is.

35,985. You must know?—I got 10*l.* at the "Royal Oak."

35,986. Was that 10*l.* and the 30*s.* the whole money that you got?—I do not know that I got any more.

35,987. Cannot you tell me whether you did or did not?—I cannot say to speak the truth.

35,988. Do you mean to say you do not know whether you received any money besides the 11*l.* 10*s.* you have told us of?—I did not get any money from any person else.

35,989. Besides the 11*l.* 10*s.* did you get any?—I cannot say that I did.

35,990. Come speak the truth, man; did you get anything besides the 11*l.* 10*s.*?—Not that I know of.

35,991. Do you not know whether you got any more money or not?—To the best of my knowledge I did not.

35,992. What are you?—A painter.

35,993. What wages were you getting at that time?—22*s.* a week.

35,994. From whom?—Mr. Williamson.

35,995. Did you get any money from anybody else?—No.

35,996. You have answered that question distinctly, why cannot you answer the other question. Did you receive anything besides the 11*l.* 10*s.*.—I do not know that I did.

35,997. Did you get any other money?—No, I believe not.

35,998. Do you know anything about William Nickal?—I have a son called William Nickal.

35,999. What did he get anything at the last election?—I believe he got nothing.

36,000. Why is not he here?—He has not been summoned.

36,001. Is he at home?—Yes, he was down at our house when I came out this morning.

R. Whormby.

Robert Whormby sworn and examined.

36,002. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a farmer at Warton?—Yes.

36,003. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,004. What money did you receive?—Nothing whatever.

36,005. Do you really tell us, your name being Whormby and you living at Warton, that you got no money whatever?—No not a halfpenny.

36,006. Had you no money offer to you?—No, none whatever.

36,007. Did not Joseph Wilson offer you any-

thing?—No, he did not; he solicited me, but did not offer me any money.

36,008. Were you solicited on the other side?—No, I did it voluntarily. Mr. Lawrence spoke to me, and asked me for my vote, and I told him I would give it him.

36,009. Have you always voted for the "Blues"?—I never voted before.

36,010. What rent do you pay?—I rent my own house.

36,011. You live on your own property?—Yes.

THOMAS NORMAN sworn and examined. *T. Norman.*

36,012. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a farmer at Halton?—No, I do not farm now. I have retired from farming.

36,013. What are you now?—I live retired: I do nothing.

36,014. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,015. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

36,016. From whom did you get that 10*l.*?—Mr. Sharp.

36,017. Which Mr. Sharp?—The young man.

36,018. Did you get anything else?—No.

WILLIAM NORMAN sworn and examined. *W. Norman.*

36,019. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

36,020. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,021. You are a labourer?—Yes.

36,022. What did you get for your vote?—8*l.*

36,023. From whom?—Mr. Patterson.

36,024. Which Mr. Patterson?—James Patterson.

36,025. Do you know Mr. James Patterson?—Yes.

36,026. What is he?—He is an ale-house keeper.

36,027. Where?—The "Wheatsheaf."

36,028. In Lancaster?—Yes.

36,029. Did you get anything besides the 8*l.*?—Yes, he gave me 5*l.* for William Taylor.

36,030. Anything else?—No, I fetched him out of Peter Moore's and polled him.

36,031. Which William Taylor is that; does he live in Henry Street?—Yes.

36,032. You got 8*l.* for your own vote and how much for Taylor?—5*l.*

36,033. Did you give that to Taylor?—Yes.

36,034. And did you poll him?—Yes.

36,035. That was all the money you spent?—Yes.

36,036. Were you on any committee?—No.

36,037. You say you received the money from Patterson?—Yes.

36,038. The whole of the 13*l.*?—Yes.

36,039. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you receive any money yourself to spend in drink?—No.

JAMES BARTON NOTTAGE sworn and examined. *J. B. Nottage.*

36,040. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where you live?—At Claughton.

36,041. What are you?—A surgeon by profession.

36,042. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,043. Did you receive any money?—No.

36,044. None whatever?—No.

WILLIAM MASHEDER sworn and examined. *W. Masheder.*

36,045. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a farmer?—Yes.

36,046. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,047. What money did you receive?—19*l.*

36,048. Was that for your vote?—I suppose so.

36,049. Were you on any committee?—No.

36,050. From whom did you receive that?—I got 10*l.* off John Dobson.

36,051. When did you get that money from John Dobson?—The day of the election—the polling day.

36,052. When did you get the other 9*l.*?—The same day.

36,053. From whom?—I got 8*l.* from George Danson, and 10*l.* from John Barrow.

36,054. What did you do with that?—I gave Thornton 19*l.* of it, and the other I kept.

36,055. What Thornton was that?—Henry Thornton.

36,056. You got altogether 28*l.*?—Dobson gave me 20*l.*, and I gave Thornton what they gave me.

36,057. How much money did you get from Dobson altogether?—20*l.*

36,058. And besides that you got 8*l.* from Danson and 10*l.* from Barrow?—Yes.

36,059. That was the whole of the money you received?—Yes.

36,060. How did you spend it?—Thornton got half of it—19*l.*

36,061. You paid Henry Thornton 19*l.*?—Yes.

36,062. Did Thornton have the whole of that 19*l.* for himself?—Yes.

36,063. You did not give him that to pay anybody else with?—No.

36,064. That you are sure of?—Yes, quite sure.

36,065. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Had you any agreement with Thornton to get this money out of Danson?—No, not at all.

36,066. How came you to get it?—First of all we were going up the Market Place, and met John Dobson, and he asks us to go to the "Golden Ball," and said he would get us something, and Cross gave him 20*l.* to give to Thornton and me.

36,067. What did you understand that 20*l.* to be for?—I understood it was for both of us—10*l.* each.

36,068. For what?—For voting I suppose.

36,069. Did you promise Dobson that you two would vote for 20*l.*?—I do not know.

36,070. Answer the question?—Yes.

36,071. How did it happen that after promising to vote for 20*l.*, you got a further sum of 18*l.* from Danson?—We were coming down the Street and met John Harrison, a stonemason, and he wanted us to go with him after Thornton had polled. He wanted us to go with him to the "Royal Oak," and we went there, and he said Danson was there, but he could not find him, and I was going down Street, and I saw Danson, and Danson said he would give me 18*l.*, and I gave Thornton half of it, and as I was coming up the Street John Barrow asked me if I had polled, and I said, "No." He said, "Come with me to Clarke's." I said I had rather not. He said, "Come along with me and I will get you 10*l.*;" and he went to George Clarke's for the money, but I never saw George Clarke.

GEORGE BLACOW sworn and examined. *G. Blacow.*

36,072. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Nicholas Street?—Yes.

36,073. What are you?—A cooper.

36,074. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,075. What did you get?—Nothing.

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36,076. Nothing at all ?—I never did.

36,077. You always vote without any money do you ?—Yes, always.

36,078. Had you anything to do with paying money to anybody else ?—No.

6,079. Did you take any active part in the election ?—None whatever.

36,080. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You knew that money was going about did you not ?—I had a good idea that it was.

36,081. But you did not try to get any ?—No, they knew I would vote without money, they knew that well enough.

G. Blezard.

GEORGE BLEZARD sworn and examined.

36,082. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a painter in Sun Street ?—Yes.

36,083. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Lawrence.

36,084. What money did you receive ?—2*l.*

36,085. From whom ?—I never saw the man before. He was in company with Mr. Cross.

96,086. Was that all the money you received ?—Yes.

36,087. Was that before or after voting ?—I think it was before—a day before—I was at home.

26,088. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you pay any money in refreshing other people ?—No.

36,089. What are you ?—A painter.

36,090. A master painter ?—No.

36,091. You have not been summoned have you ?—No, I have received none. I heard there was a summons issued for me but I never got one.

M. Henry.

MICHAEL HENRY sworn and examined.

36,092. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you ?—A schoolmaster.

36,093. Where do you live ?—No. 22, Castle Hill.

36,094. How did you vote at the last election ?—I voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

36,095. Did you receive any money at the election ?—I never received any money for my vote.

36,096. Did you pay any money ?—No, not a farthing.

36,097. Did you take no part in the election ?—I took no active part in it more than speaking to one or two friends.

36,098. Did not any money pass through your hands at all ?—I came from Blackpool to the election, and was paid my expenses.

36,099. Why did you not say so at first. I asked you if you had received any money, and you said you had not ?—Not for my vote. I received 2*l.* for my expenses. I received no money for my vote.

36,100. I asked you whether you had received any money for the purposes of the election. What did you receive for your expenses ?—2*l.*

36,101. Expenses from where ?—Blackpool.

36,102. How far is that ?—I daresay it is about 32 or 33 miles, perhaps about 40 miles.

36,103. 40 miles there and back ?—From Lancaster here.

36,104. What was your railway fare ?—I did not keep any account.

36,105. You know well enough what it was ?—No, I do not.

36,106. What class did you travel ?—Partly second and partly third class.

36,107. Had you a return ticket ?—No, I believe not.

36,108. Had you or not; you must know ?—I had not.

36,109. You are a schoolmaster, and you ought to know better than to answer as you do ?—Mr. Blades asked me what my expenses were, I said 1*l.* would suffice, and Mr. Henry Welch handed me 2*l.*, and said "That will pay your expenses back."

36,110. (*Mr. Hill.*) Your expenses being really from Blackpool to Lancaster and back, third class about 10*s.*, at the outside. Why did you answer as you did just now, that you had nothing at all ?—Nothing for my vote.

36,111. You got about 30*s.* more than you were out of pocket, whatever it was. You got 30*s.* more than you spent. Where did you come from to-day ?—From Blackburn.

36,112. What are you doing there ?—I am there with a friend.

36,113. You are on your way back, are you ?—No; I came home this morning. I am not going back.

36,114. So that you are only attending here from Lancaster to-day ?—That is all.

J. Capstick.

JOHN CAPSTICK sworn and examined.

36,115. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a painter, in Henry Street ?—Yes.

36,116. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,117. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the last election ?—Not a farthing.

36,118. Of no sort or kind ?—No.

T. Satterthwaite.

THOMAS SATTERTHWAITE sworn and examined.

36,119. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Lower Greaves, Scotforth ?—Yes.

36,120. Are you a householder, or freeman ?—A freeman.

36,121. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,122. Are you a farmer ?—Yes.

36,123. Did you receive any monies for the purpose of the last election ?—No.

36,124. Not of any sort or kind ?—No.

36,125. What is your rental ?—I am living in my own house.

R. Greenwood.

ROBERT GREENWOOD sworn and examined.

36,126. You live in Brock Street, Lancaster ?—Yes.

36,127. Are you a freeman ?—No, a householder.

36,128. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,129. Did you receive any money ?—Not any.

W. Kirkby.

WILLIAM KIRKBY sworn and examined.

36,130. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Cheapside ?—Yes.

36,131. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

36,132. What did you receive for the purposes of the election ?—Nothing whatever.

36,133. Of no kind or sort ?—No.

36,134. Are you quite sure ?—Yes.

36,135. What are you ?—I am out of business.

Adjourned to Monday at 10 o'clock.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Monday, 7th January 1867.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

PRESENT:

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON.
Mr. HILL.

C. Johnson, jun.

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON, jun., sworn and examined.

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36,136. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a surgeon, residing in this town?—I am.

36,137. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the last election?—No. I wish to say that I neither received nor paid anything.

A. Seward.

ABRAM SEWARD sworn and examined.

36,138. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are entered on the register as a brass-founder?—Yes.

36,139. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,140. Did you receive any money for the purposes of that election?—None.

36,141. Did you expend any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

36,142. Did you take any active part in the election?—No, I did not.

H. Wilson.

HENRY WILSON sworn and examined.

36,143. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Over Kellet?—Yes.

36,144. What is your occupation?—I have no occupation or profession.

36,145. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,146. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No, none.

36,147. Did you pay any?—None.

36,148. Were you one of the petitioners?—Yes.

36,149. You were one of the two who signed the petition?—Yes.

36,150. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you out canvassing with Mr. Lawrence at all?—No.

36,151. Did you know much of Mr. Lawrence, personally?—No; not personally.

36,152. Did you see much of him, personally, during the election?—No; I was present at the nomination, that was the only time I saw him. I reside in Liverpool, one half of the year, and I have known Mr. Lawrence many years, though not intimately.

36,153. You had been more intimately acquainted with Mr. Threlfall Wilson, had you not?—No; I only knew him about a week before the petition was signed, or not so long as a week; and Mr. Wilson Barker I did not know at the time I signed the petition.

W. Welch.

WILLIAM WELCH sworn and examined.

36,154. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Pointer Road, Lancaster?—Yes.

36,155. What are you?—I am entered on the register as a merchant.

36,156. Have you been examined before?—No.

36,157. Are you a brother of Henry Welch?—No, I am his cousin.

36,158. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,159. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of the election?—I did not.

36,160. Did you expend any?—I did not.

36,161. You had nothing to do with the pecuniary matters connected with the election?—I had nothing to do with the election whatever; I never asked any person for his vote, nor was I asked myself, except by Mr. Lawrence. The other William Welch is a cousin of mine. I am brother to Mr. Welch, of the Temple, in London.

R. Wearing.

RICHARD WEARING sworn and examined.

36,162. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at West Place, Lancaster?—Yes.

36,163. What are you?—I am out of business.

36,164. You are described in the register as a druggist?—Yes, I formerly was.

36,165. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,166. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I did not. I did not receive even my legal expenses—my travelling expenses.

36,167. Did you come from a distance to vote?—I did; upwards of a hundred miles.

36,168. And you received nothing?—I received nothing.

W. Hall.

WILLIAM HALL sworn and examined.

31,169. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a surgeon in Lancaster?—Yes.

36,170. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

36,171. Had you anything to do with any pecuniary matters connected with the election?—Nothing at all.

36,172. You neither received any money, nor expended any?—No; I did nothing whatever regarding the election, except give my vote.

W. Hall.

WILLIAM HALL sworn and examined.

36,173. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Leonard Gate?—Yes.

36,174. What are you?—A druggist.

36,175. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

36,176. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

36,177. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

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W. Heald.

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WILLIAM HEALD sworn and examined.

36,178. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—An attorney's clerk. I am on the register as a book-keeper.

36,179. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,180. What money did you receive?—I received a guinea for acting as poll-clerk of the town-hall booth.

36,181. Did you receive nothing else?—No.

36,182. Did you receive any money from the other side?—No, none.

J. Oglethorpe.

JAMES OGLETHORPE sworn and examined.

36,183. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—An attorney.

36,184. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Schneider and Lawrence.

36,185. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No; with the exception of the usual fee of a guinea, which I got for being the mayor's poll-clerk.

36,186. That is not the same thing as deputy mayor?—No. It is under the deputy mayor; he has to record the votes.

36,187. That is all the money you received?—It is.

36,188. (*Mr. Hill.*) How came you to vote for Schneider and Lawrence?—I wished those men to get in.

L. Holden.

LAWRENCE HOLDEN sworn and examined.

36,189. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are an attorney in Lancaster?—Yes.

36,190. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,191. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of that election?—None whatever.

36,192. Had you anything to do with any of the pecuniary arrangements?—Nothing whatever. I was offered a retainer by Mr. Lawrence, but I declined it.

36,193. You were on the committee, were you not?—No, I was not.

36,194. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You have been mentioned to us as having been a captain?—My clerk may have been.

36,195. *Your* name was mentioned to us?—That was a mistake.

36,196. Had you a clerk named Thomas Foster?—Yes; he is in Mr. Thursfield's office, in Wednesbury.

36,197. You were not a captain?—No; I acted in no capacity whatever.

36,198. You were the general agent for Mr. Saunders, in the contest between him and Mr. Fenwick?—I was agent for election expenses, and the solicitor conducting the candidature.

36,199. Do you know what that election cost Mr. Saunders?—I have not the slightest idea.

36,200. On that occasion who managed what may be called the illegal expenditure?—Mr. Whelon would take the principal part in it, but he would have a variety of sub-agents acting under him.

36,201. Mr. Whelon is dead; is he not?—Yes; Mr. Danson was one of his agents in the matter, and there were a variety of others.

36,202. (*Mr. Hill.*) You must know pretty well, by report, what that election cost. It was known among you, was it not, what the expenses of that election were?—I heard it variously stated; I cannot call to mind any precise sum.

36,203. What sum, in your judgment, did that election cost?—I have no means of forming a judgment; I heard it variously estimated at from 1,200*l.* to 1,500*l.*, and some said even 2,000*l.*, but I have no idea myself what would be the correct sum.

W. G. Parkinson.

WILLIAM GEORGE PARKINSON sworn and examined.

36,204. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Cheapside?—Yes.

36,205. What are you?—A draper.

36,206. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Shneider.

36,207. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

36,208. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

36,209. Did you see any voter paid, or do you know of any voter having been paid?—No, none whatever.

36,210. Are you any relation to a man named Parkinson, of St. George's Quay, painter?—No, I am not.

W. Patterson.

WILLIAM PATTERSON sworn and examined.

36,211. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you William Patterson of Leonard Gate, cabinet maker?—Yes.

36,212. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,213. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

36,214. What did you receive?—8*l.*

36,215. From whom did you receive that?—From William King.

36,216. Did you receive any other money?—Yes.

36,217. What was that?—15*s.*

36,218. From whom?—I received it at Tilly's office.

36,219. Was that for committee work?—No, that was for my expenses. I came from Southport.

36,220. Was 15*s.* the amount of your expenses from Southport?—Yes, and I have come now at present from Southport.

36,221. Did you get any other money at all?—No.

36,222. Was 8*l.* 15*s.* all you got?—Yes.

36,223. (*Mr. Hill.*) On which day did you come over from Southport to the election?—The day previous to the election day.

36,224. The nomination day?—Yes.

36,225. Had it been arranged before you came over what money you should have?—No.

36,226. When did you make the arrangement?—I do not know. I did not make any arrangement at all myself.

R. Pedder.

ROBERT PEDDER sworn and examined.

36,227. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live?—At Halton.

36,228. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,229. What did you get for your vote?—7*l.*

36,230. Who paid you?—Mr. Joseph Smith.

36,231. Did you receive anything besides that?—Nothing.

36,232. 7*l.* was all you received?—Yes.

CHARLES LAWSON WHALLEY sworn and examined.

36,233. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Richmond House, Skerton?—Yes.

36,234. What are you?—A gentleman. I am nothing by profession.

36,235. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,236. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I did not.

36,237. Had you anything to do with expending any money?—I had not.

36,238. Did you do anything with regard to the expenses of the election?—No.

36,239. You simply voted and did nothing else?—I simply voted and did nothiog else.

L. Whalley.

JOSEPH LAWSON WHALLEY sworn and examined.

36,240. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in King Street?—Yes.

36,241. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,242. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I did not.

36,243. Neither for yourself nor for anyone else?—No.

36,244. Did you see any voter paid?—No, I did not.

R. Pimm.

REUBEN PIMM sworn and examined.

36,245. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in St. George's Quay?—Yes.

36,246. What are you?—A whitesmith.

36,247. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,248. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of the election?—I received 10*l.* from Mr. Welch.

36,249. When did Mr. Welch give it to you?—About half-past 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

36,250. What else did you get?—Nothing from no one.

36,251. Did you not get on to any committee?—No; that was all I got.

G. A. Pimm.

GEORGE AUSTIN PIMM sworn and examined.

36,252. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are George Austin Pimm of Scotforth?—Yes.

36,253. What are you?—A tailor.

36,254. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,255. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

36,256. From whom did you receive it?—From John Marsden.

36,257. Is that all you received?—Yes.

36,258. You were on no committee?—No.

36,259. Did you receive any money for anyone else?—I received a few shillings before the election from Marsden.

36,260. What was that for?—To spend in refreshments; 4*s.* I think it was.

36,261. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

36,262. Was any money given to you to hold for any other voters?—None whatever.

J. Preston.

JOHN PRESTON sworn and examined.

36,263. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a twine spinner, living at Galgate?—Yes.

36,264. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

36,265. Did you receive any money?—5*l.*

36,266. From whom?—Mr. Wade.

36,267. Was that all you received?—Yes.

36,268. Are you any relation to John Preston junior?—Yes, he is my nephew.

36,269. Is he here?—Yes.

36,270. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not get on any committee?—No.

E. Preston.

EDWARD PRESTON sworn and examined.

36,271. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a husbandman or farm labourer at Galgate?—Yes.

36,272. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,273. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

36,274. From whom?—I do not know.

36,275. Where did you receive it?—At the White Cross.

36,276. Did you get any money for being on any committee?—No.

36,277. Was 10*l.* all you got?—Yes.

J. Preston, jun.

JOHN PRESTON, jun., sworn and examined.

36,278. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Galgate?—Yes.

36,279. What are you?—A twine spinner.

36,280. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,281. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

36,282. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Wade.

36,283. Is that all the money you received?—I received 10*s.* for the purpose of treating.

36,284. From whom did you receive that?—From Mr. Wade.

36,285. Is that all?—That is all.

36,286. (*Mr. Hill.*) You treated yourself with the 10*s.* did you?—No.

36,287. You spent it among others?—Yes.

R. Preston.

ROBERT PRESTON sworn and examined.

36,288. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Galgate?—Yes.

36,289. What are you?—A twine spinner.

36,290. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,291. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

36,292. Nothing at all?—No.

36,293. You received no money from anyone?—Nothing. I believe my brother received 5*l.* which has been put down to me. I never received a farthing.

36,294. Who is your brother?—John.

36,295. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you offered anything?—No.

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36,296. (*Mr. Barstow.*) How came that ?—I never looked after anything. I had nothing offered.

36,297. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were you not looked up by the canvassers ?—They came round to see where I was but I got nothing.

36,298. Who canvassed you ?—Mr. Wade.

36,299. Mr. Wade seems to have been pretty handy with his money ?—He gave me nothing however.

36,300. Have you always voted Yellow ?—Well, for some years I have.

36,301. Ever since Mr. Greene's time ?—Yes, I voted for Mr. Greene.

36,302. You are quite sure that you got nothing are you ?—Yes, I never received a farthing.

36,303. You are not keeping anything back from us ?—No, I am not.

W. Proctor.

William Proctor sworn and examined.

36,304. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Friar Street ?—Yes.

36,305. What are you ?—A tailor and draper.

36,306. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Lawrence.

36,307. What money did you receive ?—I received 3*l.* to go down to Bare to spend amongst the voters.

36,308. From whom did you receive that ?—1*l.* I received from Frost, and 2*l.* from Mr. William Storey.

36,309. Did you go to Bare and treat the voters ?—Yes.

36,310. Where did you lay out your money ?—At a public-house there.

36,311. Did you receive any other money ?—No.

36,312. Nothing at all ?—No, except there was 35*l.* left at my house for five voters of which Mr. Stanton has given you an account.

36,313. Was that deposited with you and given to five voters ?—To one voter who came for it.

36,314. Who was that voter ?—James Barber.

36,315. You received 35*l.* ; that was 7*l.* apiece for all the Barbers ?—I do not know whether they were all Barbers or not. I only saw one.

36,316. To which of the Barbers did you give this 35*l.* ?—To James Barber.

36,317. When ?—On the morning of the election.

36,318. After they had polled ?—After they had polled.

36,319. How did you know they had polled ?—He came to my shop in the morning and told me they had all polled and I gave him the money.

36,320. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was there anybody else besides Barber that came for the 35*l.* ?—I only saw him.

36,321. You do not know for how many votes it was ?—For five votes Mr. Stanton told me. I had nothing to do with the arrangement.

36,322. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you quite sure that the 3*l.* you have told us of was all the money you got yourself ?—Yes.

36,323. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you spend that 3*l.* ?—Yes.

36,324. You paid ready money ?—Yes.

36,325. Did you leave any bill at this house ?—No.

36,326. What house did you pay it at ?—There is only one house there. I do not know what they call it.

36,327. (*Mr. Hill.*) How many evenings did it take you to spend the 3*l.* ?—Two nights.

36,328. Was the 35*l.* left in money, or was it rolled up in a packet ?—It was in money—in gold.

36,329. It was counted out to you and you counted it out to Barber ?—I gave it to another person, a man in the shop. I told him to hand it to Barber.

36,330. Who was the man to whom you gave it ?—Mr. Hoyle.

36,331. What Hoyle was that ?—Mr. Charles Hoyle.

36,332. What made you hand it to Hoyle ?—There was some one in the shop with me, and I told him just to give that man the money.

J. Proctor.

James Proctor sworn and examined.

36,333. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Scotforth ?—Yes.

36,334. What are you ?—A farmer.

36,335. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,336. Did you receive any money ?—Yes.

36,337. How much ?—6*l.*

36,338. From whom did you receive it ?—William Halstead.

36,339. Did you get anything else ?—No.

36,340. You were not on any committee ?—No.

36,341. What rent do you pay ?—Better than 100*l.* a-year.

36,342. How much better ?—40*l.*

36,343. You pay 140*l.* a-year ?—I fancy so.

36,344. Do not answer in that way ; surely you must know what you pay ?—I fancy it is that, but I hold so much.

36,345. Do you mean you hold land from different landlords ?—Yes, three.

36,346. Do you pay as much as 150*l.* ?—It might be so.

36,347. Come, do not answer in that stupid manner ; do you or do you not ?—Yes, I think I do.

36,348. How much do yon pay ?—About 150*l.* I think.

36,349. More or less ?—I do not pay any more I think.

36,350. (*Mr. Hill.*) How much did you pay this last quarter day ?—I paid to three different landlords.

36,351. And how much did you pay to the three ?—It amounts to 150*l.* a-year.

F. Raby.

Francis Raby sworn and examined.

36,352. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a mariner ?—They call me a mariner.

36,353. What are you ?—Light keeper. I keep a lighthouse, two lighthouses.

36,354. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Lawrence.

36,355. How much money did they give you ?—9*l.*

36,356. Who gave it to you ?—Alexander Harrison.

36,357. What was the 9*l.* given to you for ?—I do not know. I think they had more money than they knew what to do with.

36,358. And you had less I suppose ?—No, I am always ready to take money.

36,359. Did you get on any committee as well ?—No.

36,360. Was 9*l.* all you got ?—Yes.

36,361. When did Harrison give you this ?—On the morning of the election.

36,362. Where ?—In the street. I told him I would not have it in the street ; I said I did not want any money. I never had a penny for 20 years.

36,363. You told him that, and he absolutely compelled you to take this money ?—No, he did not compel me to take it, but a poor man is a fool and will always take money when he is tempted with it.

CHARLES RALPH sworn and examined. *C. Ralph.*

36,364. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A weaver.

36,365. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,366. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—8*l.*

36,367. From whom did you receive that?—From William King.

36,368. Do you live in Aldcliffe Street?—No, it is put down Aldcliffe Street, but I live in Moor Lane.

36,369. Had you had anything besides the 8*l.*?—No.

36,370. Were you not on any committee?—No.

36,371. Was any money deposited with you for any other voter?—No.

[WILLIAM RALPH is called, but does not answer.]

36,372. Are you any relation to William Ralph?—Brother.

36,373. Do you know where he is?—In Manchester.

36,374. Did he get anything?—I did not see him get anything.

36,375. Has he ever told you he got anything?—No.

36,376. You do not know whether he got anything or not?—Most likely he did.

36,377. Come, you must know, what did he get; you know well enough?—No, I do not. I never mentioned to him nor he to me what he got, nor what any of them got, nor what I got.

36,378. But he did get something?—Most likely he would.

36,379. (*Mr. Newton.*) You know perfectly well what he got?—I do not.

36,380. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you believe that he got more or less than you got yourself?—I cannot say, I never mentioned it to him nor him to me.

WILLIAM RICHMOND sworn and examined. *W. Richmond*

36,381. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Bridge Lane?—Yes.

36,382. What are you?—A wood dealer.

36,383. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,384. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—11*l.*

36,385. Was that all you got?—Yes.

36,386. Had you nothing given you to spend in drink?—No, nothing at all.

36,387. Did you hold any money for anybody?—No, not a farthing.

36,388. Who did you get the money from?—He was a stranger to me; he was a good looking man; I never saw him before and have not seen him since; somebody said he came from Barrow; he was a stranger completely. I never saw him before and have not seen him since.

WILLIAM RICHMOND sworn and examined. *W. Richmond*

36,389. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Scotforth?—Yes.

36,390. What are you?—A coal agent.

36,391. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Lawrence and Schneider.

36,392. Did you receive any money?—No.

36,393. None at all?—No.

36,394. Did you receive anything from Cole?—No.

36,395. Were not you in the "Blue Anchor"?—No, I do not remember being there.

36,396. You do not remember being there on the polling day?—No.

36,397. You are quite sure you received nothing?—Yes.

36,398. Did you receive any money for any one else?—No.

36,399. No money was left with you to pay anybody else?—No.

36,400. Did you treat anybody?—No, I had nothing at all to do with the election except voting.

WILLIAM ROTHERY affirmed and examined. *W. Rothery.*

36,401. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—I am out of business.

36,402. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

36,403. Did you receive any money?—Not any.

36,404. Did you pay any money?—Not any.

36,405. Was any money deposited with you for any other person?—No, not any.

36,406. Did you see any money paid?—No.

NATHANIEL GEORGE RICHMOND sworn and examined. *N. G. Richmond.*

36,407. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Halton?—Yes.

36,408. What are you?—A wood cutter.

36,409. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

36,410. What money did you receive?—I received 6*l.* from a man of the name of King.

36,411. Anything else?—Yes, and then I got 8*l.*

36,412. What was the 8*l.* given to you for?—I do not know indeed.

36,413. From whom did you get the 8*l* ?—I do not know the man whom I got it from.

36,414. Which of the Kings was it that you got 6*l.* from?—John King I think.

36,415. Is that King, of Slyne?—Yes.

36,416. What other sum did you receive?—I got afterwards the 10*l.*

36,417. Who from?—I do not know.

36,418. That was 24*l.*?—Yes.

36,419. And anything else?—No.

36,420. Do you know which side the 10*l.* came from?—I went over to Skerton; a person took me over there, and I got it there; I suppose it would be from Mr. Lawrence.

36,421. You got a note with it did you not?—No, I did not.

36,422. You got altogether 24*l.*?—Yes.

36,423. Was that all?—That was all.

36,424. Did you not get anything to treat with?—I got no drink besides.

36,425. What did you do with your 24*l.*?—I cannot tell you, it went.

36,426. Did you get anything from George Danson?—No.

36,427. Are you quite sure?—Yes.

36,428. (*Mr. Newton.*) Was this 24*l.* all given to you to vote for Lawrence?—I do not know, I got the 8*l.* in Market Street.

36,429. What did he say to you when he gave you the money?—He said nothing; he only gave it to me.

36,430. What was it for?—I do not know.

36,431. Had you voted then?—No, I had not.

36,432. Who were you with at the time?—There

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was a young man. I did not know any of them; we went into the back place, and he gave me the money.

36,433. Was that the 8*l.* ?—Yes.

36,434. What was said when you got the 10*l.* ?—They never asked me any questions there.

36,435. Neither of them ?—No.

36,436. Was the money forced into your hand ?—Not forced; they gave it to me.

36,437. They did not say who you were to vote for ?—Not when I got the 8*l.*

36,438. Nor the 10*l.* ?—I suppose they did then.

36,439. What did they say ?—They asked me if I was going to vote for Lawrence; but they knew the man that took me there.

36,440. What did you say ?—I said I would.

36,441. Did you not tell them you had got 14*l.* already to vote for Lawrence ?—No, I did not tell them anything at all.

36,442. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When you received the first money what did you say ?—Well, I said nothing, only I intended voting for that party.

36,443. When you got the first money you promised to vote for Lawrence ?—I did not say any words, but I knew that the man I was receiving it from wanted me to do so.

W. Storey.

WILLIAM STOREY recalled and further examined.

36,444. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understand you wish to make some statement ?—Yes. I see by this morning's report that one Richard Harrison stated on Saturday that he had not received 5*l.* 10*s.* from me. If you will look at this paper (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*) you will notice his receipt for 5*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*

36,445. Did you see this little note at the bottom written ?—I saw it when he brought the bill to me at first.

36,446. You did not see the person write it ?—No.

36,447. Do you know the handwriting ?—No, but to the best of my recollection he told me he had been to Mr. Gibson's for the money.

36,448. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is the person to whom you are referring "Thomas Harrison," a book-keeper ?—No, it is "Richard Harrison."

36,449. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say that Harrison stated that you had not paid him 5*l.* 10*s.* ?—I think I gave it in evidence that I had paid him 5*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* and he stated on Saturday that I did not pay him the money as stated by me in my evidence. He mentions 5*l.* 10*s.*

36,450. The difference between the two amounts is 6*s.* 3*d.* ?—Yes.

36,451. Do you know in whose handwriting this note is at the bottom ?—I believe it is Mr. Gibson's.

36,452. To the best of your belief it is his ?—Yes, to the best of my belief it is.

36,453. Have you ever had any correspondence with Mr. Gibson upon the subject ?—No.

36,454. Have you ever seen his handwriting at all ?—Yes, I have seen it frequently.

The paper referred to by the witness is put in and is as follows:—

"Wm. Storey, Esq.

To Richard Harrison.

1865		£	s.	d.
July 12,	To money paid for voters -	5	16	3
	Advanced on account by Mr. Storey - - -	2	10	0
	Paid by Mr. Storey - -	3	6	3
		5	16	3

(Signed) R. HARRISON.

Mr. Storey,—Please get this for Harrison; of course I cannot recognize it in any way. T. G."

36,455. That last note you say you believe to be in Mr. Gibson's handwriting ?—I understood so at the time.

H. Row.

HENRY ROW sworn and examined.

36,456. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are described as of Caton ?—Yes.

36,457. What are you ?—A servant.

36,458. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,459. Did you receive any money for your vote ?—I got 6*l.*; I had it given to me.

36,460. Who gave it to you ?—Mr. Pease.

36,461. Is that all you got ?—Yes.

36,462. Did you receive any money from any other person ?—No.

36,463. Are you butler to Mr. Edmondson, of Grassyard Hall ?—Yes.

36,464. Did you offer any money to any voters ?—No, I did not.

36,465. To no one ?—No. A man named Mashiter says I paid him, but I did not; and he says that I told him that he would oblige Mr. Edmondson by giving Mr. Lawrence a vote, and *that* I did not say. It is quite wrong; I did not say it.

J. Row.

JAMES ROW sworn and examined.

36,466. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a brush maker living in Scotforth ?—Yes.

36,467. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,468. Did you receive any money for the purposes of that election ?—Yes, 12*l.*

36,469. From whom did you receive that ?—From Josiah Ball.

36,470. Did you get any money besides that ?—Yes, he gave me 1*l.* to treat voters with.

36,471. Anything else ?—No.

36,472. Was that 13*l.* all you got ?—Yes.

36,473. Had you anything to do with paying any other voters ?—No.

R. Satterthwaite.

ROBERT SATTERTHWAITE sworn and examined.

36,474. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in King Street ?—Yes.

36,475. What are you ?—An upholsterer.

36,476. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,477. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—No, I did not.

36,478. Not for yourself nor for any other person ?—No.

36,479. Was any money deposited with you to pay any voters ?—No.

36,480. Did you see any voters paid ?—No.

36,481. And you do not know of any having been paid of your own knowledge ?—No, I do not.

WILLIAM SHARPLES sworn and examined.

36,482. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a shoemaker in Galgate ?—Yes.

36,483. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

36,484. Did you get any money ?—10*l.*

36,485. From whom did you get it ?—I do not know the party who gave it to me.

36,486. Did you get any money besides ?—No.

36,487. Where did you receive this money ?—In the street.

36,488. On the election morning ?—Yes.

36,489. Was that all you got ?—Yes.

36,490. Did they not give you any shillings or any other money to spend in drink ?—No.

36,491. And you did not get on to any committee ?—No.

T. Shaw.

THOMAS SHAW sworn and examined.

36,492. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Bolton-le-Sands ?—Yes.

36,493. What are you ?—A shoemaker by trade.

36,494. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,495. What money did you receive ?—10*l.*

36,496. Where did you get it ?—I got it at Robert Hodgson's.

36,497. Do you know the man who paid you ?—No, I do not; he was a stranger to me.

G. Scales.

GEORGE SCALES sworn and examined.

36,498. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A shoemaker.

36,499. Are you in business at present ?—No, not at present I am not.

36,500. Are you in Penny's Hospital ?—Yes.

36,501. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,502. Did you get anything for your vote ?—I had 5*l.*; it was not given me then; I do not know who it came from.

36,503. When was it given to you ?—A little before the election.

36,504. Was that all the money you got ?—Yes.

S. Shaw.

STEPHEN SHAW sworn and examined.

36,505. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Bolton-le-Sands ?—Yes.

36,506. What are you ?—A joiner.

36,507. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,508. Did you receive any money ?—Yes.

36,509. From whom did you receive it ?—From Robert Hodgson.

36,510. How much was that ?—10*l.*

36,511. Did you get anything else ?—No.

J. Shaw.

JAMES SHAW sworn and examined.

36,512. You are a farmer at Warton ?—Yes.

36,513. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,514. What money did you receive ?—My wife received 10*l.*

36,515. Did *you* receive anything else ?—No.

36,516. Did your wife receive anything else ?—No, not that I know of.

36,517. She got no new dress, or bonnet, or anything of that sort ?—No.

36,518. Was 10*l.* all you got ?—Yes.

36,519. You are a farmer; what is your rental ?—20*l.* a year.

36,520. Not more ?—No.

36,521. Is that all the land you farm ?—Yes, that is all the land I farm.

36,522. Have you any other business ?—No.

36,523. Who paid the wife ?—She did not know him; some man that was at Hodgson's.

R. Shaw.

RICHARD SHAW sworn and examined.

36,524. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Heysham ?—Yes.

35,525. What are you ?—A labouring man.

36,526. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Lawrence and Schneider.

36,527. What money did you receive ?—10*l.* from Lawrence.

36,527*a*. Where did you get that ?—At Heysham.

36,528. Who paid you ?—John Jackson.

36,529. What else did you get ?—4*l.*

36,530. From whom did you get that ?—I do not know; he was a stranger to me.

36,531. Where did you get it ?—At the "White Lion."

36,532. That is Peter Moore's ?—Yes.

36,533. Is that all you got ?—Yes.

36,534. Did you get any money to spend in drink ?—No, not a farthing.

J. Slinger.

JONATHAN SLINGER sworn and examined.

36,535. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a book-keeper in the Canal Office, Lancaster ?—I am assistant to the manager in our office; I am described as a book-keeper in the register.

36,536. What is your office ?—The Canal Office.

36,537. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,538. What money did you receive ?—I received nothing either for myself or for anybody else.

36,539. No money in any way came to you; is that what you mean to say ?—No money at all.

36,540. Had you anything to do with paying money ?—I paid 1*l.* 10*s.* to my brother Shadrach.

36,541. What is that for ?—He attended as one of the representatives of the Liberal party at Saint Thomas's booth.

36,542. That is, in ordinary language, he acted as poll clerk ?—Yes.

36,543. Who gave you that money to pay him ?—I paid it out of my own money.

36,544. Was not that returned among the expenses ?—No, it was not rendered at all. He, I should say, is not a voter.

G. Smith.

GEORGE SMITH sworn and examined.

36,545. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—A farmer.

36,546. Where do you live ?—At Nan's Nook.

36,547. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,548. Did you receive any money ?—No.

36,549. Nothing at all ?—Nothing at all.

36,550. Neither for yourself nor for any other person ?—No.

36,551. Did you see any voter paid ?—No.

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Henry Gardner Smith sworn and examined.

H. G. Smith.

36,552. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A farmer.

36,553. What is your rental?—We do not pay any rent.

36,554. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,555. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I received 1*l.* from Henry Nelson about a fortnight before the election to treat voters.

36,556. Was that all you got?—Yes.

36,557. And did you spend the money in treating voters?—Yes, I did.

Peter Speight sworn and examined.

P. Speight.

36,558. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in the Market Street?—Yes.

36,559. What are you?—A brush manufacturer.

36,560. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,561. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

36,562. No money whatever?—No, I never did.

36,563. Did you receive any money at the last election?—No, not a halfpenny.

36,564. Did any relation of yours receive anything?—No, no relation of mine did; another man received it, but he was not anything to me.

36,565. Did any member of your family receive anything?—No.

36,566. Mrs. Speight, for instance?—There is not a Mrs. Speight.

36,567. And there was not then?—No.

36,568. Do you know Isaac Vickers?—I know him very well.

36,569. Had not you and he something to do with a little bit of a money transaction?—No, never; I never had anything to do with money.

36,570. But in the matter of the election?—No.

36,571. Are you quite sure of that?—I am quite sure that we had not anything to do as to money.

36,572. Did you not come across one another at the election time?—Never. I gave my vote early in the morning, and I went home, and never was out till 3 o'clock; I never do meddle with electioneering.

Henry Stirzaker sworn and examined.

H. Stirzaker.

36,573. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A gardener I have been, but I have lost my garden. They have taken my garden away from me.

36,574. What did they take it away from you for?—Because I was unable to work at it.

36,575. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,576. What money did you receive?—Mr. John Hargreaves brought me four half-crowns, that was all I received, I am telling you the truth.

36,577. Was that all the money you got?—Before the election.

36,578. But *at* the election?—A fortnight afterwards they came to tell me that Mr. Clark had got a sovereign, and I received a shilling a week and sixpences a week—every Saturday I received a shilling, and he said that it was about the election. Mr. Clark gave it to me, and that was what I received, I did not know whether it was election money or committee money or what it was, but I did get that.

36,579. Were you on any committee?—No; I was at no meeting; I went away and never took a glass of ale.

36,580. Were you not doing any work of any sort during the election?—No, none at all.

36,581. They were upwards of 20 weeks then paying you your sovereign?—Yes, they paid it a shilling a week. They were frightened lest I should drink it.

36,582. (*Mr. Newton.*) Does anybody pay you anything now?—I cannot say anything about that; Mr. Hargreaves told me to come, that he had some money for me, and he gave me a shilling on New Year's Day; but I do not know whether that was election money or not.

36,583. What did they give you the half-crowns for?—They did not say; they said it was to get something to drink. I was to enjoy myself with it; and I did.

Thomas Standen sworn and examined.

T. Standen.

36,584. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a butcher in Church Street?—Yes.

36,585. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,586. What money did you get?—I did not receive anything for my vote.

36,587. Did you receive anything for anybody else?—No.

36,588. Did no money come to your hands at all?—None whatever.

36,589. Nor to the hands of any relation of yours?—I have some sons, and I believe they received some, but they do not reside with me.

36,590. No one received any money for you?—No one for me.

36,591. Did you see any voter paid?—No, I did not. I took no active part in the election whatever.

Solomon Sykes, jun., sworn and examined.

S. Sykes, jun.

36,592. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a cooper in Church Street?—Yes.

36,593. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Messieurs Fenwick and Schneider.

36,594. Did you receive any money?—None whatever.

36,595. No money of any sort?—No.

36,596. Did you pay anybody anything?—No.

36,597. You are quite certain that you received no money?—Yes, quite.

36,598. Did nobody offer you any money?—No.

36,599. Did they know that you were on the register?—Yes.

36,600. Did they canvass you?—Yes.

36,601. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider and Mr. Lawrence.

36,602. Were you never offered any money?—No, never.

James Taylor sworn and examined.

J. Taylor.

36,603. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Dalton Square?—Yes.

36,604. What are you?—A grocer.

36,605. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,606. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None whatever.

36,607. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

36,608. Was no money left with you to pay any votes?—No.

JOHN TAYLOR sworn and examined. *J. Taylor.*

36,609. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Cable Street?—Yes.

36,610. You are a book-keeper?—Yes.

36,611. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,612. What money did you receive?—All the money I received was 3*l.* 10*s.* for my services as clerk in the committee room.

36,613. When did you get that?—About a week after the election.

36,614. How long were you engaged as clerk in the committee room?—About a week.

36,615. What do you generally make a week?—Lately I have been getting paid 5*s.* a day for my work.

36,616. They gave you rather more than double your ordinary wages then?—Yes, but I had promised my vote before ever I was engaged in the committee room. I promised my vote voluntarily.

36,617. How do you generally vote?—For the Liberal candidates always.

FRANCIS TAYLOR sworn and examined. *F. Taylor.*

36,618. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you live in Penny Street?—Yes.

36,619. Are you a tinplate worker?—Yes.

36,620. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

36,621. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—2*l.*

36,622. From whom did you receive that money?—Christopher Robinson.

36,623. Who is Christopher Robinson?—A coal dealer.

36,624. Where did he pay you?—At my own house.

36,625. Was that before or after you had voted?—After I had voted.

36,626. Were you a clerk?—No.

36,627. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did they give you this money for?—I do not know, I never asked for anything, they brought it to me.

36,628. Did you not take any part in the election?—No, none at all.

CHRISTOPHER BLAND WALKER sworn and examined. *C. B. Walker.*

36,329. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are an attorney at Sunderland?—I reside in Preston.

36,630. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

36,631. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

36,632. Had you anything to do with any of the pecuniary matters of the election?—Nothing at all.

36,633. Were you a personal friend of Mr. Lawrence's?—I have known him as one of the corporation of Liverpool.

36,634. You took no active part in the election?—No.

36,635. You just came here and voted?—Yes.

36,636. Did you not canvass the voters in the neighbourhood of Sunderland?—No.

36,637. You did not interfere with the election at all?—No.

36,638. Because your name has been mentioned to us as having done so?—I was not aware that there were voters at Sunderland. There are some at Overton I believe, but I did not interfere at all.

WILLIAM WINDER sworn and examined. *W. Winder.*

36,639. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a clerk in the Probate Registry?—Yes.

36,640. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,641. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None.

36,642. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No, neither for myself nor for any other person.

36,643. Did you see any voters paid?—No. I merely recorded my vote. I did not interfere with the election at all.

WILLIAM HOTHERSALL WINDER sworn and examined. *W. H. Winder.*

36,644. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you live in Parliament Street?—Yes.

36,645. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

36,646. Did you receive any money for the purpose of the election?—About six weeks or two months after the election I believe I received from Mr. Jackson either 2*l.* or two guineas. My father, the last witness in the box, had acted as deputy-mayor for the last 30 years, and declined voting. This year he desired to vote, but he thought that if he recorded his vote and accepted the office of deputy-mayor, his vote might be struck off, and so he declined to act; and they sent him a couple of guineas or 2*l.* for resigning his deputy-mayorship—that was to make it up to him. I took the money to him, and he declined to receive it. I got 1*l.* myself as poll clerk.

36,647. And you got two guineas for which you did nothing?—Yes.

36,648. What Mr. Jackson gave you this money?—I think it was Mr. George Jackson.

36,649. Who is he?—He lives in Church Street.

36,650. What is George Jackson?—He is a liquor merchant. I know I got 2*l.*, or two guineas I think it was. He gave it to me.

36,651. But you could not swear it was he?—No, I could not. I might be mistaken, but I know I got a couple of guineas.

36,652. Your father did not act as deputy-mayor?—No. The money was sent to him as a present because he had sacrificed his deputy-mayorship.

WILLIAM TAYLOR sworn and examined. *W. Taylor.*

36,653. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a labourer in Henry Street?—Yes.

36,654. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,655. What money did you receive?—5*l.*

36,656. From whom did you receive it?—From Pattison.

36,657. Is that Pattison of the "White Lion"?—Yes.

36,658. Is that all the money that you received?—Yes.

36,659. Were you on no committee?—No.

36,660. Did you receive no money to spend in drink?—No.

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WILLIAM WEARING sworn and examined.

36,661. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a druggist in West Place?—Yes.

36,662. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,663. What money did you receive?—Nothing at all.

36,664. Had you anything to do with paying any voters?—Nothing, in one shape or another.

R. Taylor.

ROBERT TAYLOR sworn and examined.

36,665. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a grocer in Great John Street?—I am described so.

36,666. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

36,667. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I did not receive anything at all for my vote.

36,668. Did you receive any money at all?—I paid 2*s.* for refreshments.

36,669. That is not *receiving* money?—I received 2*s.* and paid 2*s.*, not a farthing more.

36,670. From whom did you receive the 2*s.*?—From Edward Hodgson. That is every farthing I received. I had nothing for my vote.

36,671. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you arrange with any voter or voters?—No.

36,672. Did you see any voters paid?—No.

[JAMES TAYLOR is called but does not answer.]

36,673. Do you know anything of any other Taylor on the register?—I have two brothers on the register.

36,674. Which are they?—John, and James, jun. My brother James will attend as soon as I get back. He had nothing to do with the election. I can tell you that if that will do instead of his coming up.

36,675. He is in Lancaster is he not?—Yes.

36,676. You are quite sure he got nothing?—Yes. He will come here if you want him. He voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

T. Thompson, jun.

THOMAS THOMPSON, jun., sworn and examined.

36,677. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are an upholsterer in King Street?—Yes.

36,678. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

36,679. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—2*l.*

36,680. From whom did you receive it?—Mr. Garnett got it from Welch.

36,681. Who is Mr. Garnett?—Of Church Street, I do not know his first name.

36,682. Is that all the money you received?—That is all.

36,683. Where did you get it?—At the "New Inn" in Market Street.

36,684. Was it on the day of the election?—No, it was three or four days before.

36,685. And what was it for?—I had spent part, and it was to spend. I spent it one way and another in treating.

36,686. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you keep any for yourself?—No.

36,687. Did you have any money for yourself?—No, that is all I received.

36,688. How much of it had you spent before you got the 2*l.*?—I cannot say.

36,689. About how much before you received the 2*l.*; how much were you out of pocket?—I cannot say. I have not the slightest idea.

36,690. Where did you spend the money?—In different public-houses in the town.

36,691. I suppose so—where?—There is the "Wellington Arms" in Common Garden Street, and there was the "New Inn," and several other places.

36,692. But all those were open houses on the Liberal side were they not?—Yes.

36,693. Do you mean to swear that you paid ready money?—Yes, I did.

36,694. On every occasion?—Yes, for all that ever I got.

36,695. And you mean to swear that you spent 2*l.* in that way in treating?—I cannot say how much—it might be more or it might be less.

36,696. What is the extreme that you will swear to; will you swear that you spent 15*s.*?—I will.

36,697. Will you swear that you spent over 1*l.*?—I could not swear positively, but I think I might safely do so.

36,698. You know more about it than we do; did you or did you not spend more than 1*l.*?—I should not like to swear to it. I am not certain about it.

36,699. The "New Inn" was open you know, and the "Wellington Arms" too?—Yes, they were.

36,700. What occasion then had you to pay ready money?—I should go in with a voter I knew and treat him, and I should pay for what I got.

36,701. But you and the voter you know might have drunk whatever you chose, and had it charged to the candidate?—I did not know that till later on. I believe there were only certain nights set apart for the houses being open.

36,702. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you a master plasterer?—No.

36,703. A journeyman?—Yes.

36,704. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you believe you spent over 1*l.*?—Yes, I do.

39,705. Who did you treat?—I cannot tell you their names now. I cannot call them to mind.

36,706. Were there any persons you polled that you treated?—I did not go with one man to the poll.

36,707. Where did you find the people whom you took with you and treated?—I found them in the streets.

36,708. And you took them in to drink with you?—Yes.

36,709. And I suppose other people took you in to drink with them?—Well, I daresay they did sometimes.

E. Winder.

EDMUND WINDER sworn and examined.

36,710. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Cable Street, and are a druggist?—I am set down as a druggist, but I am not a druggist.

36,711. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,712. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No, I did not.

36,713. You had nothing to do with any money?—No.

36,714. Not in paying voters?—No.

36,715. Did you receive any money to spend in treating voters?—No.

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36,716. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a miller ?—Yes.
36,717. Do you live at Skerton ?—Yes.
36,718. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
36,719. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—No.
36,720. No money whatever ?—No.
36,721. Neither for yourself nor for any other person ?—No.
36,722. Did you see any voters paid ?—No.

WILLIAM THOMPSON sworn and examined. *W. Thompson.*

36,723. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a farmer at Overton ?—Yes.
36,724. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.
36,725. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—Yes.
36,726. How much ?—I had 2*l.* from Mr. Vince on the Saturday before the election for treating voters with, and I had 20*l.* from Mr. Maddock, 10*l.* for myself and 10*l.* for my brother.
36,727. You got 12*l.* altogether for yourself ?—No, I spent the 2*l.* that I received from Mr. Vince in treating voters.
36,728. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you not go round with Maddock ?—Yes.
36,729. You took him to the houses of the different voters ?—Yes.
36,730. Did you go in with him or did you stay outside ?—I generally stayed outside ; I did not go in in many cases.

JAMES THOMPSON sworn and examined. *J. Thompson.*

36,731. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a farmer at Overton ?—Yes.
36,732. Are you the brother of the last witness ?—Yes.
36,733. You received 10*l.* from him did you not ?—Yes.
36,734. And you voted for Mr. Lawrence ?—Yes.
36,735. Was that all the money that you received ? Yes.
36,736. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not get any money to treat voters with ?—No.
36,737. What rent do you pay ?—I am doing nothing at present.
36,738. Has your brother the farm ?—Yes.
36,739. What rent does he pay ?—264*l.*
36,740. That is the last man ?—Yes.
36,741. Were you farming at the time of the election yourself ?—Yes, I was partner with him.
36,742. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you two the only two partners ?—Yes.

THOMAS VERITY sworn and examined. *T. Verity.*

36,743. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a tobacconist living at Springfield ?—Yes.
36,744. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.
36,745. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election ?—Nothing.
36,746. Did you not get any money to treat with ?—No.
36,747. You saw no money at all ?—No.
36,748. You did not pay away any ?—No, nothing.

[Henry Verity, of Leonard Gate, is called but does not answer.]

36,749. Why has your father not come ?—He is confined to the house.
36,750. What is the matter with him ?—The doctor will not let him go out.
36,751. He is blind is he not ?—Yes.
36,752. Had he anything to do with the election ?—Nothing further than voting.
36,753. Are you quite sure that he got no money ?—Nothing.
36,754. What is your father ?—A tobacco manufacturer.
36,755. Did he vote on the same side as you did ?—He did.
36,756. You are quite sure that he got nothing ?—Nothing.
36,757. Did he take any active part in the election ?—No.

WILLIAM BRADSHAW sworn and examined. *W. Bradshaw.*

36,758. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Queen Square ?—Yes.
36,759. What is your occupation ?—I am described as a gentleman, I am out of business.
36,760. How did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.
36,761. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—No.
36,762. Neither for yourself nor for any other person ?—Not in any way ; I took no part in the election except voting.

THOMAS THORNTON sworn and examined. *T. Thornton.*

36,763. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in the Deep Cutting at Scotforth ?—Yes.
36,764. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.
36,765. What are you ?—A wool comber.
36,766. Did you receive any money for the purpose of the election ?—10*l.*
36,767. From whom ?—From Halstead.
36,768. Was that all you got ?—1*l.* from Danson.
36,769. What was that for ?—I do not know ; he gave it to me when I went to poll.
36,770. Did you get anything besides the 11*l.* ?—No, not a morsel.
36,771. Did you get any from anybody else ?—No.
36,772. Had you any money given you to treat with ?—No.

THOMAS BRENNAND THORNTON sworn and examined. *T. B. Thornton.*

36,773. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a soda water manufacturer at Bolton-le-Sands ?—Yes.
36,774. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Mr. Lawrence.
36,775. What money did you receive ?—10*l.*
36,776. From whom ?—Mr. Jackson.
36,777. Isaac Jackson ?—Yes.
36,778. Was that all the money you had ?—I had

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2*l.* sent me from Mr, Vince to spend at the house. I am a beerhouse keeper now. I am not a soda-water manufacturer.

36,779. Had you any other money ?—Mr. Coupland gave me two half-sovereigns on the Saturday before the election.

36,780. (*Mr. Hill.*) What was that for ?—I suppose to pay the voters at the house. They had half-a-pint or two at different houses, and they passed by my house, and I mentioned it.

37,781. Was that all you had ?—That was all ; I received nothing for the breakfasts, nor for the horses putting up, or anything of that sort.

36,782. Had you any bill at your house ?—Yes.

36,782*a*. How much ?—I forget ; I believe there were 28 to breakfast, and four horses, and the drivers.

36,783. What bill did you send in for that ?—I presented a bill but I did not leave it ; I took it to Mr. Gibson.

36,784. Were you paid it ?—No.

36,785. Have you been paid it at all ?—No ; I never made an application for it after that time.

36,786. The 3*l.* that you received went for the bill did it ?—No, I received the two half-sovereigns on the Saturday before the election.

36,787. How much would your bill have come to that you took in ?—I think it was about 3*l.*

36,788. You had received 3*l.* to spend in your house, and that would go against the bill ?—No, that was spent in treating voters.

36,789. They have not paid the bill ?—No.

36,790. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you expect that they will pay it ?—I never applied again ; I had this 10*l.* given to me after I had voted.

R. Thornton.

RICHARD THORNTON sworn and examined.

36,791. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Halton ?—Yes.

36,792. What are you ?—A farmer.

36,793. A farm labourer or a farmer ?—A farmer.

36,794. What is your rental ?—120*l.* a year.

36,795. For whom did you vote ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,796. What money did you receive ?—10*l.*

36,797. From whom did you receive it ?—From Mr. William Sharp.

36,798. Is that all the money you received ?—Yes.

T. Threlfall.

THOMAS THRELFALL sworn and examined.

36,799. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a labourer at Thurnham ?—I lived there formerly ; I live in Lancaster now.

36,800. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,801. What money did you receive ?—3*l.* 3*s.*

36,802. Did you receive that at Conder Green ?—I received it in Lancaster ; I was not at Conder Green.

36,803. Is that all you got ?—Yes ; that is all I got.

36,804. Of any sort or kind ?—Of any sort or kind.

36,805. Who paid you ?—My brother, James Threlfall, paid me.

36,806. He is a ship's carpenter, is he not ?—Yes.

[Joseph Threlfall is called but does not answer.]

36,807. For whom did your brother vote ?—For Lawrence and Schneider.

36,808. And what did he get ?—He got 3*l.* 3*s.* from a person at Conder Green, and 4*l.* from John Birchall.

36,809. Is that all he got ?—That is all he got.

R. Threlfall.

ROBERT THRELFALL sworn and examined.

36,810. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Chancery Lane ?—Yes.

36,811. What are you ?—A fish dealer.

36,812. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,813. What money did you get ?—12*l.*

36,814. Did you get anything else ?—Yes ; I should get something previous to the election, but not the election morning.

36,815. How much did you get ?—Perhaps about 25*s.*, or something like that.

36,816. That was to drink with ?—Yes, and for other services.

36,817. What services did you render ?—Getting something to sup.

36,818. You did not get any work at all at the election ?—No.

36,819. You got 13*l.* 5*s.* ?—Yes.

36,820. Anything else ?—Not that I recollect.

36,821. Did you get anything from the other side ?—No.

36,822. Did you not go to look up the Yellow Committee ?—No.

36,823. Who paid you your 12*l.* ?—The 12*l.* was given to Mr. Dale. It was paid over the night before. and he paid me the next morning.

36,824. Mr. Dale held it for you ?—Yes, till the morning.

36,825. Who is Mr. Dale ?—At the vaults going into the market—the spirit vaults.

36,826. Is there any sign to the house ?—Yes ; it is what they call the "Crown Inn." I believe that is the name of it. It is the vaults going into the butchers' market.

T. Tomlinson.

THOMAS TOMLINSON sworn and examined.

36,827. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Gage Street ?—Yes.

36,828. What are you ?—An organ builder.

36,829. You are described as a joiner ?—Yes.

36,830. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,831. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—No.

36,832. None at all ?—None at all.

36,833. Neither for yourself nor for any other person ?—No.

36,834. Do you know a house called the "Black Cat" ?—Yes.

36,835. Did you take any voters there ?—I do not know that I took any. I invited some to go there, but I do not remember taking any there.

36,836. Did they accept your invitation ?—I think they did.

36,837. They came there ?—Yes.

36,838. What did you invite them to go there for ?—To take breakfast on the morning of the election.

36,839. Do you know what they got for breakfast ?—I think I do.

36,840. Did you not take them to be paid ?—I know nothing about their being paid.

36,841. Are we to understand that you received no money for any voter ?—I never received a farthing, and never saw a farthing paid.

36,842. Do you mean to swear that you never saw a voter paid ?—I do.

36,843. Did you not take them to the house for the purpose of their being paid ?—No ; I did not.

36,844. What did you take them there for then ?—To meet together, so that they might proceed together to vote from that house.

36,845. Who gave you orders to look after them

and for the breakfast?—It was arranged, I think, the night before. There was a kind of meeting, I think, of the sub-committee.

36,846. Who were the sub-committee?—Mr. Johnson was chairman; Mr. King and Mr. Wright, and several more that lived in the district.

36,847. We have heard of all those gentlemen before. Was that Roger Wright?—No; Mr. Wright who was in Milner's shop.

36,848. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were they to be paid before breakfast or after?—I never heard it mentioned.

36,849. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You heard not a word said about money?—Not a word while I was there.

JOSEPH WOODMAN sworn and examined. *J. Woodman.*

36,850. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are of Sunderland, labourer?—Yes.

36,851. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

36,852. What money did you receive?—I received 10*l.* the night before the election.

36,853. From whom did you receive it?—A Liverpool man. I can hardly think of his name.

36,854. What else did you receive?—I received 8*l.* We made arrangements with Mr. Wise for 8*l.* apiece for three of us.

36,855. That was for the Liberals?—Yes; but he did not pay us the money, did not Wise; but I heard this morning that they called him "Tinker."

36,856. You got the 8*l.*?—Yes.

36,857. Were you not on any committee?—We went into the committee.

36,858. Did you not get anything out of the committee room?—No.

36,859. 18*l.* was all you got?—Yes.

JAMES TOWNSON sworn and examined. *J. Townson.*

36,860. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

36,861. What are you?—A relieving officer; I am a farmer on the voters' list.

36,862. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,863. Did you receive any money?—No.

36,864. Not for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

36,865. Did you see any voters paid?—No; I had nothing at all to do with anything about the election—only voting.

36,866. (*Mr. Hill.*) Have you always voted on the Liberal side?—Yes; I see my name in Milner's book as having received 7*s.* from George Danson, but I believe it is a mistake. I have seen George Danson since, and it is a mistake.

36,867. At any rate, you did not get it?—No; not a penny.

THOMAS TOWNSON sworn and examined. *T. Townson.*

36,868. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Bolton-le-Sands?—Yes.

36,869. What are you?—A joiner.

36,870. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,871. What money did you receive?—Nothing.

36,872. Nothing at all?—No.

36,873. Did you not pay away any money?—No; I had nothing to do with the election.

JAMES VERDEN sworn and examined. *J. Verden.*

36,874. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a shoemaker in Church Street?—Yes.

36,875. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,876. What did you get?—10*l.*

36,877. Who paid you?—Peter Moore.

36,878. Did you get anything else?—No.

36,879. Were you on the committee?—No.

36,880. No money was given you to spend in drink?—No.

THOMAS VERDEN sworn and examined. *T. Verden*

36,881. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a cabinet maker in Church Street?—Yes.

36,882. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,883. What money did you receive?—8*l.*

36,884. From whom?—Mr. King.

36,885. Was that all you got?—Yes.

JOHN WALMSLEY sworn and examined. *J. Walmsley.*

36,886. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in the Ullswater Road?—Yes.

36,887. Are you in any occupation?—No.

36,888. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Messrs. Schneider and Fenwick.

36,889. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Not a farthing.

36,890. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

36,891. Did you see any voters paid?—Not one.

WILLIAM WARBRICK sworn and examined. *W. Warbrick.*

36,892. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Mason Street?—Yes.

36,893. What are you?—A carter.

36,894. Carter to whom?—A waterside carter; I used to be on the quay.

36,895. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Schneider and Fenwick.

36,896. What money did you receive?—5*l.*

36,897. From whom?—From Mr. Moser.

36,898. Did you receive anything else?—Yes, I got 2*l.* from Thomas Turner.

36,899. Was 7*l.* all you got?—I got 2*l.* out of committee, that is what I had.

36,900. Did you serve on the committee at all?—Yes I did.

36,901. Did you get anything else?—Nothing.

36,902. You did not get on to the other committee also?—No.

36,903. You stuck to your colours?—Yes.

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JOHN WESTERN sworn and examined.

J. Western.

36,904. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a bookkeeper in China Lane?—Yes, I was formerly of China Lane.

36,905. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

39,906. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—10*l.*

36,907. Was that the whole money that you received?—Yes.

36,908. What was that for?—I suppose it was for services and vote.

36,909. Have you not received more?—No.

36,910. You were one of the witnesses summoned before the House of Commons?—Yes.

36,911. From whom did you get the money?—I received it at the "Queen's Hotel;" but I cannot say whether it was Mr. Wearing or Mr. Welch that paid it to me.

36,912. Were you not a very active man at the election?—I took a small part in it.

36,913. What part did you take?—I went round Carnforth, Wharton, and Bolton.

36,914. Did you pay any voters?—No.

36,915. Did you tell them that they would be paid?—No.

36,916. Did you treat any voters?—Yes.

36,917. Where did you treat them?—At different public-houses, both in the town and country.

36,918. Who gave you the money to treat with?—I paid it out of my own pocket.

36,919. (*Mr. Hill.*) But you got some money to pay for this drink did you not?—No.

36,920. That 10*l.* was given to you as a clear sum; what did you have besides?—Nothing.

36,921. Do you mean to say you treated voters and had no money given to you with which to pay for it?—Yes, I was told by Mr. Shackleton a fortnight prior to the election that any money I spent out of my own pocket would be refunded to me, but it was not.

36,922. Then they still owe it to you?—Yes.

36,923. How much did you lay out?—About a couple of pounds.

36,924. And that sum you have never been paid?—No.

W. Whinray.

WILLIAM WHINRAY sworn and examined.

36,925. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Carnforth?—Yes.

36,926. What are you?—A labourer.

36,927. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

36,928. What money did you receive?—8*l.*

36,929. Who paid you?—Mr. Isaac Jackson, I believe, of Liverpool.

36,930. Where were you paid?—In the "Royal Oak" committee room.

36,931. Was that all the money you received?—Yes.

36,932. Did he give you no money to get drink with?—He did not.

Adjourned for a short time.

J. Forrest.

JOSEPH FORREST sworn and examined.

36,933. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a currier in Market Street?—Yes.

36,934. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,935. What money did you receive for the purposes of the last election?—2*l.* 5*s.* from George Danson, and 12*l.* from James Harrison.

36,936. Anything else?—No.

36,937. What was this money that George Danson paid you for?—For being on the committee.

36,938. That is all the money you got?—Yes.

36,939. Did you get any money to pay over to anyone?—No.

A. Pailling.

AMOS PAILLING sworn and examined.

36,940. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are an ironmonger in West Place?—Yes.

36,941. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

36,942. What money did you receive?—I received 5*l.* for railway expenses and refreshments.

36,943. From whom?—From somebody in the "Royal Oak," I do not know who he was; a gentleman paid me.

36,944. What else did you get besides the 5*l.*?—That was all; it was for railway expenses, refreshments, and loss of time.

36,945. Where did you come from?—From Coventry.

36,946. When were you written to to come down?—About a week before the election.

36,947. How much were your railway expenses?—43*s.*

36,948. You got 5*l.* altogether to cover your expenses and everything?—Yes.

36,949. 2*l.* 3*s.* was the whole amount of your expenses?—Railway expenses.

36,950. There were no other expenses were there?—There were refreshments and two days loss of time.

36,951. Was this the first time you had voted?—Yes.

36,952. Who took up your freedom?—Myself.

M. Hardman.

MATTHEW HARDMAN sworn and examined.

36,953. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Nicholas Street?—Yes.

36,954. What are you?—A hairdresser.

36,955. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

35,956. What money did you receive for the purpose of the election?—Nothing.

36,957. Had you anything to do with the election?—Nothing.

36,958. Did you canvass anybody?—Yes I asked people sometimes.

36,959. Then why did you say in answer to my question that you had nothing to do with the election?—I just asked as a matter of form in the shop.

36,960. Who desired you to ask?—No one.

36,961. Did you do it entirely of your own free will?—Yes.

36,962. Did you ever promise any money to anybody?—No.

36,963. Did you never say that some money would be going on your side?—Yes, I have said by the reports that there was money on both sides. I was told so.

36,964. Did you before the election tell voters that money would be going on your side?—Most likely I did.

36,965. Was any money entrusted to you?—No, not a farthing.

36,966. Not a farthing to pay any voter with?—No.

36,967. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

36,968. Did you take them anywhere where you knew they would be paid?—No.

36,969. Do you persist in saying that you did this of your own heed and that no one advised you to do it?—Yes, I was always very anxious for the Liberal side and I asked the votes of people in the shop.

36,970. Did any member of the Liberal side send

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you to these people ?—Yes, I have been asked just to solicit a vote or so of a person.

36,971. Who asked you to do that ?—Mr. Coulston asked me— no, he did not ask me, but I asked him if I might ask one of his tenants to vote for Fenwick and Schneider.

36,972. Mr. Coulston did not ask you to see his tenants ?—No, he did not.

36,973. When you asked Mr. Coulston what did he say ?—He said I might ask them if I thought proper.

36,974. What Mr. Coulton are you s eaking of ?—Of the bank.

36,975. The late Mr. Coulston ?—Yes.

36,976. (*Mr Hill.*) You knew that money was going for votes ?—Yes, I knew what the report was.

36,977. When did you know that money was going ?—During the election.

36,978. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you ask a man named Airey for his vote ?—No.

36,979. Whom did you ask ?—Cottam.

36,980. Which Cottam is that ?—At the Well house.

36,981. Do you know his christian name ?—No.

36,982. Did you tell him that he would get anything for his vote ?—No, he said that at the last election he did not get paid his expenses, and I told him that he would no doubt have his expenses paid ; that was all I said to him.

36,983. What do you mean by his expenses ?—He said he could get some votes from farmers.

36,984. What did you mean by expenses is my question ?—For the conveyance and his trouble.

36,985. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not tell them where they would get their expenses ?—No, I cannot say that I did.

36,986. Just think ?—I might say to him he might go to some of the captains.

36,987. Did you not tell him what captains would be the men to go to ?—No, I do not know that it was mentioned.

36,988. Did you or did you not tell them where they could get the money ?—I could not say.

36,989. Did you not tell them they might get it by going to Peter Moore's ?—I might say so.

36,990. Do you believe that you did say so ?—Perhaps I might ; it was well enough known that they could get money.

36,991. Did you not tell these people that they could get money by going to Peter Moore's ?—Yes, perhaps I might.

36,992. You you it quite well yourself and took care they should know it too ?—Yes, it was well enough known in the town.

36,993. That was the part you were asked to take ?—No, I was not ; I never meddled with the money.

36,994. It was the part you volunteered to take then ? — Yes, it was my own wish; I was very anxious.

36,995. (*Mr. Newton.*) Why did you tell the men to go to Peter Moore's ?—Because I supposed he was engaged.

36,996. Engaged in what ?—In looking after the votes.

36,997. Why should you tell the men to go there ?—They asked me the question.

36,998. Did you not know they were paid at Peter Moore's ?—Yes I knew it by the report.

36,999. Did you send them there to be paid ?—I did not send them at all.

37,000. Did you not tell them that if they went to Peter Moore's they would be paid ?—Perhaps I might say so.

37,001. Did you or did you not, that is the question ?—Well, I could not swear to it.

37,002. Am I to to take it that you did say so ?—Perhaps you may take it down so ; he is there and can tell whether I said so or not.

37,003. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you know that the paying of voters was going on at Peter Moore's ?—I did not know it, but people came into the shop and talked and said this that and the other.

37,004. Did you believe it ?—Yes, I believed it.

37,005. (*Mr. Hill.*) When was it that you sent these people to Peter Moore's ?—Long before the election.

37,006. How long ?—Perhaps a week or a fortnight. I never meddled with the election no further than just that.

37,007. (*Mr. Newton.*) When did you first know that money was paid for votes ?—I could not say, only by the reports ; I never attended any meetings.

37,008. When did you first know by reports that money was being paid for votes ?—I never attended no meetings. I was never in no public-houses ; all I knew was only by report and what was said, and what I say now is correct.

[William Whiteside of Glasson Dock is called but does not answer.]

The following certificate is read by the secretary : "I hereby certify that William Whiteside, of Glasson "Dock, is suffering from liver disease and dropsy, and not in a fit condition to leave his house."

WILLIAM HALL,
L.A.C.P. Ed., F.R.C.S. Eng.

Lancaster, January 5th 1867.

WILLIAM WHITESIDE sworn and examined.

W. Whiteside.

37,009. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are of Poulton-le-Sands, book-keeper ?—I am on the list as a book-keeper.

37,010. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,011. What money did you get for the purpose of the election ?—I got nothing for my vote, I got 3*l.* for the purpose of the election.

37,012. For what purpose was that ?—Treating ; the first amount I got from George Vince, about a week previous to the election.

37,013. How much was that ?—1*l.*, and I told him I would have nothing to do with the election money, but he pressed me very much to take it, and at last I said I would take it, but I would hand it over to some one else, and I handed it over to Mr. Richard Peckover ; he has given his evidence about it.

37,014. What did he say about it ?—According to what I read in the evidence he said he spent it.

37,015. Do you know a man named Hodgson, of China Lane ?—No.

37,016. What was the next money that you received ?—2*l.* from Mrs. Willacy, that was on the morning of the election.

37,017. What did you do with that ?—I had better tell you the purpose for which she said she gave it to me. The Buss was going to start from the door with voters, and she called me to the door and said, "Mr. Whiteside I want you." I said, "What do you want ?" she said, "They have sent you 2*l.*," I said, "You know I never receive money. I told them so," and She said, "But they know you have been spending "money during the canvass and they wish to repay "you."

37,018. Was that so ; had you been spending money during the canvass ?—Yes ; of course I never intended to ask anybody for any of it. I should not have asked for it, and I never expected payment.

37,019. You took the 2*l.*, however ?—Yes.

37,020. At whose house had you spent that 2*l.* ?—At Mrs. Willacy's for one ; and at Daniel Edmondson's, and the "Joiners' Arms," and the "Ship Inn."

37,021. That was a house on the other side ?—I went to all the houses where I could find a voter, or treat one.

37,022. Did you receive anything else ?—No.

37,023. Had you no other money ?—No.

37,024. Then the only thing you did in the election was treating voters ?—Yes, and getting them to go and vote. I assisted on the election day to get as many up as I could.

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37,025. You arranged as to the prices, did you not?—No, I would have nothing to do with the prices. I would have nothing to do with money matters.

37,026. Did you not tell them that Yellow gold was as good as the Blue?—Very likely I should tell them that. I sent them to the "King's Arms," when they began to talk about money, where I had no doubt there was money. Mrs. Willacy will corroborate my evidence; In fact, I did not intend having anything to do with anybody's money but my own, and never asked for it, and never expected it.

37,027. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—I am cashier and head clerk in the harbour office at Morecambe.

J. Mount.

JOHN MOUNT sworn and examined.

37,028. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Market Street?—Yes.

37,029. What are you?—A boot and shoe maker.

37,030. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Fenwick.

37,031. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—None.

37,032. None at all?—No.

37,033. Do you mean to say that no money passed through your hands for anybody?—No, none at all; I had nothing to do with it whatever.

37,034. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

E. Whiteside, jun.

EDWARD WHITESIDE, jun., sworn and examined.

37,035. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a tailor in Upper Bulk Street?—Yes.

37,036. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,037. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—5*l.*

37,038. Anything else?—That was all.

37,039. From whom did you get that?—From Mr. Thomas Cleminson.

W. Wilcock.

WILLIAM WILCOCK sworn and examined.

37,040. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a tailor at Skerton?—Yes.

37,041. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,042. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—5*l.*

37,043. From whom?—Mr. Cleminson.

37,044. Did you get nothing from anyone else?—No.

37,045. Nothing from Towers?—No.

37,046. That is all the money you received?—Yes.

37,047. Which Cleminson was it?—The tailor.

37,048. Thomas Cleminson?—Richard Cleminson.

J. Wilcock.

JOHN WILCOCK sworn and examined.

37,049. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a cabinet maker in West Road?—Yes.

37,050. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,051. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—Nothing whatever.

37,052. Had you anything to do with looking up any of the voters?—No.

37,053. You did not interest yourself in the election beyond voting?—No.

37,054. Not in any way?—No.

37,055. Had you no money at all given to you?—Not a halfpenny.

J. Wilcock.

JOSEPH WILCOCK sworn and examined.

37,056. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a cabinet maker?—I am.

37,057. In Albert Place?—Yes.

37,058. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,059. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—1*l.* 1*s.* for services as poll clerk.

37,060. Is that all the money you received?—The whole.

37,061. Either for yourself or for any other person?—Yes.

R. Willock.

RICHARD WILLOCK sworn and examined.

37,062. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are an upholsterer, living in Ulleswater?—Yes.

37,063. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,064. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—None.

37,065. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

37,066. Did you not have any money given to you to give the voters drink with?—No.

J. Wilson.

JOHN WILSON sworn and examined.

37,067. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a tailor?—Yes.

37,068. Do you live in Market Street?—Yes.

37,069. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,070. What money did you receive?—None.

37,071. None at all?—No.

37,072. Do you mean to say that you received no money?—None.

37,073. Not from anybody?—No.

37,074. Do you know Colonel Yeadell?—Yes.

37,075. Did you see him about the time of the election?—I do not remember it.

37,076. Can you tell me whether you did or not?—No; he was not in my shop at all.

37,077. But your shop is not the only place where you could see him; did you see him at all about the election?—No, not at all, that I know of.

37,078. Did you receive no money from him?—No; none whatever.

37,079. Do you mean to say that you received no money at all?—None.

37,080. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

37,081. Did any of your family receive any money?—No.

37,082. Are you quite sure of that?—Quite sure.

37,083. Have you received any money since the election?—No.

37,084. Do you know Wilson, of Torrisholme?—Yes.

37,085. Is he a farmer?—I am not certain.

37,086. What part were you taking in the election?—I took no part whatever in it; none whatever.

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37,087. Did you not go and look up the voters?—No, I did not.

37,088. You had a relative, had you not, who was busily engaged in the election?—Yes.

37,089. Do you mean to say that, under his influence, you were taking no part in the election?—None whatever; and I did not know the district he was going to take part in either.

37,090. Had you been engaged in any previous elections?—No; I have never mixed up in elections.

William Wilson sworn and examined.

W. Wilson.

37,091. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A labourer.

37,092. In Market Street?—Yes.

37,093. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,094. What money did you get for the purposes of the election?—10*l.*

37,095. From whom?—From John Molony.

37,096. Where did he give it to you?—In his house.

37,097. What other monies did you receive?—Nothing.

William Harrison Winder sworn and examined.

W. H. Winder.

37,098. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Market Street?—Yes.

37,099. You are a coal merchant I believe?—No, I am a book-keeper at present.

37,100. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,101. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No, not a penny.

Edward Winder sworn and examined.

E. Winder.

37,102. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a painter in Mary Street?—Yes.

37,103. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,104. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you been examined before?—Yes.

37,105. (*Mr. Hill.*) What money did you get?—13*l.*

37,106. Was that all?—Yes

Isaac Winder sworn and examined.

I. Winder.

37,107. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a joiner, at Scotforth?—Yes.

37,108. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,109. What money did you get for the purposes of the election?—12*l.*

37,110. Who from?—From Josiah Ball.

37,111. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

William Winder sworn and examined.

W. Winder.

37,112. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Alma Road?—Yes.

37,113. What are you?—A labourer.

37,114. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,115. What money did you get?—13*l.*

37,116. From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Allinson.

37,117. Was that all the money you got?—Yes.

Richard Winder sworn and examined.

R. Winder.

37,118. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Overton?—Yes.

37,119. What are you?—A farm labourer.

37,120. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,121. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—8*l.*

37,122. From whom?—Albright.

37,123. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

37,124. Did you get nothing from the other side?—No.

37,125. Was it John Albright?—I do not know his other name, it was at the "White Lion."

37,126. Is he a tobacconist?—Yes, I think so.

Thomas Winder sworn and examined.

T. Winder.

37,127. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a labourer at Skerton?—Yes.

37,128. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,129. What money did you get for the purposes of the election?—I got 12*l.*

37,130. From whom did you receive that?—I did not know him; he was a man at the "Black Bull."

37,131. Did you get anything besides?—I got 12*l.* for Henry Smith, and 12*l.* for Thomas Knowles.

37,132. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You paid that over?—Yes.

37,133. Did you get anything besides that?—I got 1*l.* from Mr. Coupland.

37,134. What was that for?—To spend.

37,135. And did you spend it?—Yes.

37,136. On yourself?—No, I gave George Wilson half of it, and the rest I spent at my own house.

37,137. What else did you get?—Nothing else.

37,138. That is all you had?—Yes.

Thomas Wright sworn and examined.

T. Wright.

37,139. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a tailor in Church Street?—Yes.

37,140. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,141. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—None.

37,142. None at all?—None at all.

37,143. Not a farthing either for yourself or for anybody else?—Not a farthing either for myself or for anybody else.

Thomas Bryan Overend sworn and examined.

T. B. Overend.

37,144. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A labourer.

37,145. Where?—At Heysham.

37,146. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,147. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—15*l.* and some odd shillings.

37,148. From whom?—From different parties. 9*l.* I had from Mr. Welch's foreman, Hutchinson I think

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they call him; 2*l.* from Thomas Wise, and 1*l.* from Mr. Wearing, and 1*l.* from Mr. Shacklelon at Morecambe, and the other 1*l.* I cannot tell where I got it from. I know I received 15*l.* and some odd shillings, but I cannot tell who gave me the last.

37,149. You spent the most of it upon yourself did you not?—No, I did not.

37,150. How much did you spend in treating other voters?—I kept some for myself I am aware.

37,151. That was all you got?—That was every farthing that I got.

37,152. Did any money besides this come to anybody else for you, to your wife for instance?—I believe there did.

37,153. How much?—I cannot say that.

37,154. Surely you can say how much she got?—No, I cannot. I can speak for myself but not for anybody else.

37,155. You believe that your wife had something?—I believe she had.

37,156. 5*l.* or 10*l.*?—I do not know.

37,157. Give us a figure?—I can say for 1*l.* I can say for no more.

37,158. Do you not know that it was 1*l.*?—Yes, I know of 1*l.*, but I can say for no more.

37,159. She would not be likely to take it without telling you of it?—I know she got 1*l.*, but I know of no more.

37,160. You know she got 1*l.*, and you do not know but what she got more?—She might have got a deal more for anything I know. I hope she did.

A. Welch.

ACKEY WELCH sworn and examined.

37,161. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A horse-breaker.

37,162. In Ellel?—Yes.

37,163. For whom did you vote at the last election? For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,164. What money did you get?—10*l.*

37,165. From whom did you get it?—From William Welch.

37,166. Was that all the money you got?—Yes.

37,167. You do not know whether your wife got any more?—No, she did not.

G. R. Knott.

GEORGE ROLINS KNOTT sworn and examined.

37,168. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a butcher in Common Garden Street?—Yes.

37,169. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,170. What money did you get for the purposes of the election?—8*l.*

37,171. What else?—Nothing.

37,172. You are a butcher you know; do you mean to say that you only got 8*l.*?—That is all.

37,173. Did you not get put on any committee or anything?—No.

J. Hodgson

JOHN HODGSON sworn and examined.

37,174. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A butcher.

37,175. In Common Garden Street?—Yes.

37,176. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,177. What money did you get for the purposes of the election?—10*l.*

37,178. You are a householder are you not?—No.

37,179. From whom did you get the 10*l.*?—From William Welch.

37,180. Is that all the money you got?—Yes.

37,181. Did you not get any money for being on a committee?—No.

37,182. Did you get no money from anyone else?—No.

37,183. Did you get any money to give to anyone?—No.

J. Sly.

JOSEPH SLY sworn and examined.

37,184. (*Mr. Hill.*) You keep the "King's Arms"?—Yes.

37,185. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,186. What monies did you receive in the matter of the last election?—234*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* (*referring to a paper and handing it to the Commissioners*).

37,187. What was that sum for?—For carriages during the canvass, 14*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*

37,188. In fact, it is according to this account?—Exactly.

37,189. Your account for carriages comes altogether to 234*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*, and then there is a carriage account after that of 178*l.* 13*s.*, making a total of 413*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*?—Yes.

37,190. You received also on behalf of Mr. Schneider an amount of 5*l.* 16*s.*?—Yes.

37,191. Was that also for a carriage account?—Yes.

37,192. You voted for Mr. Lawrence, you say?—Yes.

37,193. For whom did you vote in the Saunders and Fenwick election?—For Mr. Saunders.

37,194. Have you always voted on that side?—Always.

37,195. Did you receive anything on account of your vote?—No.

37,196. Can you tell me what was the carriage account of Mr. Saunders at the Saunders and Fenwick election?—Not at present, but I can let you know.

M. Simpson.

MATTHEW SIMPSON sworn and examined.

37,197. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A ship builder.

37,198. Where?—At Glasson Dock.

37,199. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,200. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None.

37,201. Nothing whatever?—Nothing whatever.

37,202. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

37,203. Was any money left with you as a stakeholder for any voter?—No.

37,204. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

I. Bradley.

ISAAC BRADLEY sworn and examined.

37,205. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Damside Street? Yes.

37,206. What are you?—A photographer.

37,207. How long have you been resident in Lancaster?—15 years.

37,208. Have you had a vote during the whole of those 15 years?—No, I have voted twice.

37,209. For whom did you vote on the occasion of the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,210. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—No.

37,211. Nothing at all ?—Nothing at all; not a farthing.

37,212. For whom did you vote at the previous election ?—For Mr. Saunders.

37,213. Did you receive any money on that occasion ?—Not a farthing; I never got a farthing in my life.

37,214. Did you take an active part in the last election ?—Not at all; I never mixed myself up with it in any way; I never saw the canvassers.

37,215. You saw the nomination ?—I saw part of it.

JOSEPH HEMMINGWAY sworn and examined. *J. Hemmingway.*

37,216. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Damside Street ?—Yes.

37,217. What are you ?—A pawnbroker.

37,218. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,219. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—No.

37,220. Neither for yourself nor for any other person ?—No.

37,221. Did you see any voter paid ?—No.

JAMES ELLERSHAW sworn and examined. *J. Ellershaw.*

37,222. (*Mr Hill.*) You live in Moor Lane ?—Yes.

37,223. What are you ?—A beerhouse keeper.

37,224. What is the name of your beerhouse ?—The "Travellers Rest."

37,225. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,226. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election ?—I received 37*l.* altogether.

37,227. Was that the whole money you received ?—The whole.

37,228. For bills and everything else ?—For bills and everything.

37,229. Can you give me the different amounts of the bill for the use of the house and for yourself ?—I have not got the bills by me, but I got 22*l.* paid me by instalments for refreshments; 5*l.* for the use of my house, and 10*l.* I got for my vote.

37,230. Was that all you got ?—Yes.

37,231. Did you pay any money to anybody ?—No.

WILLIAM HOTHERSHALL WINDER sworn and examined. *W. H. Winder*

37,232. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I understand you wish to make some statement with reference to the evidence you have given ?—Yes. I said this morning that I received 1*l.* as poll clerk, and 2*l.* as a present to my father, and I told you he would not receive it. I did not retain the 2*l.*; I took it home and left it on the table, and when he came home he would not have it, and I would not have it. I had nothing to do with it; it was given to me, and I took it home to give to my father, and he would not have it, and I would not have it. I never got more than 1*l.* I received the 2*l.*, but I did not retain it.

37,233. Did you take it back to the people who had given it to you ?—No, I did not.

37,234. Why not ?—I left it there.

37,235. Your father must have told you that he would not take it ?—Yes.

37,236. Why then did you not take it back to the people who had given it to you ?—I said, "It is there; if you will not have it I cannot help it."

37,237. Then for all you know your father did take it ?—No, he never took it.

37,238. How do you know he never took it ?—Because he has sworn he did not; my sisters were there. He said he would not receive it, and I am sure he did not receive it.

37,239. Who did receive it ?—I do not know; I left it in the house.

37,240. (*Mr. Newton.*) Whether you or your sisters or your father got it is quite immaterial for the purpose of this Commission ?—I do not wish to shift the weight of the responsibility from one shoulder to another.

37,241. You took the money for a certain purpose to the person for whom it was destined, and he declined to receive it ?—Yes.

37,242. Then when he declined to receive it, it was your duty to take it back to the person who had given it to you. You must be responsible; some of your family got it ?—I did not; I thought it best to come here and let the court know what the fact was.

ANTHONY TAYLOR, of Henry Street, labourer, is called but does not answer.

WILLIAM TAYLOR sworn and examined. *W. Taylor.*

37,243. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you the brother of Anthony Taylor ?—Yes, he goes on to the canal; he is not here.

37,244. When did he go ?—I do not know; he was here last week; I saw him.

37,245. How did he vote at the last election ?—I cannot say; I never saw him.

37,246. Have you ever heard him say how he voted ?—No.

37,247. Do you know what he got for his vote ?—10*l.* I heard friends say.

37,248. You got 5*l.* and your brother got 10*l.*, do you know who he got it from ?—From Jackie Ball, I think.

37,249. You voted for Fenwick and Schneider ?—Yes.

37,250. And your brother voted for Lawrence ?—Yes.

37,251. You do not know whether Anthony got more than 10*l.* ?—No, I do not.

37,252. And you do not know whether he was on any committee ?—No, I do not.

Adjourned to to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Lancaster Castle, Tuesday, 8th January 1867.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

PRESENT:

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON.
Mr. HILL.

J. Harker.

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JOHN HARKER sworn and examined.

37,253. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A surgeon and physician.

37,254. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the last election?—I did not.

37,255. For whom did you vote?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

37,256. And you received nothing either for yourself or for any other person?—No, neither.

M. Johnson.

METCALFE JOHNSON sworn and examined.

37,257. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a doctor of medicine?—A surgeon and apothecary.

37,258. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

37,259. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

37,260. In no way?—In no way.

37,261. Were you a witness of anybody being paid?—No.

R. Leeming.

RICHARD LEEMING sworn and examined.

37,262. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Queen street?—Yes.

37,263. What are you?—A corn merchant.

37,264. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,265. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

37,266. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

37,267. You took no part in the election beyond voting?—No part at all.

Rev. C. Campbell.

The Rev. COLIN CAMPBELL sworn and examined.

37,268. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A clergyman.

37,269. Where?—I am the incumbent of St. Thomas's in this town.

37,270. For whom did you vote at the last election? For Mr. Lawrence.

37,271. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of that election?—No, certainly not.

J. B. Mansergh.

JOHN BIRKETT MANSERGH sworn and examined.

37,272. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Slyne?—Yes.

37,273. What are you?—A draper.

37,274. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,275. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

37,276. None whatever?—No.

37,277. Was any money given to you for any voter?—No.

37,278. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

R. Mansergh.

ROBERT MANSERGH sworn and examined.

37,279. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Middle Street?—Yes.

37,280. What are you?—A draper.

37,281. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,282. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No, certainly not.

37,283. Had you anything to do in the way of looking after voters?—I had nothing to do with the election beyond recording my vote.

R. Bradley.

RICHARD BRADLEY sworn and examined.

37,284. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Damside Street?—Yes.

37,285. What are you?—A railway guard.

37,286. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,287. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

37,288. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

37,289. (*Mr. Hill.*) Had you nothing to do with the election at all?—I had nothing at all to do with it except voting.

J. Curwen.

JAMES CURWEN sworn and examined.

37,290. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A coachman.

37,291. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a freeman, are you not?—Yes.

37,292. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you come from Kirkby?—Yes.

37,293. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,294. Did you receive any money for the purposes of that election?—Yes, 10*l.*

37,295. From whom did you receive that?—From William Dugdale.

37,296. Did he give you anything besides that?—No, 10*l.*

37,297. Had you nothing for your expenses?—No.

37,298. You were staying at Lancaster at the time were you?—I was an attendant at the asylum; I was personated at the election before in the contest between Saunders and Fenwick. I was living at Claughton Hall; I never came from there at all, but my name was voted.

37,299. Had you not anything given you to drink with?—No, not anything.

THOMAS NEWTON sworn and examined.

37,300. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at St. George's Quay?—Yes.

37,301. What are you?—A tinman.

37,302. For whom did you vote at the last election? For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,303. What money did you receive?—10*l.*

37,304. From whom?—I received it against St. George's Quay.

37,305. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

37,306. You are sure you received nothing else?—Nothing else.

37,307. Had you any conversation with either of the candidates before the election?—No.

37,308. None at all?—None at all.

37,309. Did you see Mr. Fenwick before the election?—Yes.

37,310. Where was that?—By Burrow Hall down in the lane facing his house.

37,311. What did you say to him or he to you?—A young man was with me; there was a young man coming from Lancaster, and we went to meet him, and so this here young man who was with me said, "There is Mr. Fenwick there coming out of a field," so he said he would see him about giving him his freedom—taking it up.

37,312. (*Mr. Hill.*) Who was the young man?—Lawrence Baynes; so he told Mr. Fenwick as I was a voter; I did not go near him, but this young man told him.

37,313. How long was this before the election?—It was the Sunday before.

37,314. You say you met Mr. Fenwick?—Mr. Fenwick called me up, and he says, "Well, Mr. "Newton, who are you going to vote for"? I said I was going to vote for him; and he says, "Will you "give Mr. Schneider a vote"? and I said I did not know I would see about it. That was all that passed between him and me.

37,315. What did you say upon that?—I said I did not know, I would see about it.

37,316. And what did Mr. Fenwick say upon that? He said, "Oh you must give Mr. Schneider one too."

37,317. Well?—I said I could not promise, but I would see about it.

37,318. Did Mr. Fenwick then say anything further to you?—No, he left me.

37,319. He left you there where you were?—Yes.

37,320. Did he give you anything?—No.

37,321. Did he give you an order for anything?—No, he did not; he never gave me naught in his life.

37,322. Had you any clothes from Mr. Fenwick?—No.

37,323. If anybody has said you had that is not true?—No, I had naught at all of him.

37,324. Did you not go to Burrow Hall?—I did not go up to the house; we was in the lane.

37,325. Did he leave you in the lane?—Yes.

37,326. And was this all the conversation that you had with him before the election?—That is all the conversation I had with him all the time when the election was agate.

37,327. Since the election have you received anything from him?—No.

37,328. In your presence did this man, Lawrence Baynes speak to him about his freedom?—Lawrence Baynes said he would see him about it when he saw him in the field.

37,329. Did he in your presence speak to Mr. Fenwick on the subject of his freedom?—No, we were at a distance off.

37,330. He told you he would do so?—Yes.

37,331. But he did not do so in your hearing?—No.

37,332. (*Mr. Hill.*) What made him change his mind and not speak to Mr. Fenwick about taking up his freedom, if he said he was going to speak to him about it?—I do not know.

37,333. You say that Lawrence Baynes said he would speak to Mr. Fenwick about his freedom?—Yes.

37,334. Then why did he not do so?—He did do so, but I did not hear anything of it.

37,335. Did you not hear what he said?—No, I was a distance off at the time.

37,336. Did not Mr. Fenwick say to you it would be better for you if you would vote for Mr. Schneider?—Yes.

37,337. He said it would be better for you?—He said, "You must give Mr. Schneider one too."

37,338. Did he say in what way it would be better for you to vote for Mr. Schneider?—No.

37,339. He did not?—No.

37,340. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

37,341. There was nothing said about what you would get by voting for Mr. Schneider?—No, not at all.

37,342. Was the name of Mr. Lawrence mentioned?—I do not know. He said, "Do not let the Blues get hold of you."

37,343. You have not told us that—that you left out—Can you not recollect something else that he said?—Not at present I cannot.

37,344. Just try?—I have told you all I know now.

37,345. You have told us one thing more already; try if you cannot recollect something more? You say he said, "Do not let the Blues get hold of you." Did he say in what way the Blues were likely to get hold of you?—No, that was all he said.

37,346. Did he say, "Do not take any money from the Blues"?—He said nothing at all, only that.

37,347. Did he say anything like, "Do not take any money from the Blues"?—He said nothing at all about money.

37,348. Did he say anything about not taking money for voting for Mr. Lawrence?—No.

37,349. Have you had any talk about this within the last three or four months?—No.

37,350. Has anybody been to talk to you about it?—No, nobody.

37,351. Nobody has told you what to say here to-day?—No.

37,352. That you swear?—Yes.

37,353. Where is Lawrence Baynes—At Kirkby Lonsdale.

37,354. Was he standing by when this conversation took place?—No, he was off at the time.

37,355. On which day did you come to Lancaster at the election time? Did you come on the election day, or on the nomination day?—On the nomination day.

37,356. Who told you where to go for the money, or how did you find out where to go?—I was among a lot of other chaps when I was in the town.

37,357. How did you find out where to go for the money?—Richard Jamieson.

37,358. Who told you where to go?—Nobody told me.

37,359. How did the money and you come across one another?—There was a whole lot of us together.

37,360. Did Dick Jamieson tell you?—He told me there would be money.

37,361. Who told you first where to go for money?—Hadfield.

37,362. At what time did you get your money?—Between 8 and 9.

37,363. On the morning of the election day?—Yes.

37,364. What time were you first promised it?—The night before.

37,365. By whom?—Hadfield.

37,366. Then you went to Hadfield directly you got to Lancaster?—Yes.

37,367. Who told you to go to Hadfield?—Dick Jamieson took me there.

37,368. Is he an old friend of yours?—He is a brother-in-law of mine.

37,369. Jamieson put you up to it, and took you to Hadfield at once?—Yes.

37,370. And there you got an agreement for the 10*l.*, and you went for it the next morning?—Yes.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

8 Jan. 1867.

J. Hall.

JOHN HALL sworn and examined.

37,371. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is your name?—John Hall.

37,372. Are you a voter?—No.

37,373. Where do you live?—At Aldcliffe.

37,374. What part were you taking in the election in July 1865?—I had a conveyance for Mr. Lawrence.

37,375. What do you mean by that?—I had a horse and conveyance.

37,376. Do you mean you found it?—Yes, I found it.

37,377. You provided one?—Yes, I did.

37,378. What are you?—A farmer.

37,379. What did you do with the conveyance?—I fetched voters up and down.

37,380. Did you go to the house of a man of the name of Gudgeon?—I cannot say indeed.

37,381. On the nomination night before the election did you go with Mr. Bateson to Gudgeon's shop?—I went to Snatchem's.

37,382. That is not in Lancaster?—No.

37,383. The place I mean is in Penny Street, Lancaster?—No, I do not think I did.

37,384. Just think. Do you know Bateson?—Yes, very well.

37,385. Did you go about with him on the nomination night?—A little.

37,386. Where did you go to?—I went to Snatchem's, and from there I went up and down.

37,387. Were you in Penny Street?—Yes, I believe we was.

37,388. Do you know Gudgeon's house?—Yes.

37,389. Were you at that house?—Yes, Daniel Gudgeon's.

37,390. Were you arranging as to the payment of any money?—No.

37,391. Had you anything to do with fixing the price of any votes?—No.

37,392. Did you offer anybody any money?—No, I did not.

37,393. Besides providing the conveyance do we understand that you had nothing to do with the election?—No, I had not.

37,394. What were you doing at Snatchem's?—I was fetching a man from there.

37,395. On the nomination night?—I went for him and could not get him that night, and fetched him the next morning.

37,396. It was a case of "bottling" was it not?—No, I never gave him anything in my life.

37,397. I do not mean on your side, but on the other side?—I do not know. There was no case at all that I know of about bottling.

H. C. S. Chauncey.

HENRY CARTER SNELL CHAUNCEY sworn and examined.

37,398. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I am the superintendent of the Lancaster division of the London and North-western Railway.

37,399. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Mr. Lawrence.

37,400. Did you get either for yourself or for any other person any money?—No, none.

37,401. Did any money pass through your hands for the purposes of the election?—None whatever.

37,402. Did you take any active part in canvassing?—No, I did not canvass.

37,403. Were you canvassed by people on both sides, on behalf of Mr. Lawrence, and on behalf of Fenwick and Schneider?—I was canvassed by Mr. Schneider, and Mr. Fenwick, and also by Mr. Lawrence.

37,404. Did you use any influence yourself on the men under your control?—None whatever.

37,405. Are you aware of any influence having been used by others?—I am not aware of any influence having been used.

I. Isaacs.

ISAAC ISAACS sworn and examined.

37,406. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Church Street?—Yes.

37,407. What are you?—A gentleman. I am out of business.

37,408. How did you vote at the last election?—For Messieurs Fenwick and Schneider.

37,409. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None whatever.

37,410. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—Possibly I should explain to you that I acted as agent for Messieurs Fenwick and Schneider in the town hall booth, and received from Mr. Tilly after the election, for being in the booth from 8 in the morning till 4 in the afternoon taking the votes, 1*l.* 1*s.*

37,411. You were poll clerk?—I think I was designated an agent. I had filled a similar situation at previous elections, and been better paid; I gave a receipt for the guinea, no doubt it will appear in the accounts. Mr. Tilly paid me some days after the election.

37,412. Was that all the money you received?—All.

37,413. Did you take an active part in the election?—None whatever.

37,414. Did you see any voter on behalf of Messieurs Fenwick and Schneider?—I did not.

37,415. Do you know Vickers?—Very well indeed.

37,416. Did you take anybody to him?—I did not.

37,417. Or to any other person?—Or to any other person. I did not ask for a vote, nor was I canvassed except by Mr. Lawrence, and that only accidentally when I met him in the street.

37,418. (*Mr. Newton.*) You say you were not poll clerk. What were your duties?—I had a book handed to me by Mr. Maxsted, and as the voters came in I entered the vote. I could bring you the book if you wish to see it; I have part of it left.

37,419. You were a sort of supervisor of the poll clerk?—I sat next the deputy mayor; and as the votes were recorded, I put the names down, and made a report every half hour.

37,420. Was there a poll clerk as well?—Yes; the position I filled was the same as that in which I had been at former elections; I can bring you the book, and you shall see it yourselves if you wish it, or a part of it. The object I presume was to know how the votes were given, and who had voted, and they were checked off in the committee room from the reports made. There was an agent in every booth.

R. Smalley.

RICHARD SMALLEY sworn and examined.

37,421. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Skerton?—Yes.

37,422. What are you?—A gentleman.

37,423. You are in no occupation?—No.

37,424. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,425. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None whatever.

37,426. Had you anything to do with the canvassing?—No.

37,427. Nor with looking after the voters?—No, not at the last election, I had not.

WILLIAM HENRY BAGNALL sworn and examined.

37,428. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in New Street?—Yes.

37,429. What are you?—A chemist and druggist.

37,430. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,431. Did you recieve any money for yourself, or for anyone else?—I received 3*l.* from Mr. William Storey in repayment of money that I had expended.

37,432. What money had you expended?—I had paid 1*l.* 10*s.* to a man named James Dobson, who keeps an inn, who came to me to engage his house.

37,433. What Dobson is that?—He is not a voter.

37,434. What is the name of his inn?—I think it is the "Sawyers' Arms" in Damside Street.

37,435. What else did you spend?—The remainder I spent in treating. I went to Morecambe.

37,436. Where did you spend this money in treating?—At different places.

37,437. I suppose so, but tell me where?—At the "White Horse" for one place, in Church Street.

37,438. Who did you treat?—I cannot tell you anyone in particular.

37,439. Where did you spend any money at Morecambe?—I spent some at Birkett's Hotel, the "West View Hotel."

37,440. Who did you spend it on there?—I really cannot tell you. I cannot call to mind at the present time.

37,441. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you spend any money at Mrs. Willacy's?—I cannot say that I did.

37,442. When were you asked to spend money?—In the first instance I had spent money out of my own pocket.

37,443. Answer my question. It could be answered in two words. When were you asked to spend money?—I really cannot say; I took upon myself to do so.

37,444. You never were asked then. You went and spent it of your own accord?—I did.

37,445. In treating these voters to the amount of 30*s.*?—You must allow me to say that I was with Mr. William Storey in Church Street; I was with him also in the Church Street district at the "Sun" Inn;" and went with him also to the "Black Bull, and in fact I did what I could to assist in the election.

37,446. The assistance you rendered was simply giving the people something to drink?—No, it was not merely that, because I wrote out lists of the captains.

37,447. Were you paid for doing that?—No.

37,448. Then what has that to do with my question; I am only asking you as to the way in which you laid out the 30*s.*, and the other 30*s.* Can you tell the name of a single person to whom you gave a single sixpence?—I do not know that I can give you any names. It was not only treating, but many times I gave a shilling, I will not say to voters, but to non-voters also.

37,449. Can you give the name of a single person to whom you gave a single glass of beer?—I cannot.

37,450. Who authorized you to pay Dobson the 30*s.*?—I told Storey I had paid him this money, and he refunded it to me on that account.

37,451. Did you know Dobson before?—I did. He was a man I employed.

37,452. What was that money paid to Dobson for?—He came and told me that voters were coming in to his house, and that it had not been taken by the Conservative party, and he asked me if I could give him somthing to treat them with, which I did.

37,453. Dobson being a man in your employ?—No, he is not in my employ.

37,454. You said just now that he was?—I occasionally employ him.

37,455. You said "he was a man I employed." You gave a man in your employ this 30*s.*, and he is not a voter but is keeping a public-house?—I beg your pardon; I said I employed him, not that he was in my employ.

[George Bailiffe is called but does not answer.]

The following certificate is read by the secretary:—

"64, Kirkdale Road, Kirkdale, Liverpool, January 7th, 1867.

"This is to certify that Mr. Geo. Bailiffe is under my professional treatment; and I further certify that "in his present state he is not fit to undertake a journey to Lancaster. He is suffering from a severe cough "and shortness of breath.

"(Signed) EBENEZER HUGHES, M.D.,
"L.F.P.S & L.M., &c."

W. Bradshaw.

WILLIAM BRADSHAW sworn and examined.

37,456. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a draper in Market Street?—Yes.

37,457. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,458. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Yes, I received 23*l.*

37,459. From whom?—From Henry Welch.

37,460. What did you do with it?—I paid it to three Thornton's in Littledale; at least I paid 9*l.* to William Thornton to be given to his son and his brother; I gave him 9*l.* to be divided between himself, his son, and brother. I paid to William Fox 2*l.* 10*s.*, and to Richard Fox 1*l.*, and I returned the balance to Mr. Stephen Wright Wearing.

37,461. How came you to have such a large balance to return?—I expected to have got another voter, but he asked a larger price than I was disposed to give.

37,462. Who was that?—John Lamb.

37,463. How much did you offer him?—I offered him 8*l.*

37,464. Do you know what he took?—I believe 12*l.*

37,465. John Lamb voted against you, did he not?—He did.

37,466. You made out an estimate of these votes when you received the 23*l.*?—I did.

37,467. Then was 9*l.* all the money that those three Thornton's got?—All from me.

37,468. Do you know whether they got anything else?—I do not; I do not think they did.

37,469. (*Mr. Newton.*) One of the Thorntons I think I recollect kept the money belonging to the other?—I believe he did.

37,470. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not spend any money in giving refreshments?—I paid that out of my own pocket.

37,471. How much did you pay?—I do not think there was very much; perhaps 8*s.* or 10*s.*

37,472. Shall we say 10*s.*?—Yes, I have no doubt it would be about that; about 10*s.* I should say; I forgot to deduct that from the balance I returned to Mr. Wearing.

W. Briscoe.

WILLIAM BRISCOE sworn and examined.

37,473. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Cheapside?—Yes.

37,474. What are you?—A tailor.

37,475. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,476. Did you receive any money for the purpose of the election?—No.

37,477. Not for yourself or for anyone else?—No.

37,478. Did you see any voter paid?—No; I cannot say that I did.

37,479. Was any money deposited with you?—No.

37,480. Not to pay any voters after they had voted?—No.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

P. Bromley.

8 Jan. 1867.

PETER BROMLEY sworn and examined.

37,481. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Queen Street?—Yes.

37,482. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Schneider and Lawrence.

37,483. Did you receive any money during that election?—None.

37,484. Did you expend any?—None.

37,485. Neither of your own nor of anybody else's?—No.

37,486. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What made you vote for Schneider and Lawrence?—Well, to please my own idea.

37,487. Did anybody press you to vote for Schneider and Lawrence?—No.

O. Burrow.

OBADIAH BURROW sworn and examined.

37,488. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in New Street?—Yes.

37,489. What are you?—A cabinet maker and upholsterer.

37,490. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,491. Did you receive any money?—No.

37,492. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

37,493. Did any of your relations, so far as you are aware, receive any money to give you after the election?—No.

37,494. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

T. Cardwell.

THOMAS CARDWELL sworn and examined.

37,495. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Market Street?—Yes.

37,496. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,497. Did you receive any money?—No; not a farthing.

37,498. Did you pay anything?—No, I did not.

37,499. Had you anything to do with any money at the last election?—I had nothing to do with money at all; not in the least.

G.B. Carruthers.

GEORGE BROCKBANK CARRUTHERS sworn and examined.

37,500. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a chemist in New Street?—Yes.

37,501. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Schneider.

37,502. You gave him a plumper?—I did.

37,503. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No; I received none.

37,504. Did you see any voter paid?—No, I did not.

37,505. Did any person on your behalf receive any money that you are aware of?—No, certainly not.

37,506. Had you nothing to do with any money arrangements?—I took no part whatever in the election, beyond recording my own vote for Mr. Schneider.

J. Carter.

JAMES CARTER sworn and examined.

37,507. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A painter.

37,508. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,509. Did you receive any money?—No.

37,510. None at all?—No.

37,511. Did anybody receive any money for you?—No.

37,512. Were you offered any?—No.

37,513. Did you not hear that there was money stirring?—Yes.

37,514. Were you on any committee?—No.

37,515. How did you hear that there was money stirring?—I heard it in the street.

37,516. Did you talk to anybody about the price at which votes were going?—No, I did not meddle with it at all.

37,517. Did you not arrange with anybody to get his vote?—No.

R. Charnley.

RICHARD CHARNLEY sworn and examined.

37,518. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Gage Street?—Yes.

37,519. What are you?—A joiner.

37,520. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,521. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Well, I did receive 30*s.*

37,522. From whom did you receive that?—Mr. Thomas Harrison.

37,523. What was that for?—To pay some men that was runners.

37,524. Who were they?—They were not voters; some of them were my own men; two of them were.

37,525. They were none of them voters?—No; they were just men that I employed to look after some voters.

37,526. What voters were they looking after?—Well, I cannot say exactly; they were runing about, doing anything they could.

37,527. The whole town must have been running about, I think?—Well, I think it was; then there was what was spent; they spent the money among them.

37,528. Was that all the money you received?—Yes.

37,529. Did you see any voters paid?—No.

37,530. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you arrange with anybody that you should have the appointing of two runners?—Yes, I did.

37,531. With whom did you arrange that?—These men were going to be engaged by the other party, that is, the Conservative side, and I told them that if they would go in for the other side I had no doubt I could get them something.

37,532. But who did you arrange with that you should be allowed to appoint two runners?—Mr. Thomas Harrison.

37,533. How long were those runners employed?—The whole of the election day.

37,534. Were they working for you at the same time?—No.

37,535. They were not drawing wages from you at the same time?—No.

37,536. They were not working for you that day?—No.

37,537. They got 15*s.* each for their one day's wages?—No; there was what was spent in expenses.

37,538. But they got 15*s.* each, and they only got one day's work each; is that so?—Yes.

THOMAS CLARKE sworn and examined.

37,539. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Nicholas Street?—Yes.

37,540. What are you?—A greengrocer.

37,541. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,542. Had you anything to do with any money matters?—I received 10*l.* for my vote.

37,543. From whom?—From Christopher Hartley.

37,544. Anything else?—No.

37,545. Did you get anything for your services?—No.

37,546. What is your rental?—14*l.* a year.

37,547. You were on no Committee?—No; I had nothing further to do with it than that.

J. Binns.

JONATHAN BINNS sworn and examined.

37,548. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in West Place? Yes.

37,549. What are you?—A land surveyor and land agent.

37,550. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,551. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

37,552. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No; I may say I never received any money or paid any money at any time, except once, and that is a long time ago; It was at the county of York election, when Mr. Wilberforce was returned.

37,553. How much did you pay then?—I paid a guinea to the general committee.

37,554. You subscribed?—Yes.

A. Clarke.

ARTHUR CLARKE affirmed and examined.

37,555. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

37,556. What are you?—An ironmonger.

37,557. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,558. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None.

37,559. Had you anything to do with paying any?—Nothing whatever.

37,560. Did you look up any voters?—No.

37,561. Did you do any canvassing at all?—No.

37,562. Did you subscribe to the fund?—No.

C. Clarkson.

CHRISTOPHER CLARKSON sworn and examined.

37,563. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

37,564. What are you?—A grocer.

37,565. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,566. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I voted free the first hour.

37,567. That is to say, you did not receive any money?—None whatever; not for voting.

37,568. Did you pay any money to anyone?—No.

37,569. Did any money pass through your hands?—No; none whatever.

37,570. Not for any purpose?—No.

37,571. Did any relation of yours receive any money?—No.

37,572. Have you received any money since the election?—One or two days after the election I was engaged by Mr. Richard Moser to look after the stationery, and to deliver out the street lists as they were required to different captains; that I received at Mr. Tilly's office, which you will find in the election expenses.

37,573. You were asked, in almost the first question that was put to you, whether any money had passed through your hands, and you said that none had?—None passed through my hands to pay to other persons. I was engaged at 5*s.* a day.

37,574. Why did you not answer the question at once, instead of shuffling in the way you did—it is very disgraceful indeed—what money did you receive?—5*s.* a day for a fortnight.

37,575. For how long?—For a fortnight. I never saw any money paid to anyone, nor did I know till after the election that money was being paid.

37,576. What money did you get besides?—None whatever.

37,577. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you draw it all at once, at Mr. Tilly's office?—All at once, after the election; either one or two days after the election.

37,578. When were you engaged?—A fortnight before the election.

37,579. What are you by trade?—A grocer.

37,580. Have you a shop of your own?—Yes.

37,581. I suppose your business went on while you were away just as it did at any other time?—Yes.

37,582. (*Mr. Newton.*) What services did you perform for this money?—I looked after the stationery.

37,583. What stationery was there?—The table was full of papers and slips of paper, and letters coming in, and postage stamps.

37,584. What did you do with them?—I took care no one destroyed them, or took them away, till Mr. Moser came back, if he was called out.

37,585. Where was the committee room?—At the "Queen's."

37,586. (*Mr. Hill.*) You merely stood and looked at the papers, to see that they were not moved?—They would have moved, if I had not been there.

37,587. Who else was there doing the same thing?—I was the only person employed in that way; I had the care of the stationery; me being a teetotaller, he felt he could put trust in me. Mr. Moser had known me years gone by, and that was one cause why he engaged me.

37,588. Do you mean that you were the only person that could be trusted there, because you were a teetotaller?—I do not know for being trusted.

37,589. You ran off, I daresay, to your own shop, whenever a customer wanted you?—I neglected my business, though the shop was carried on without me.

37,590. (*Mr. Newton.*) What is the rental of your house?—10*l.* 10*s.*

J. Cornthwaite.

JAMES CORNTHWAITE sworn and examined.

37,591. You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

37,592. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,593. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—On the night before the election I received 1*l.*

37,594. From whom?—John Bleasdale.

37,595. What else did you get?—On the morning of the election I received 2*l.* for a voter named Joseph Kelson.

37,596. From whom did you get that?—From John Bleasdale.

37,597. What other sum did you get?—The day after the election I received 10*l.*

37,598. From whom?—From John Bleasdale.

37,599. What did you do with the 1*l.* you received first?—I spent it.

37,600. On yourself?—No.

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37,601. You spent it in refreshing yourself and others ?—Yes.

37,602. Did you give the other man the 2*l.* ?—Yes, I did.

37,603. Then you got 13*l.* altogether; 10*l.* for your vote, 1*l.* for refreshment, and 2*l.* from this other man ?—Yes.

J. Cottam.

JAMES COTTAM sworn and examined.

37,604. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Where do you live ?—At Quernmore.

37,605. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,606. What money did you receive ?—I did not receive anything myself; there was my son, James, who was with me, received 10*l.*

37,606. Did you get nothing for yourself ?—No.

37,607. Was any money paid to you to give to anybody ?—No; I had naught to do with the election but that.

37,608. Did you receive any money after the election ?—No; I had nothing at all to do with it, only my vote.

37,609. You say you did not receive anything for yourself ?—Not myself; my son received 10*l.*, I believe.

37,610. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did it pass through your hands, at all ?—No; I had nothing to do with money at all.

37,611. Did James, your son, give you any money ?—No, he did not.

37,612. Are you in partnership with your son ?—No; he lives with me generally. It is the other son that is joined with me at that place. John.

37,613. Do you mean to say you got no money at all for yourself ?—No.

37,614. I believe you are the only Cottam who has not got money. Is John Cottam, of Marsh Lane, your son ?—Yes.

37,615. And he pays 400*l.* a year rental, does he not ?—Yes, I think it is 400*l.* a year.

37,616. Who was the son who got the 10*l.* you speak of ?—The son that lives at home with me.

37,617. John ?—No, James.

37,618. Is your name John or James ?—My name is James.

37,619. Is he a freeman ?—No.

37,620–1. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is your son James a voter ?—No.

37,622. That will do. Then there is no Cottam who did not receive a bribe. What rent do you pay ?—About 160*l.* a year.

37,623. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a farmer ?—Yes.

J. Cragg.

JOHN CRAGG affirmed and examined.

37,624. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Quarry Street ?—Yes.

37,625. What are you ?—A clog and patten maker.

37,626. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,627. Did they give you any money ?—No.

37,628. Did you receive any money ?—No.

37,629. Did you get any money for anybody else ?—No.

37,630. Did you give anybody anything to drink ?—No.

37,631. You had nothing to do with money at all ?—Nothing at all.

37,632. Do you always vote Yellow ?—I do not keep any account who I vote for.

37,633. But a man may remember that without putting it down in his diary. Do you always vote Yellow ?—Well, I cannot say.

37,634. For whom did you vote in the Saunders and Fenwick election ?—Mr. Gregson.

37,635. No, that you did not. I am not asking you about Mr. Gregson. For whom did you vote in the Saunders and Fenwick election ?—Fenwick and Gregson.

37,636. When Mr. Saunders and Mr. Fenwick were standing for the vacant seat, for which of the two did you vote ?—Well, I voted for the Liberal side.

37,637. Was that for Fenwick ?—Yes.

37,638. Then you got nothing at all ?—No.

W. Cragg.

WILLIAM CRAGG sworn and examined.

37,639. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Penny Street ?—Yes.

37,640. What are you ?—A cabinet maker.

37,641. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,642. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—Yes.

37,643. How much ?—26*l.*

37,644. From whom did you receive it ?—Well, I cannot tell whether it was from Mr. Cross or from the gentleman that was with him.

37,645. Where did you get it ?—At the "Golden Ball."

37,646. What did you do with it ?—I gave John Johnson 5*l.*

37,647. Who is John Johnson ?—A cabinet maker.

37,648. A freeman ?—Yes. That was for his expenses from Southport to here and back.

37,649. And what else ?—Thomas Barrow, of Church Street, 6*l.*

37,650. He is a freeman ?—Yes.

37,651. Who else ?—William Fawcett 10*l.*

37,652. Is that William Fawcett, of China Lane ?—Yes. Christopher Fawcett, 5*l.*, paid through Mr. Hodgson, of China Lane.

37,653. That makes 26*l.* ?—That was all I got.

37,654. What is Thomas Barrow ?—I think he is a grocer. He keeps a shop.

37,655. There is no Thomas Barrow of Church Street that I can see; there is of Middle Street, cabinet maker, who voted for Lawrence. Is that he ?—No.

37,656. Does Thomas Barrow work for Gillow ?—No, I think he is an excavator.

37,657. You are sure his name is "Thomas" ?—It was Mr. Cross gave me the name.

37,658. Do you think he could live in Alfred Street ?—I do not know; I was told it was Church Street.

37,659. Can you find him out by looking at this list (*showing a polling list to the witness*) ?—Is there a "Burrow" of Church Street ?

37,660. Yes.—Then that is it.

37,661. Look at "Burrow" in that list; you will not find him there. There is Thomas "Berrow," of Church Street ?—That will be it.

37,662. This money was given to you by Cross to pay these voters ?—Yes.

37,663. What did you get for yourself ?—Nothing.

37,664. Neither before nor after the election ?—No.

37,665. Nor any relation of yours ?—No.

37,666. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not spend any money in giving drink ?—No, not any.

37,667. You really swear before us that you got nothing for your services ?—Not a farthing.

37,668. Who first spoke to you about distributing this money ?—Mr. Cross.

37,669. Had you been engaged before in the elec-

tion?—No, it was on the election day in the morning.

37,670. Were you not spoken to at all before that morning?—No, not with reference to that.

37,671. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

37,672. A master cabinet maker?—Yes.

37,673. When you say "not with reference to "that," what do you mean?—As to giving money. You asked me when I was first asked as to giving money.

37,674. But you had been looking up voters at other times had you not?—No.

37,675. Had you not been doing any canvassing?—No.

JOHN CRAYSTON sworn and examined. *J. Crayston.*

37,676. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Leonard Gate?—Yes.

37,677. What are you?—A grocer.

37,678. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

37,679. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

37,680. Did any money pass through your hands?—No.

37,681. You had nothing to do with any of the illegal expenses?—No, nothing at all.

37,682. Or legal either?—No.

FRANCIS GEORGE DALE sworn and examined. *F. G. Dale.*

37,683. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Scotforth?—Yes.

37,684. What are you?—A wine and spirit merchant.

37,685. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,686. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I had 11*l.* given to me to give to Robert Threlfall, and 7*l.* to give to John Starnforth.

37,687. Is Starnforth a householder?—I think he is a freeman. He is a man that had to come over from Chester. I got the 11*l.* from Halstead, and 7*l.* at the "White Cross," from Mr. Clark.

37,688. Starnforth you say came from Chester?—Yes.

37,689. Did you get anything for yourself?—No.

37,690. Did any relation of yours get anything?—No.

JOHN DALLABELLA sworn and examined. *J. Dallabella.*

37,691. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A gilder.

37,692. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,693. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—I received from Mr. Turner 9*l.*

37,694. Did you receive anything besides?—Yes, there was a person from Lancaster called at our shop in Preston and put two Yellow tickets and a sovereign on the counter and left it, and when he heard I had voted the other way he called and I gave it him back again.

37,695. You mean he left two cards for Fenwick and Schneider and a sovereign?—Yes.

37,696. That would be for expenses I suppose to bring you from Preston?—I suppose it would be that.

37,697. And that was returned?—That was returned.

37,698. That was all the money you got?—Yes.

37,699. Nothing was given you to treat with?—No.

37,700. Were you not on any committee?—No.

37,701. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Were you at the house of a man named Hodgson in China Lane?—No.

37,702. Who is this Mr. Turner who paid you?—He is a solicitor at Preston; he came to my house in Preston, fetched me out of bed, and paid the train fare, and brought me to vote here.

37,703. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did he pay you?—He was the man that paid me.

37,704. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You do not know a man named Hodgson in China Lane?—No.

37,705. Do you know a man named Wollaston?—No.

37,706. Did you receive any money at all in Lancaster?—Yes, 9*l.*

37,707. But you say that was paid you by a Preston attorney?—Yes.

37,708. Do you know at all where Turner got this money from?—No.

37,709. You never asked him any questions?—I never asked him where he got the money from.

37,710. Did Turner come here with you?—Yes, he brought me and paid my fare.

37,711. He paid your fare as well?—Yes.

37,712. What was your fare from Preston to Lancaster and back?—1*s.* 9*d.* third class.

[David Davis, of Queen Square, is called but does not answer.]

Mr. Barstow states that a letter has been received from Mr. David Davis, and that in consequence of it his attendance is dispensed with.

EDWARD DAWSON sworn and examined. *E. Dawson.*

37,713. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I believe you are a magistrate, living at Aldcliffe Hall, near here?—Yes.

37,714. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,715. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Certainly not.

FREDERICK DEAN sworn and examined. *F. Dean.*

37,716. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in West Place?—Yes.

37,717. What are you?—A professor of music.

37,718. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,719. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the last election?—None whatever.

37,720. Did you take any active part in the election?—None at all.

37,721. Did you go canvassing?—No, not at all.

37,722. And you did not discuss with any voter the price of his vote?—No.

37,723. No money passed through your hands in any way?—No.

37,724. Neither before nor since?—No.

[Thomas Dewhurst, of Parliament Street, is called but does not answer.]

The following letter is read by the secretary:—"Gentlemen,—I, Thomas Dewhurst, being one of the "people called Quakers, do solemnly affirm that at the "late election for members to be returned to Parliament for the borough of Lancaster, that I voted for "Fenwick and Schneider, and that I received no "money or bribe for so doing from the candidates or "any party connected with the said election as an

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"inducement for my vote, and that I did not give any "money personally or canvass any individual for his "vote. My old age, 78, and infirmity precludes me "attending in court. My medical attendant would "certify to the truth of this statement, but I shall not "have the opportunity of seeing him (Dr. De Vitre) "in time before despatching this note, so I hope you "will not require my attending personally. Should "Mr. Maxsted be in court and you show him this "note I have no doubt but he will satisfy you that "what I say is correct. I am, gentlemen, yours most "obediently, THOMAS DEWHURST. To the Election "Commissioners, at the Shire Hall, Lancaster. Lan-"caster 7th January 1867."

37,725. (*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Maxsted.*) Can you satisfy us that the contents of the note that has just been read are correct?—Indeed I cannot; I know Mr. Dewhurst to be a highly respectable man.

37,726. Is the note in his handwriting?—Yes, it is his handwriting.

37,727. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you say you do not believe the contents of the note to be true?—No, I do not say that; I can say that I verily believe them to be true.

37,728. What is Mr. Dewhurst?—An independent gentleman.

T. Dickinson.

THOMAS DICKINSON sworn and examined.

37,729. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A plumber and glazier.

37,730. In Church Street?—Yes.

37,731. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,732. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

37,733. Neither directly nor indirectly?—No.

37,734. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

37,735. Did any relation of yours receive any money that you are aware of?—Not a halfpenny.

37,736. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a master plumber?—Yes.

W. Dugdale.

WILLIAM DUGDALE sworn and examined.

37,737. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in the Ulleswater Road?—Yes.

37,738. What are you?—An attendant at the asylum.

37,739. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,740. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

37,741. How much?—40*l.*

37,742. Who from?—From Mr. Bradshaw.

37,743. What did you receive it for?—Three attendants besides myself.

37,744. Who were the three attendants?—John Davis, William Jackson, and James Curwen.

37,745. Did you hand over the three sums of 10*l.* to each of those persons?—Yes.

37,746. And kept 13*l.* for yourself?—Yes.

37,747. Was that all the money that you received?—That was all.

37,748. You are a householder?—Yes.

37,749. What is the rent of your house?—It is my own.

37,750. What is it rated at?—At 12*l.*, I think.

37,751. You say you think; most people know what their houses are rated at?—12*l.*

37,752. What are you at the asylum?—An attendant.

37,753. Head attendant?—No.

L. Eastwood.

LUKE EASTWOOD sworn and examined.

37,754. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Springfield Terrace?—Yes.

37,755. What are you?—A butcher.

37,756. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

37,757. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—Not anything at all.

37,758. You received nothing either for yourself or for anyone else?—No.

37,759. You were not in Mr. Coupland's district?—No, I was not canvassed by anyone.

37,760. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

37,761. Are you aware whether any relation of yours received any money?—I believe my brother did. I had nothing to do with it.

37,762. What is your brother's name?—Thomas Eastwood.

37,763. He is a freeman is he?—Yes.

37,764. (*Mr. Newton.*) What did your brother get?—I do not know.

37,765. What his christian name?—Thomas Eastwood.

37,766. What is he?—A cabinet-maker.

37,767. What did he get?—I do not know. I did not know till it came before you that he had got anything whatever.

37,768. (*Mr. Hill.*) What relation are you to Joseph?—A son.

37,769. Have you a farm of your own?—No.

H. Ellershaw.

HENRY ELLERSHAW sworn and examined.

37,770. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Common Garden Street?—Yes.

37,771. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,772. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

37,773. How much?—6*l.*

37,774. From whom?—From John Bradshaw of Market Street, draper.

37,775. Did you receive anything else?—No.

37,776. That was all you got?—Yes.

37,777. What are you?—A hosier.

37,778. Do you live in your own house?—Yes.

37,779. What is the rent?—10*l.*

J. C. Moon.

JAMES CARTER MOON sworn and examined.

37,780. (*Mr. Hill.*) You in live Great John Street?—Yes.

37,781. You are a freeman?—Yes.

37,782. Are you a cabinet-maker?—Yes.

37,783. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider.

37,784. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

37,785. None of any sort?—No.

37,786. Had you anything to do with canvassing for the election?—Not anything.

37,787. You have a considerable number of men in your employ have you not?—Yes.

37,788. How many freemen do you suppose you have in your employ?—I suppose 26 or 28.

37,789. Did you exercise any influence over them as to their votes?—No.

37,790. Did you speak to any of them as to how they should vote?—I did not.

37,791. You are, I believe, the head of the firm of Gillow?—Yes.

JOHN MILNE sworn and examined. *J. Milne.*

37,792. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live on Castle Hill ?—Yes.

37,793. What are you ?—An upholsterer.

37,794. Are you a householder ?—Yes.

37,795. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,796. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election ?—I received 12*l.* from John Cross to pay over to William Cumpsty, which I paid the day after the election.

37,797. Was that all the money that you received ?—Yes.

37,798. I suppose you were a sort of stakeholder ?—Yes, I believe that was the circumstance.

37,799. Did any relation of yours receive any money ?—No.

37,800. Did you see any voters paid besides Cumpsty ?—None.

JOHN FISHER sworn and examined. *J. Fisher.*

37,801. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,802. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election ?—For my vote ?

37,803. First of all what money did you receive altogether ?—10*l.* for the house and 16*l.* 5*s.* for refreshments ; that is all.

37,804. You voted for Fenwick and Schneider ?—Yes.

37,805. What was the name of your house ?—It was the "Wellington Arms" then.

37,806. 26*l.* 5*s.* was all the money you got altogether ?—Yes.

37,807. By whom were you paid ?—By Mr. Henry Welch.

37,808. He paid you two or three days after the election did he not ?—No.

37,809. When was it ?—At the end of October.

JOHN FITZSIMONS sworn and examined. *J. Fitzsimons.*

37,810. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—A goods manager on the Lancaster and Carlisle section of the London and North-western Railway.

37,811. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Schneider.

37,812. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—None whatever.

37,813. No money passed through your hands ?—No money whatever.

37,814. Were you canvassed by both parties ?—Yes.

37,815. Who canvassed you for Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider ?—I was not canvassed for Mr. Fenwick —Mr. Schneider.

37,816. Did you go with the candidates to any of the men on your railway ?—No, none whatever. I interfered in no way whatever.

THOMAS ROWLANDSON DUNN sworn and examined. *T. R. Dunn.*

37,817. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a householder at Skerton ?—Yes.

37,818. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,819. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—Certainly not.

37,820. Did you see any money paid ?—No.

37,821. Did you pay any money ?—Certainly not.

37,822. Had you anything to do with arranging the price of votes ?—Certainly not.

37,823. What are you ?—A gentleman.

37,824. You are in no occupation ?—No.

WILLIAM FLEMING sworn and examined. *W. Fleming.*

37,825. *Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—Secretary and manager to the Lancaster Gas Company.

37,826. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,827. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—No.

37,828. Did you pay any money ?—No.

37,829. Did you see any voter paid ?—No.

37,830. You had nothing to do with money at all ?—Nothing.

RICHARD FOSTER sworn and examined. *R. Foster.*

37,831. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you live in Penny Street ?—Yes.

37,832. What are you ?—A corn dealer.

37,833. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,834. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—No.

37,835. Did you pay any money ?—No, not a cent ; not a copper rather.

DAVID WHYTE FYFE sworn and examined. *D. W. Fyfe.*

37,836. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Nicholas Street ?—Yes.

37,837. What are you ?—I am book-keeper at the Silk Mill. I was a grocer in Nicholas Street at the time of the election.

37,838. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,839. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—I did not.

37,840. Neither for yourself or for anyone else ?—No, I did not.

37,841. Did you see any voter paid ?—No, I did not.

THOMAS GARDNER sworn and examined. *T. Gardner.*

37,842. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Parliament Street ?—Yes.

37,843. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,844. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—I received two guineas for being deputy mayor.

37,845. At which booth ?—The Assembly Room.

37,846. Was that all the money you received ?—Yes.

37,847. Had you anything to do with the election either in the way of canvassing or in paying voters ?—Not at all in any way.

37,848. What are you ?—A woollen draper.

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C. Gilchrist.

CHRISTOPHER GILCHRIST sworn and examined.

37,849. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A coach-builder.

37,850. In Cable Street?—Yes.

37,851. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

37,852. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I did not.

37,853. Nothing whatever?—No.

37,854. Neither for yourself nor for anyone else?—No.

37,855. And no one received any money for you so far as you know?—No.

J. Gorrill.

JORN GORRILL sworn and examined.

37,856. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

37,857. What are you?—A boot and shoe maker.

37,858. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Schneider and Lawrence.

37,859. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None whatever.

37,860. Did you pay any money?—None whatever.

37,861. Had you anything to do with canvassing for either party?—Nothing.

37,862. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What made you vote for Schneider and Lawrence?—Because I thought those two would represent the town the best.

37,863. For whom did you vote in the Saunders and Fenwick election?—I did not vote.

R. Greene.

RICHARD GREENE sworn and examined.

37,864. (*Mr. Bastow.*) You live in Aldcliffe Lane?—Yes.

37,865. What are you?—A market gardener.

37,866. For whom did yon vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,867. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—None.

37,868. Did you receive nothing at all?—No.

37,869. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

37,870. Are you aware whether anyone received any money for you?—None whatever.

37,871. Did you see any voter paid?—No, not one.

G. Greenall.

GEORGE GREENALL sworn and examined.

37,872. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—An organ builder.

37,873. In Church Street?—Yes.

37,874. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,875. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

37,876. Did you pay any money?—No.

37,877. You had nothing to do with paying any money or with canvassing at all?—Nothing at all.

G. Griesdale.

GEORGE GRIESDALE sworn and examined.

37,878. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Moor Lane?—Yes.

37,879. What are you?—A slater and plasterer.

37,880. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Lawrence.

37,881. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

37,882. None whatever either directly or indirectly?—No.

37,883. Did you receive anything to pay over to anyone?—No.

37,884. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is the rent of your house?—It was 12*l.*, but I have moved.

37,885. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you see any voter paid?—No.

R. Gudgeon.

ROBERT GUDGEON sworn and examined.

37,886. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Moor Lane?—Yes.

37,887. What are you?—A currier.

37,888. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,889. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None whatever.

37,890. Did you pay any?—No.

37,891. You had nothing to do with any money either directly or indirectly for the purposes of the last election?—I had nothing to do with it in any shape whatever.

37,892. What is your rental?—It is 20*l.*, the house and shop together.

F. Happold.

FREDERICK HAPPOLD sworn and examined.

37,893. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

37,894. What are you?—A pork butcher.

37,895. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick and Schneider.

37,896. What money did you receive?—Nothing atall.

37,897. Are you quite sure you received nothing?—Quite sure.

37,898. Did no relation receive any money for you?—None of my relations either.

37,899. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

J. R. Hartley.

JOHN ROWLAND HARTLEY sworn and examined.

37,900. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Nicholas Street?—Yes.

37,901. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

37,902. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,903. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—2*l.*

37,904. What was that for?—For my vote, I suppose.

37,905. From whom did you receive it?—I got 30*s.* from Benjamin Long, and 10*s.* from Mr. Tilley's office.

37,906. You say you are a cabinet maker; are you a master cabinet maker?—No.

37,907. You work at weekly wages?—Yes.

JAMES HAWORTH sworn and examined. *J. Haworth.*

37,908. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Rydal Road?—Yes.

37,909. What are you?—A grocer and tea dealer.

37,910. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,911. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None whatever.

37,912. Or any one for you?—No.

37,913. Neither for your vote, nor for your services?—Nothing at all.

37,914. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

JAMES HELME sworn and examined. *J. Helme.*

37,915. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in great John Street?—Yes.

37,916. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,917. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Not a farthing.

37,918. Neither directly nor indirectly?—Neither directly nor indirectly.

37,919. Did you pay any?—Not any.

37,920. What are you?—A draper.

37,921. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a relation to a guard on the railway, are you not?—Not that I am aware of.

[John Hewertson, of Cable Street, is called but does not answer.]

The following letter is read by the secretary:—

"Lancaster, January, 7th 1867.

"Sirs,—I beg to inform you that my father John Hewertson voted for the Liberal party. I think he "got nothing for voting; he is since dead.

"Thos. Barstow Esq. Your obedient servant JAMES HEWERTSON."

RICHARD HODGSON sworn and examined. *R. Hodgson.*

37,922. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Leonard Gate?—Yes.

37,923. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

37,924. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Not a halfpenny.

37,925. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all.

37,926. Did any one receive anything for you?—No.

37,927. Had you anything to do with the election besides voting?—Nothing at all.

37,928. What are you?—A farmer.

37,929. (*Mr. Newton.*) Were you not on a committee?—No.

37,930. (*Mr. Hill.*) What is your rental?—About 270*l.* a year.

JOHN HODGSON sworn and examined. *J. Hodgson.*

37,931. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A joiner.

37,932. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,933. Did you receive any money for the purposs of the election?—Yes.

37,934. How much?—7*l.*

37,935. Who gave it to you?—Richard Gardner.

37,936. Is that all the money you received?—Everything I received.

37,937. Were you on no committee?—No.

37,938. Did they not give you anything to spend in drink?—I do not drink.

37,939. But they might have given it to you to give to some one else to drink?—No they did not.

37,940. 7*l.* is all you got?—Yes, every farthing.

37,941. Who is the man Gardner who paid you?—Richard Gardner.

37,942. Where does he live?—He lives at White Lund.

37,943. What is he?—A farmer.

37,944. Not a voter?—No.

37,945. Where is White Lund?—Not far from Torrisholme; it was Richard Jackson Gardner.

37,946. Was he taking an active part in the election?—I do not think so.

37,947. Where did he get the money from?—I think he got it from Robert Hinde.

37,948. Are you sure his name is Gardner?—Richard Jackson Gardner.

JOHN CALBRAITH sworn and examined. *J. Calbraith.*

37,949. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a householder?—Yes.

37,950. What are you?—A minister.

37,951. Of what persuasion?—Unitarian.

37,952. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,953. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

37,954. Did you pay any?—No.

37,955. You had nothing to do either directly or indirectly with the corrupt practices?—No nothing.

Adjourned for a short time.

[William Harrison (No. 379 on the register), of China Lane, is called but does not answer.] *W. Harrison.*

WILLIAM HARRISON (No. 367 on the register) sworn and examined.

37,956. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Can you speak to William Harrison who has just been called being now at Richmond?—Yes, he was there a few weeks before Christmas.

RICHARD HINDE sworn and examined. *R. Hinde.*

37,957. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Church Street?—Yes.

37,958. What are you?—A wine merchant.

37,959. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,960. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None.

37,961. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

37,962. Did you see any voter paid?—None.

Revd. THOMAS BRYER HINDE sworn and examined. *Rev. T. B. Hinde.*

37,963. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A clerk.

37,964. A clergyman?—Yes.

37,965. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

37,966. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None.

37,967. Had you anything to do with pecuniary matters?—Nothing.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

8 Jan. 1867.

G. Kelland.

GEORGE KELLAND sworn and examined.

37,968. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Grassmere Road?—Yes.

37,969. Are you a householder or a freeman?—A householder.

37,970. What are you?—I am a book-keeper.

37,971. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

37,972. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No; I received a guinea after the election for my services as poll clerk; that is all.

37,973. You received nothing except that?—Nothing except that.

37,974. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

T. Holmes.

THOMAS HOLMES sworn and examined.

37,975. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Spring Garden Street?—Yes.

37,976. What are you?—A grocer.

37,977. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

37,978. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Not a farthing.

37,979. Did you see any money paid?—No.

37,980. Had you anything to do with canvassing?—Nothing at all.

R. Howson.

RICHARD HOWSON sworn and examined.

37,981. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Upper King Street?—Yes.

37,982. What are you?—A wheelwright.

37,983. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

36,984. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

37,985. What money did you receive?—15*l.*

37,986. From whom?—From John Marsden.

37,987. Where did you receive it?—In the street; in Penny Street.

37,988. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

37,989. Were you on no committee?—No.

37,990. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

37,991. Did you pay any voter yourself?—No.

37,992. No money was placed in your hands to pay any other voter?—No, not a farthing.

37,993. (*Mr. Patteson, the Secretary.*) Do you know whether you are on the register twice?—No, I am not aware of it.

37,994. (*Mr. Hill.*) What rent do you pay?—Perhaps 24*l.* a year.

37,995. Does your house run into Damside Street?—I was in Damside Street.

37,996. Does it run into Henry Street?—Yes it does at present.

37,997. Are you the same Richard Howson who is on as No. 1,188?—I am not aware of it.

37,998. Does this description apply to you "successive occupation, workshop Damside Street and "Henry Street?—Yes, four years ago.

T. Howson.

THOMAS HOWSON sworn and examined.

37,999. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A meal and flour dealer.

38,000. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,001. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

33,002. You received none at all during the election?—No.

38,003. Did you pay any money?—No.

38,004. You had nothing to do with the canvassing?—Not at all.

C. Hoyle.

CHARLES HOYLE sworn and examined.

38,005. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Moor Lane?—Yes.

38,006. What are you?—A maltster and brewer.

38,007. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,008. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I received 35*l.* from William Proctor to pay to James Barber.

38,009. What was that money for?—I did not know at the time. I inquired afterwards; it was for the Barber family.

38,010. How many votes?—Five.

38,011. Do you know who they were?—I do not.

38,012. There were three Barbers?—Yes, and Hardy would be one, Daniel Hardy I think.

38,013. Daniel Hardy, of Bridge Lane, tailor?—That would be the one; the other one I do not know.

38,014. Was that all the money you received?—That was all the money I had.

38,015. Did it all go for these five votes?—I suppose so, I paid it all to Barber.

38,016. Which Barber?—James Barber.

38,017. Did you receive anything for yourself?—No.

38,018. Are you aware whether any one received anything for you?—No.

38,019. Did you assist in any way in the payment of any of the voters besides the five you have named?—None at all.

38,020. You are mentioned as having assisted Mr. Coupland?—No.

38,021. Who did you assist?—I was nowhere except once down at Bare with Mr. Coupland, that was all.

T. Jackson.

THOMAS JACKSON sworn and examined.

38,022. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

38,023. What are you?—A plumber.

38,024. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,025. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—About 34*l.* or 35*l.*

38,026. From whom did you receive it?—I cannot say exactly, I received it either from Marsden or Bleasdale but which of the two I cannot exactly say.

38,027. Was that all the money you received?—That was all the money I received.

38,028. How did you expend it?—I paid three voters 8*l.* each.

38,029. What were their names?—William Richardson, James Richardson, and William Turner.

38,030. How much did you give them?—8*l.* each.

38,031. What did you do with the remaining 10*l.*?—The other 10*l.* I received a few days after the election for I suppose my expenses.

38,032. That was all the money you expended?—That was all the money I expended.

38,033. You say you voted for Fenwick and Schneider?—Yes.

38,034. You are a plumber?—Yes.

38,035. What is the rent of your house and shop?—20*l.*

HUGH KELLY sworn and examined. *H. Kelly.*

38,036. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A staff serjeant in the 1st Lancashire Militia.

38,037. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

38,038. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

38,039. Nothing at all?—No.

38,040. Not from either side?—No.

38,041. Did anyone receive any money for you?—No.

38,042. Who asked you for your vote?—The whole of the parties did.

38,043. You received nothing?—I received nothing.

38,044. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

38,045. Were there many voters in your regiment?—Only another and me.

RICHARD JACKSON sworn and examined. *R. Jackson.*

38,046. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—I keep the "Fleece" Inn in Penny Street.

38,047. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,048. Was your house taken by the "Blue" party?—Yes.

38,049. By whom was it engaged?—By Mr. Coupland.

38,050. Was there any sum fixed for it when he engaged it?—Yes.

38,051. What did he fix?—6*l.*

38,052. Is your house a licensed house or a beer-house?—A licensed house.

38,053. What money did you receive altogether?—I got 6*l.*, and then the sum altogether was 11*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, I believe, if my memory carries me right.

38,054. (*Mr. Newton.*) What was that for?—For refreshments, breakfasts, &c., 11*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* I believe.

38,055. (*Mr. Hill.*) What other money was spent at your house?—2*l.* Mr. Clark spent I believe.

38,056. In what way did he spend it?—In refreshments.

38,057. He gave it to you for refreshments?—Yes he did; that was before the election.

38,058. Then Mr. Clark called before the election and gave you 2*l.*, and then there was 11*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* for which you sent in a bill?—Yes.

38,059. And then the 6*l.*; when was that paid?—That was paid perhaps in October?—I really cannot tell, but I think it was about that time.

38,060. Was that 19*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* all you received?—Yes that was all I received.

38,061. With respect to the 2*l.* that was given to you by Mr. Clark?—It was from Mr. Clark of the Gazette Office; Mr. George Clark.

38,062. Did you give voters refreshments?—Yes.

38,063. Did you not put those refreshments down in your bill of 11*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*?—No, that was kept out.

38,064. Why was it kept out?—Because that was money left out for the purpose.

38,065. When did you begin your account?—On the nomination day.

38,066. Did you keep a score?—Yes.

38,067. A written score?—Yes.

38,068. Have you got it?—No.

38,069. Are you quite sure you kept a written score?—Yes.

38,070. How did it manage to come to exactly 2*l.*?—Because when the 2*l.* was done I had to give up.

ISAAC JOHNSON sworn and examined. *I. Johnson.*

38,071. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you live in Bath Street?—I was in Bath Street at the time of the election.

38,072. What are you?—A farmer.

38,073. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,074. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I received 1*l.* for my expenses from Southport.

38,075. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

38,076. Every farthing?—Every farthing.

38,077. Did any person receive any money for you?—No, not a penny.

RALPH BURTON LAWSON sworn and examined. *R. B. Lawson.*

38,078. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

38,079. What are you?—A general dealer.

38,080. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider.

38,081. Did you receive any money connected with the election?—Not any.

38,082. Not in any way?—Not in any way.

38,083. You are a general dealer in what?—A toy dealer and small wares; Manchester small wares and the like. I think I am on the list as a general dealer.

38,084. Are you sure you saw no money paid?—None whatever.

38,085. Did you go out canvassing at all?—No, I took no part beyond that of registering my own vote.

JOHN LEVER sworn and examined. *J. Lever.*

38,086. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A clothier.

38,087. In Penny Street?—Yes.

38,088. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,089. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Not any.

38,090. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

38,091. Are you aware of any money having been received for you?—No.

38,092. Did you see any voter paid?—No, I never interfered at the election at all. I only voted three times in my life and I never on any occasion received one farthing.

JAMES LEWTAS sworn and examined. *J. Lewtas.*

38,093. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Sun Street?—Yes.

38,094. What are you?—A corn dealer.

38,095. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick.

38,096. You plumped for him?—Yes.

38,097. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,098. Of no sort?—Of no sort.

38,099. Did anybody to your knowledge receive any money on your behalf?—No.

38,100. Did you assist in paying anybody?—No; and I did not spend a penny, and I never had any money through my hands respecting the election.

38,101. Did you canvass at all?—No.

38,102. Or arrange with anybody as to the price of a vote?—No, never anyone.

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8 Jan. 1867.

W. Mounsey.

William Mounsey sworn and examined.

38,103. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Bath Street?—Yes.

38,104. What are you?—A labourer.

38,105. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

38,106. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—10*l.*

38,107. From whom did you get it?—From Mr. Bowness.

38,108. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

38,109. You were on no committee?—No.

J. Kelsall.

Joseph Kelsall affirmed and examined.

38,110. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Quernmore?—Yes.

38,111. What are you?—I have land of my own.

38,112. How much land of your own have you?—About 87 acres; me and a brother.

38,113. What is his name?—William.

38,114. You occupy a farm?—No, I set it to a nephew.

38,115. And you live upon the rent?—Yes.

38,116. What is the rental of it?—72*l.* between us.

38,117. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Fenwick and Schneider.

38,118. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—3*l.*

38,119. From whom?—From Benjamin Mills.

38,120. And what other sum of money did you receive?—Nothing else.

38,121. Was 3*l.* all you got?—Yes.

38,122. Did none of your relations receive any money for you?—No, none.

38,123. (*Mr. Newton.*) Where did you come from to-day?—I came two miles beyond Wray.

38,124. Not far from Hornby?—No.

38,125. Do you know Thomas Kelsall, a farmer?—Yes.

38,126. Is he your brother?—Yes.

38,127. How did he vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,128. Do you know what he got?—Nothing I believe.

38,129. I do not mean the man who lives at West View, Scotforth?—He is a nephew of mine.

38,130. But the one at Quernmore; what did he get?—10*l.* I believe.

38,131. Who did he get it from?—I do not know.

38,132. What is Thomas Kelsall doing at Garston?—I do not know, I have an uncle.

38,133. I am asking about the nephew who went to Garston?—He lives at Quernmore that nephew of mine.

38,134. What is his name?—William Kelsall.

38,135. I am asking about Thomas?—He lives at Garston.

38,136. How did he vote?—He did not vote at all I believe.

38,137. But the one that lives at West View?—Him at West View did.

38,138. Do you know Thomas Kelsall, of Quernmore, farmer; who will that be?—I do not know a Thomas Kelsall there.

38,139. But there is one on the register?—He lives above Garston; he is an old man above 80 years old.

38,140. He voted?—No he did not vote at all.

38,141. He is down as voting?—But he did not vote as I heard tell of.

38,142. What makes you think he did not vote?—I heard he did not.

38,143. He voted for Fenwick and Schneider; you do not know what he got for voting?—No, I do not.

38,144. He is an old man of 80, and he is your uncle?—Yes, he is 83 I think.

[Thomas Lund, of Pitt Street, Lancaster, is called but does not answer.]

G. Lund.

George Lund sworn and examined.

38,145. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—I keep a beer-house.

38,146. Is that the "Yorkshire House"?—No the "Cabinet Makers' Arms" in Leonard Gate.

38,147. (*Mr. Patteson, the Secretary.*) Have you been examined before?—Yes.

38,148. (*Mr. Patteson.*) He is George Lund in one place and Thomas Lund in another; he is on twice.

38,149. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is your name George or Thomas?—George.

38,150. In Penny Street?—No, Leonard Gate. I did live in Penny Street.

J. Malley.

James Malley sworn and examined.

38,150*a*. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Cable Street?—Yes.

38,151. What are you?—A house carpenter.

38,152. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Schneider and Fenwick.

38,153. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,154. Nothing at all?—No.

38,155. Did you see any money paid?—No.

38,156. You had nothing to do with the election besides voting?—No, I had naught to do with it.

R. Wilson.

Richard Wilson sworn and examined.

38,157. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Market Street?—Yes.

38,158. What are you?—A resident in Lancaster.

38,159. Are you in any trade or profession?—None.

38,160. For whom did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Mr. Lawrence.

38,161. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,162. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

38,163. You had nothing to do with any money at all for the purpose of the election?—None.

38,164. Did you see any voters paid?—No.

J. Marshall.

John Marshall sworn and examined.

38,165. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Leonard Gate?—Yes.

38,166. What are you?—A tailor.

38,167. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,168. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None whatever.

38,169. Did you pay any money?—No.

38,170. Did you assist in any way at the election besides recording your vote?—In no way whatever.

RICHARD MAUDSLEY sworn and examined. *R. Maudesley.*

38,171. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Market Street?—Yes.
38,172. What are you?—A tea dealer.
38,173. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.
38,174. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None.
38,175. Did you see any money paid?—No.
38,176. Was any money deposited with you to pay to any voters?—No.

JOHN MAUDSLEY sworn and examined. *J. Maudsley.*

38,177. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A tea dealer.
38,178. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.
38,179. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I did not.
38,180. Or pay any money?—No, I did not.

WILLIAM NICHOLSON sworn and examined. *W. Nicholson.*

38,181. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Cable Street?—Yes.
38,182. What are you?—I am nothing at all now.
38,183. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.
38,184. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Not a farthing, and I never did in my life in no election, and I have seen a great many.
38,185. Did you see any voter paid at the last election?—No, I never was among them in no shape.

JOHN HOWSON sworn and examined. *J. Howson.*

38,186. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a freeman?—Yes.
38,187. A glazier?—Yes.
38,188. Of Springfield?—Yes.
38,189. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.
38,190. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—10*l.*
38,191. From whom?—From William Bulfield.
38,192. Did you receive anything else?—No.
38,193. Did you serve on any committee?—No.

THOMAS HOLLINGHURST sworn and examined. *T. Hollinghurst.*

38,194. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A railway guard.
38,195. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
38,196. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—2*l.*
38,197. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Bradley.
38,198. Where did he give it to you?—At the "Old Sir Simon's."
38,199. When did he give it to you?—On the morning of the election.
38,200. Before you voted?—Afterwards.
38,201. Was that all you received?—That was all.
38,202. Did you see any other voter paid?—No.
38,203. (*Mr. Newton.*) Is that all you got?—That is all.

WILLIAM PROTHEROE sworn and examined. *W. Protheroe.*

38,204. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A tailor
38,205. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.
38,206. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—None at all.
38,207. Did you assist in paying anybody?—I never saw any money at all during the time.
38,208. You took no active part perhaps in the election?—No, not at all.

WILLIAM SATTERTHWAITE sworn and examined. *W. Satterthwaite.*

38,209. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in King Street?—Yes.
38,210. What are you?—A grocer.
38,211. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.
38,212. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.
38,213. Did you receive any money either for yourself or for any other person?—No.
38,214. Did you see any voter paid?—I did not.
38,215. Did any money at all pass through your hands for the purpose of the election?—No.
38,216. (*Mr. Hill.*) You had a freeman in your employ at the time of the election?—Of the name of Mills.
38,217. Yes?—Yes, but I know nothing about him.
38,218. You were not aware of anything that was going on with regard to him?—No, I was not.
38,219. You knew nothing about his having had a bribe?—No.
38,220. You are quite sure that it did not come come through you?—No, I was quite ignorant of his doings till after the election.
38,221. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is he still in your employment?—He is.

CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON sworn and examined. *C. Robinson.*

38,222. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Queen Square?—Yes.
38,223. What are you?—A coal dealer.
38,224. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider,
38,225. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I received 1*l.* on the nomination day at night, and a week after the election I received 10*l.*
38,226. 11*l.* altogether?—Yes.
38,227. From whom did you receive the 1*l.*?—From John Bleasdale.
38,228. And who gave you the 10*l.*?—The same person.
38,229. Did you pay any of it away?—I considered that I was about half of it out of pocket by my expenses.
38,230. You spent money in treating, did you?—Yes I was on the Penny Street district, jointly with Marsden and Bleasdale.
38,231. I suppose the 1*l.* went for that?—No, a deal more went; I was paying money a fortnight before the election.
38,232. Did you pay any voter?—One.

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C. Robinson.

38,233. Who was that?—A man named Taylor, I do not know his Christian name.

38,234. How much did you pay him?—2*l.* I got that 2*l.* specially from Mr. Welch to take to him.

38,235. That made altogether 3*l.* that passed through your hands?—Yes.

38,236. Did you receive anything else?—No, nothing.

38,237. What is your rent?—18*l.*

W. Burrow.

WILLIAM BURROW sworn and examined.

38,238. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Skerton?—Yes.

38,239. What are you?—A grocer.

38,240. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,241. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—13*l.* 10*s.*

38,242. From whom did you receive that?—I received 1*l.* 10*s.* from George Danson and 12*l.* from a stranger at the "Black Bull," at Skerton.

38,243. Was that all the money you received?—Yes.

38,244. Was the money you received from George Danson for being on a committee?—Yes.

38,245. Did you see any other voters paid?—No.

38,246. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

38,247. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a grocer?—Yes.

38,248. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What rent do you pay?—10 guineas.

38,249. Was any money left in your hands to pay over to any other voter?—No.

R. Park.

ROBERT PARK sworn and examined.

38,250. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Upper Thurnham Street?—Yes.

38,251. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,252. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—7*l.* 10*s.*

38,253. From whom did you receive it?—Thomas Cleminson.

38,254. Were you on any committee?—No.

38,255. Was 7*l.* 10*s.* all the money you received?—Yes.

38,256. What are you?—A coachman.

38,257. What rent do you pay?—10 guineas; it was for my vote and expenses in coming from Liverpool.

38,258. It included your expenses did it?—Yes.

H. Simpson.

HENRY SIMPSON sworn and examined.

38,259. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Market Street?—Yes.

38,260. What are you?—A hosier.

38,261. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,262. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—None at all, not a penny.

38,263. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

38,264. (*Mr. Newton.*) Do you know the other Mr. Simpson?—Yes.

38,265. Is he any relation of yours?—No.

E. Storey.

EDWARD STOREY sworn and examined.

38,266. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Springfield Terrace?—Yes.

38,267. What are you?—A manufacturer.

38,268. Of what?—A cotton manufacturer.

38,269. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider.

38,270. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,271. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

A. Taylor.

ANTHONY TAYLOR sworn and examined.

38,272. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a freeman or a labourer?—A freeman.

38,273. Have you been examined here before?—No, this is the first time.

38,274. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Who did I vote for?

38,275. Yes.—I have forgotten now.

38,276. What money did you get?—John Sharp gave it to me, but I forget what I got.

38,277. What did you get?—No answer.

38,278. Come now, you must know what you got, tell us?—I do not exactly know what I got.

38,279. (*Mr. Newton.*) You got 10*l.*—Yes, that was the money.

38,280. Do you know the man's name that paid you?—Yes, Sharp I think.

38,281. No, Speight was it not.—Yes, that was it.

38,282. Can you read?—No.

38,283. Nor write?—No.

38,284. You may stand down.—Ain't you going to give me my 2*s.* then?

S. Thompson.

SAMUEL THOMPSON sworn and examined.

38,285. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Scotforth?—Yes.

38,286. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,287. What are you?—A coal agent.

38,288. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

38,289. Nothing at all?—No.

38,290. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

At the North-Western Hotel, Morecambe.

J. Overend.

JOHN OVEREND sworn and examined.

38,291. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Your name is John Overend?—Yes.

38,292. Of Poulton-le-Sands?—Yes.

38,293. What are you?—I am a gentleman following no profession.

38,294. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the last Lancaster election?—No, none whatever; I merely walked up to the hustings, gave my vote, and dined in London the same day.

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B. Bradshaw.

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BARTHOLOMEW BRADSHAW sworn and examined.

38,295. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you, Mr. Bradshaw?—A surgeon.

38,296. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,297. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—I received 3*l.* from George Vince.

38,298. Where did you receive it?—I received it in the street.

38,299. What did you do with that money?—I gave 2*l.* to Daniel Edmondson, sen., and I spent 1*l.* in taking two old men from Morecambe to Lancaster.

38,300. Did you pay for the carriage?—No.

38,301. What did you pay?—I paid for their dinners, and kept them at one of the inns till the election was over at 4 in the afternoon.

38,302. At which of the inns did you keep them?—The "White Hart."

38,303. Did you spend the whole of the 1*l.* in that way?—Yes.

38,304. Who were the two old men?—Daniel Edmondson and John Bond.

38,305. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

38,306. Did you see any other money paid but that?—Yes; but I cannot call to mind the names. I saw Vince paying a number of men at the "King's Arms" inn, Morecambe.

38,307. Did any of that money pass through your hands?—No.

38,308. Did any other money beyond the 3*l.* of which you have spoken pass through your hands?—None whatever.

38,309. Did you arrange with any other person as to the price of his vote?—No.

38,310. Did you receive the 3*l.* from George Vince before you started from Morecambe with the old men?—I received it the night before.

38,311. (*Mr. Newton.*) Which Bond is it?—John Bond, sen., he is since dead.

38,312. Did he get any other money besides?—I think so, but I do not know; if anybody paid him it would be Mr. Vince; I think I saw from the newspapers that his son had 10*l.* for him.

At the House of Mr. James Brunton, at Skerton.

J. Brunton.

JAMES BRUNTON affirmed and examined.

38,313. (*Mr. Hill.*) For whom did you vote at the last election for Lancaster?—I voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

38,314. Did you receive any money for the purposes of that election?—Nothing at all.

38,315. Were you present when any money was paid to any voter?—No.

38,316. What house were you at on the day of election?—The "Joiners' Arms," Morecambe.

38,317. Who were present?—Dr. Carruthers and the landlord.

38,318. Did you see any money there?—There was some on the table. I thought it was a sum due to the landlord, and not yet paid to him.

38,319. What were you doing there?—I was waiting for Mr. Briggs the harbour master.

38,320. Then do we understand you to say that you did not know that any money was being paid in the matter of the election?—I knew nothing about it.

38,321. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At what time were you at the "Joiners' Arms"?—Between 9 and 10 on the morning of the polling day.

38,322. What took you there?—I went to wait for Mr. Briggs.

38,323. Why did not you go to his house to see him?—It was put off.

38,324. What made you go up?—I was called up in a peremptory sort of manner and I went up.

38,325. Whom did you see?—Dr. Carruthers and the landlord.

38,326. Where did Briggs take you to?—He took us in a gig to the polling place in Leonard Gate.

38,327. Who went with you in the gig?—Mr. Briggs only.

38,228. Did you see Shackleton there?—I saw him at Morecambe.

38,329. He did not go with you to Lancaster?—No.

38,330. Had you canvassed any of those persons?—Not any.

38,331. Neither directly nor indirectly had you anything to do with money at that election?—No.

38,332. Were there many people in the house?—Yes, a great many; a great deal of them were tipsy and I did not want anything to do with them; I did not know any of them.

Adjourned to to-morrow 10 o'clock to Lancaster Castle.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

Lancaster Castle, Wednesday, 9th January 1867.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

PRESENT:

Mr. BARSTOW. | Mr. NEWTON. | Mr. HILL.

E. H. Satterthwaite.

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EDWARD HUGHES SATTERTHWAITE sworn and examined.

38,333. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you a magistrate for the county?—Yes.

38,334. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,335. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,336. Did you see any vote paid?—No.

38,337. Are you a freeman?—Yes.

J. Thompson.

JOHN THOMPSON sworn and examined.

38,338. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Scotforth?—Yes.

38,339. What are you?—A builder.

38,340. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,341. Did you get any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,342. Did you pay any money?—No.

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W. Wood.

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WILTON WOOD sworn and examined.

38,343. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Cable Street ?—Yes.

38,344. What are you ? — A wine and spirit merchant.

38,345. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Edward Lawrence.

38,346. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—Not any.

38,347. Neither for yourself or for any other person ?—No.

38,348. Did you see any voter paid ?—No.

L. Sanderson.

LANCELOT SANDERSON sworn and examined.

38,349. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Church Street, Lancaster ?—Yes.

38,350. What are you ?—I am a retired schoolmaster for one thing.

38,351. Are you in anything else now ?—I am actuary of the savings bank.

38,352. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,353. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—None.

38,354. Did you pay any money ?—No.

38,355. Had you anything to do with canvassing any voters ?—No.

M. Todd, jun.

MARK TODD, jun., sworn and examined.

38,356. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you ?—An ironmonger,

38,357. Of Skerton ?—Yes.

38,358. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,359. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—No, none.

38,360. Neither for yourself nor for any other person ?—No.

38,361. Did yon see any votes paid ?—No.

B. Thornhill.

BRYAN THORNHILL sworn and examined.

38,362. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—Adjutant of militia.

38,363. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,364. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—None.

38,365. Did you see any voters paid ?—No.

W. Backhouse.

WILLIAM BACKHOUSE sworn and examined.

38,366. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—An accountant.

38,367. You are not a voter, I think ?—No.

38,368. What part did you take in the last election ?—Nothing further than conveying a message from George Danson to two of the butchers in the Shambles.

38,369. When did you convey that message ?—On the evening before the day of election.

38,370. What were the names of the butchers to whom you conveyed that message ?—Septimus Hodgson, and William Gill.

38,371. What was the message that you took from George Danson to those two men ?—To ask them how they were going to vote.

38,372. Well ?—And if they wanted to make any arrangement to get them across to Robert Lamb's of the "Slip Inn," to meet Mr. Richard Coupland.

38,373. Did you take them across to the "Slip Inn" ?—I went along with them.

38,374. With the two ?—There were other two.

38,375. There were two others there when you got there ?—No, the two that I spoke to spoke to the others. I had nothing to do with the other two.

38,376. You took them to the "Slip Inn" ?—Yes.

38,377. Did you meet Mr. Coupland there ?—He was there.

38,378. Did Mr. Coupland or you fix the price that was to be paid for the votes of those butchers ?—I had nothing to do with fixing the price. I left them in less than a minute after going in, and I am not aware that I even spoke in the house.

38,379. You left the four butchers, Mr. Coupland and George Danson there ?—No, not George Danson while I was there.

38,380. You did not see George Danson go in ?—I did not. I did not see any more of him that day.

38,381. Do you know any more of it than that ?—No, nothing whatever.

38,382. Do you know the price the men were to be paid ?—No.

38,383. But you took them there to fix the price ?—To make an arrangement. I did not hear anything about the price.

38,384. You have no doubt I suppose that going there to make an arrangement meant fixing a money, price ?—I think it did.

38,385. That was all you had to do with the election ?—That was all I had to do with it.

38,386. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you say nothing to them about what they expected to get ?—I am not certain whether I did or not.

38,387. Had you any conversation with them about what they expected to get ?—I do not know that there was any conversation specially about money.

38,388. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not say to Hodgson "You might as well have something for your vote ?—No, I did not."

38,389. Wilson says in answer to the question "Did you make any bargain with Backhouse," "Backhouse said you might as well have something for your vote ?"—I am not aware that I said so.

38,390. Did you ever recommend them to ask "A score" ?—Such a word might pass, but it was not my recommendation.

38,391. But such a word passed in your presence ?—It might pass.

38,392. Did it or not ?—I think there was "A score" mentioned. I think it was mentioned in my presence.

38,393. Among the four they agreed to ask "A score"—I do not know that it was agreed.

38,394. They proposed to ask "A score" ?—They did.

38,395. Have you any doubt what "A score" meant ?—I have no doubt it meant a score pounds.

38,396. Had you any authority from anybody to fix any price ?—No, none whatever.

38,397. Can you recollect exactly what the message was that George Danson gave to you ?—I met Danson at the foot of Market Street, on the evening of the nomination day. He said in conversation "How are the butchers going to do in the market," I said, "I do not know, some are going for you and some against you," and he said, "Go and see those who "are going for us, and if they mean to make any "arrangement, get them across to Robert Lamb's to "the "Slip Inn," and there will be Mr. Coupland or "Captain Coupland." That is about as near as I can repeat it word for word.

WILLIAM MILNER sworn and examined.

38,398. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Queen Street?—Yes.

38,399. What are you?—A bookseller.

38,400. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,401. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.

38,402. Did you receive any money to give to any other person?—No.

38,403. Did you see any voters paid?—No.

38,404. Did you take any part in arranging for the payment of votes?—No.

THOMAS SKIRROW sworn and examined.

38,405. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Damside Street?—Yes.

38,406. What are you?—A corn dealer.

38,407. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,408. Did you receive any money for the purposes of that election?—No.

38,409. Neither for your own vote nor for anybody else's?—No.

JOHN MARSDEN sworn and examined.

38,410. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A brush manufacturer.

38,411. Are you the father of John Marsden, a brush manufacturer?—Yes.

38,412. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,413. Did any money come to your hands for the purposes of the election?—Not anything.

38,414. You took no part in the paying of voters?—No, I took no part in the election whatever, no further than voting.

WILLIAM MATHERS sworn and examined.

38,415. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Main Street, Skerton?—Yes.

38,416. What are you?—I am a wool sorter by trade, but I have been in the public line.

38,417. What were you in 1865?—A publican.

38,418. What was the name of your public house?—The "Black Horse" at Skerton.

38,419. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,420. Was your house taken for the purposes of the election?—It was.

38,421. By whom?—By Mr. Towers.

38,422. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—I received 13*l.* for the use of my house and for some refreshments, and my expenses from Rochdale to Lancaster and back.

38,423. They only drank on that one day at your house?—On the nomination day as well.

38,424. But they only scored up on that day?—No, unless there was some trifle before.

38,425. I suppose 2*l.* would cover that?—I cannot say.

38,426. You know from your wife; 2*l.* would cover that, would it not?—I am sure I cannot say to tell the truth.

38,427. What were your expenses from Rochdale; would they be about 15*s.* there and back?—Perhaps it might be about that, not quite so much; it depends upon what train I came by.

38,428. How much did you receive for the use of your house?—I do not know.

38,429. Was there any committee held at your house?—Yes.

38,430. People came there drinking at night?—Yes, but I was not there so much, only on the nomination day.

38,431. Did you send in any bill?—No.

38,432. When were you paid the 13*l.*?—I think the election day, at night.

38,433. By whom?—By Mr. Towers.

38,434. And you did not give him any score or anything of that sort?—No.

38,435. What was the amount for refreshments supplied at your house?—I cannot exactly say; I was not always in the house.

38,436. Was it 10*l.* for the house, and 3*l.* for refreshments?—It was altogether.

38,437. What made you fix on 13*l.* instead of 14*l.*, or any other sum?—I cannot say.

38,438. How came it to be a sum of 13*l.*, instead of 12*l.* or 14*l.*?—I do not know, I am sure.

38,439. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You say you did not receive anything else?—No, I did not.

38,440. And there was no arrangement as to the price that was to be given for your house?—I do not know what arrangement might have been made with my mistress, but there was not by me, because I was not there.

[John Day, of Moor Lane, Lancaster, is called but does not answer.]

(*The following letter is read by the Secretary.*)

"January 5th 1867. To the Royal Commissioners.
"Gentlemen,—I have received a summons to attend
"the Court of Inquiry now being held, but am very
"sorry to be unable to do so. I have for some time
"past been laid aside by a severe attack of paralysis.
"At the last election I voted for Messrs. Fenwick
"and Schneider, and received in a fortnight after 10*s.*
"from Mr. George Bowners. I took no part in the
"election, and had nothing besides the 10 shillings.
"—I am, yours very respectfully,
"(Signed) JOHN DAY."

[Samuel Mashiter Dodgson, of Bulk, blacksmith, is called but does not answer.]

(*The following certificate is read by the Secretary.*)—"Mr. Samuel Mashiter Dodgson is suffering from
"chest disease, and quite unfit to leave his home.
"King Street, January 4th. (Signed) JOHN HARKER, M.D., M.R.C.S., &c."

JACOB NELSON sworn and examined.

38,441. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A farmer.

38,442. Where at?—At Cockerham.

38,443. You are not a voter?—No.

38,444. What money did you receive for the purposes of the last Lancaster election?—40*l.* 5*s.*

38,445. From whom did you receive that?—I received 5*s.* from Mr. Clark in Lancaster.

38,446. Where did you receive the rest?—I got 35*l.* on the election morning from Mr. Jackson of Liverpool; the young man, not the old gentleman.

38,447. Was he Mr. Jackson's son?—I believe so.

38,448. Do you know Mr. Isaac Jackson?—No, I do not; he said he was Mr. Jackson's son.

38,449. What else?—And 5*l.* that day.

38,450. From whom?—From the same young man.

38,451. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

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38,452. I suppose you received the 5*s.* some time before the election?—Perhaps a fortnight before.

38,453. How did you spend it?—I gave Thomas Armer, of Cockerham, 10*l.*; Anthony Armer, 10*l.*; and 7*l.* to William Threlfall. There is a bill of 10*l.* 3*s.* (*handing a paper to the Commissioners.*)

38,454. Who is the Mr. Rothwell who is mentioned in this bill? It says, "Mr. Rothwell's orders, 2*l.* 15*s.* 6d.," and there is a charge for 16 breakfasts?—It is Mr. Rothwell, of Foxholes.

38,455. (*Mr. Hill.*) What did you do with the balance?—It went for expenses.

38,456. Your expenses?—Yes.

38,457. Treating?—Yes, and a good deal beside that; I spent money out of my own pocket.

38,458. Was Mr. Rothwell taking a pretty active part in the election?—He was; he got the voters together and treated them.

38,459. Who arranged the price of the three votes you have mentioned; who arranged Thomas Armer's price?—Me.

38,460. By Mr. Rothwell's orders?—No.

38,461. Did Mr. Rothwell tell you how much you might give?—No.

38,462. As far as you know, Mr. Rothwell did not arrange the price of any vote?—No, I had nothing at all to do with him; their price was not arranged; they wanted the same price as the others got in the same parish.

J. Bond.

JAMES BOND sworn and examined.

38,463. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Skerton?—Yes.

38,464. Why were you not here before?—Because I had not occasion to come.

38,465. You were summoned, were you not?—There was a man left a summons, but I never had it in my hand.

38,466. Why did you not come when you were ordered to come?—Because it was at night when I got it, and it was not in my name.

38,467. What are you?—I am a labourer.

38,468. Where?—In Lancaster.

38,469. Where do you live?—I live in George Street, No. 3.

38,470. Did you vote at the last election?—No, nor never in my life.

38,471. Are you on the register?—No, I am not a freeman neither.

38,472. Did you ever live at Skerton?—I lived at Skerton about 25 years. I lived 10 years in yon house that I live in the 20th of last August, and I live in the same house yet. I never voted in my life.

38,473. But you knew you were on the register did you not?—No.

38,474. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What is your christian name?—"James" Bond—I never voted in my life.

38,475. Is there any relation of yours of the name of James Bond?—No, I have not a relation of that name nowhere.

38,476. Where are you working?—I work for Hartley down in Cable Street.

38,477. Were you ever a fisherman?—Never in my life.

W. J. Wane.

WILLIAM JEREMIAH WANE sworn and examined.

38,478. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I believe you are the present mayor of Lancaster?—Yes.

38,479. What are you?—A cheese factor.

38,480. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Mr. Lawrence.

38,481. Did you receive any money for the purposes of that election?—No.

38,482. Did you see any voters paid?—No.

J. Wane.

JOHN WANE sworn and examined.

38,483. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A cheese factor.

38,484. Are you in partnership with your brother?—Yes

38,485. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,486. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,487. Did you pay any?—No.

38,488. Did you take an active part in the election?—None at all.

W. Nickal.

WILLIAM NICKAL sworn and examined.

38,489. (*M. Barstow.*) You live in Edward Street? Yes.

38,490. I think you are a freeman?—Yes.

38,491. What are you?—A painter.

38,492. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,493. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,494. Nothing at all?—No.

38,495, Do you mean to tell us that you received no money at all?—I received no money.

38,496. Did anyone receive any money on your behalf?—No.

38,497. No relation of yours?—No, only my father. He received 10*l.*

38,498. Have you had no money paid to you since the election?—No, none.

38,499. Did you receive no money either for yourself or for any other person?—No.

38,500. Did you see any voters paid?—Yes, I saw two paid.

38,501. Who were those?—John Beeley and Thomas Turner Goad.

38,502. Where were they paid?—They were paid after voting.

38,503. Did you pay them?—No.

38,504. Were they paid in your house?—No, they were paid in the street.

38,505. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you not get any part of the money that was paid to your father?—No.

38,506. Was not some of it paid to him for you?—No.

R. Roberts.

ROBERT ROBERTS sworn and examined.

38,507. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Lodge Street?—Yes.

38,508. What are you?—A moulder.

38,509. Were you not summoned in September?—No.

38,510. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,511, Did you get any money for the purposes of the election?—I got 20*l.* three weeks after the election.

38,512. From whom?—Mr. Wearing.

38,513. Did you get any other money?—No.

38,514 What did you do with the money you so received?—I paid 2*l.* to John Swindells, 2*l.* to Robert Holt, and 2*l.* to Samuel Mason.

38,515. And the rest you returned?—Yes.

38,516. To whom?—To Mr. Wearing.

38,517. When did you return it?—The day after I received it.

38,518. What did Mr. Wearing give you that money for?—To pay what he thought would be my expenses. I did not see him when he brought it; he left it at my house.

38,519. What were the expenses that you had incurred?—This 6*l.* was all I paid out of it.

38,520. Was this 6*l.* all the expenses you had incurred?—Yes.

38,521. But you would not pay to people sums of 2*l.* for expenses which you had incurred?—I did not incur them myself.

38,522. What expenses did you incur?—None myself.

38,523. What made you go to Wearing and ask him for the money?—I did not ask him for it.

38,524. Did he give it to you without your asking then?—Yes.

38,525. Did you know what expenses had been incurred?—No, I made an arrangement with those men to assist in the election and to do what they could, and I said that I would see them paid, and if nobody paid them I would pay them myself.

38,526. They were three voters?—Yes.

38,527. What did you give them the money for?—For voting and looking after the voters.

38,528. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you assist Towers?—No.

38,529. Who were these men?—Swindells, Holt, and Mason. They are voters living in Lancaster.

38,530. What do they work at?—One works at Mr. Jackson's.

38,531. What is Mr. Jackson?—A cotton manufacturer, and the other two work at King's foundry.

38,532. How came you to get 20*l.* to pay those three men?—Mr. Wearing left it at my house; I was not in when he brought it.

38,533. You returned 14*l.*?—Yes.

38,534. Did you get nothing for yourself?—No.

38,535. No money whatever?—No.

38,536. How was it that you did not get any of this money?—I did not require any.

38,537. Did you mean that you did not care to have any money for your vote?—No.

38,538. You voted without being paid for it?—Yes.

38,539. And these other men took the money for what they thought was their wages, was it?—They got everybody's vote they could.

38,540. Were you on any committee?—No.

38,541. Had you worked before at previous elections?—Yes, a little.

38,542. And did you receive money to pay people in previous elections?—Yes.

38,543. Under Mr. Wearing?—Yes.

THOMAS THOMPSON sworn and examined.

T. Thompson.

38,544. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you an an attorney practising in Lancaster?—I am.

38,545. Are you clerk to the magistrates here?—I am.

38,546. For whom did you vote at the last election? For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,547. Did you receive any money of the purposes of the election?—None.

[John Walker, of Leonard Gate, wine merchant, is called but does not answer.]

The following certificate is read by the Secretary:—"Mr. John Walker, Saint Leonard Gate, is ill and unfit "to leave his house. J. P. LANGSHAW, F.R.C.S. Eng., Lancaster, January 7th 1857."

JOSEPH BELL sworn and examined.

J. Bell.

38,548. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

38,549. What are you?—A grocer.

38,550. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,551. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None.

38,552. Did you spend any?—No.

38,553. You know nothing of any illegal expenses?—No.

ROBERT BICKERDIKE sworn and examined.

R. Bickerdike.

38,554. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Dalton Square?—Yes.

38,555. What are you?—A cotton manufacturer.

38,556. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider.

38,557. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—A short time after the election, I received two guineas from the Town Clerk for my services as poll clerk at one of the booths; beyond that I received nothing and took no part whatever in the election.

ROBERT HOLT sworn and examined.

R. Holt.

38,558. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Market Street?—Yes.

38,559. What are you?—A book-keeper.

38,560. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider.

38,561. What money did you get for the purposes of the election?—I received about 2*l.* three weeks after the election.

38,561. Was that from Robert Roberts?—Yes.

38,562. (*Mr. Hill.*) That is all the money you received?—That is all I received.

38,563. You are a book-keeper, where?—In the Phœnix Foundry.

38,564. Did you do any work on any committee?—No, only with Mr. Roberts, assisting him in getting voters.

38,565. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you assist him?—In getting as many voters as we could.

38,566. Going about at night looking for them?—Yes, anywhere.

38,567. How many did you look after?—Perhaps half a dozen.

WILLIAM NEWTON sworn and examined.

W. Newton.

38,568. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Sun Street?—Yes.

38,569. What are you?—A tea dealer.

38,570. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,571. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—I received 1*l.* for loss of time and hindrance in my business.

31,572. From whom did you receive that?—I received it I think from John Bell; at least it was some time after; he called in and gave it to my son at the shop.

38,573. How did you lose any time?—It was my day up into Yorkshire and I said if I stayed to vote on the election day, I should expect something, and they agreed to give me 1*l.* without any further ceremony.

38,574. Was that all the money you received?—That is all I received.

38,575. (*Mr. Newton.*) You would not vote unless you got the 1*l.*?—I said if I stayed in town to vote I should expect to be paid.

38,576. What is your rental?—The house is 10*l.*

38,577. And the shop?—I have no shop.

38,578. You are a tea dealer?—Yes.

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JAMES NIXON sworn and examined.

38,579. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Church Street?—Yes.

38,580. What are you?—A bookseller and stationer.

38,581. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,582. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None whatever.

38,583. Did you see any money paid?—None.

38,584. You had nothing to do with money matters?—No; I took no part whatever in the election.

M. Noble.

MARTIN NOBLE sworn and examined.

38,585. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Leonardgate?—Yes.

38,586. What are you?—An inspector of telegraphs.

38,587. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,588. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—5*l.* from Mr. Allinson.

38,589. Where did you receive that?—At his own house I believe.

38,590. Were you on any committee?—No.

38,591. Did you receive that before or after you had voted?—Before; it was not for my own vote you will understand please.

38,592. What was it for then?—3*l.* I paid to a person named William Noble in Preston, and 1*l.* for Mr. Dallabella, and he voted for the opposite party and returned the 1*l.*, and that and the balance of the other money I returned to Mr. Allinson.

38,593. What did you pay Noble for?—For his loss of time and expenses in coming.

38,594. He did come?—He did come, and voted.

38,595. What relation is he of yours?—A cousin twice or thrice removed I believe.

38,596. How much money do you say you returned?—I returned near 2*l.*, I had not a farthing myself.

38,597. What did you pay your relative?—3*l.*; when Dalabella returned the sovereign, I was offered it for my expenses, but I would not have it, because I had been put to no expenses.

38,598. You returned Dalabella's 1*l.*, and the other 1*l.* as well?—Yes.

T. Parkinson.

THOMAS PARKINSON sworn and examined.

38,599. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

38,600. Where do you live?—In Penny Street.

38,601. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,602. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

38,603. How much?—12*l.*

38,604. From whom?—From John Bleasdale.

38,605. Did you pay away any part of that?—No.

38,606. Did you receive any other money?—No.

38,607. Was 12*l.* all you got?—Yes.

T. Parkinson.

THOMAS PARKINSON sworn and examined.

38,608. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?— A tailor.

38,609. In George Street?—Yes.

38,610. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence.

38,611. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—My wife received 9*l.*

38,612. From whom did she receive it?—Mr Whittaker.

33,613. What Whittaker is that?—A tailor in Church Street.

38,614. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

J. Parkinson.

JOHN PARKINSON sworn and examined.

38,615. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—Plumber.

38,616. In the New Road?—Yes.

38,617. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,618. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—None.

38,619. None of any sort?—No.

38,620. Did you pay any money?—No.

38,621–2. You had nothing to do with the election besides voting?—No, not at all,

[John Fort, jun., of Lodge Street, woollendraper, is called but does not answer.]

J. Fort.

JOHN FORT sworn and examined.

38,623. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Is your son at Newark?—Yes.

38,624. What is your son?—Assistant to a woollen draper.

38,625. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,626. Are you aware whether he received anything for his vote?—He received 3*l.* 10*s.* for his expenses from Mr. Stephen Wright Wearing.

38,627. Where did he come from?—He came from Newark-upon-Trent.

38,628. Is that all the money he received?—For anything I am aware of.

38,629. You believe that that is all he received?—Yes.

38,630. You know he received 3*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes. He told me so a few days after the election.

38,631. (*Mr. Newton.*) He might have got more and not have told you?—I do not think he did; it was understood between Mr. Wright Wearing and me, that he should receive that money when he came.

W. Parkinson.

WILLIAM PARKINSON sworn and examined.

38,632. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Quernmore?—Yes.

38,633. What are you?—A miller and corn dealer.

38,634. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,635. Did you receive any money for the purposes of that election?—None.

38,636. Did you pay any?—None.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) Are you aware that anyone received any money for you?—No, no one received any money for me.

B. P. Gregson.

BRYAN PAGET GREGSON sworn and examined.

38,637. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—I am an engineer and manager of canal and other works.

38,638. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,939. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None whatever.

38,940. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—None whatever.

ROBERT PERCY sworn and examined. *R. Percy.*

38,641. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Church Street?—Yes.

38,642. What are you?—A corn dealer.

38,643. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,644. What money did you receive?—None.

38,645. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

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RICHARD PRESTON sworn and examined. *R. Preston.*

38,646. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Church Street?—Yes.

38,647. What are you?—A grocer.

38,648. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,649. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None.

38,650. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

38,651. Did you see any voters paid?—No.

THOMAS PRESTON sworn and examined. *T. Preston.*

38,652. (*Mr. Hill.*) You also live in Church Street?—Yes.

38,653. What are you?—A grocer.

38,654. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,655. Did you get any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,656. Did you pay any?—No.

38,657. Had you anything to do with any money?—No.

38,658. Nor anybody on your behalf?—No.

ISAAC PRITT sworn and examined. *Isaac Pritt.*

38,659. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Queen Street?—Yes.

38,660. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

38,661. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,662. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

38,663. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

WILLIAM PROCTOR sworn and examined. *W. Proctor.*

38,664. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A butcher.

38,665. In Spring Garden Street?—Yes.

38,666. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,667. Did you get any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,668. Did you pay any money on your behalf?—No.

38,669. Did anybody else receive any money?—No.

GEORGE REID sworn and examined. *G. Reid.*

38,670. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Church Street?—Yes.

38,671. What are you?—A tea dealer.

38,672. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,673. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—None.

38,674. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

JOSEPH RICHARDSON sworn and examined. *J. Richardson.*

38,675. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in New Street?—Yes.

38,676. What are you)—A bookseller.

38,677. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,678. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,679. Did you pay any?—No.

38,680. Had you anything to do with any money?—No.

38,681. Did anybody else to your knowledge receive any money for you?—No.

JAMES ROBERTSON sworn and examined. *J. Robertson.*

38,682. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Upper King Street?—Yes.

38,683. What are you?—I am in no profession.

38,684. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

38,685. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,686. Neither for yourself nor for anyone else?—No.

38,687. (*Mr. Hill.*) Did you pay any?—No.

38,688. Do you know of anyone having received any money for you?—No.

NATHANIEL RILEY sworn and examined. *N. Riley.*

38,689. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Common Garden Street?—Yes.

38,690. What are you?—A grocer.

38,691. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,692. Did you pay any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,693. Did you receive any?—No.

38,694. Had you anything to do with any?—No.

38,695. Nor anybody on your behalf?—No, not at all.

WILLIAM RILEY sworn and examined. *W. Riley.*

38,696. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A grocer.

38,694. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,698. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—About a fortnight after the election I had 2*l.* sent to me.

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38,699. Who sent you that?—My son was a captain you know of that party; Mr. Welch I fancy it came from.

38,700. Had you done anything besides voting during the election?—Yes, I had to take the voting papers and all that. I was on the committee about a fortnight.

38,701. Was that all the money you received, 2*l.*?—I got two voters; I went to Knowley Allinson to get 20*l.* to give them for voting.

38,702. You got 20*l.*?—From Knowles Allison.

38,703. To give to the two Tomlinsons perhaps?—Two Tomlinsons—Richard and Thomas.

38,704. Was that all the money you received?—That was all.

38,705. Where you on any committee?—I was on the committee for Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

38,706. (*Mr. Hill.*) What work did you do on the committee?—I took all their papers out; their voting papers and the like of that, and looked after any votes I could get.

38,707. How many times did you go round with papers?—I had a deal of places to go to, and look after voters.

38,708. What was your occupation at that time; what was your own business?—I was neglecting my business to look after that.

38,709. Did you employ anybody to look after your own business for you?—My son was there.

38,710. But he is there always?—Yes.

38,711-12. He was a captain. He was not looking after the business, was he, at that time?—He was when I was not there.

R. Robinson.

RICHARD ROBINSON sworn and examined.

38,713. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Common Garden Street?—Yes.

38,714. What are you?—An inspector on the railway.

38,715. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

38,716. Did you receive any money for the purposes of that election?—None whatever.

38,717. Did you arrange with any voters as to the price of their votes?—No.

38,718. Had you anything to do with money matters or with any illegal expenses of any sort?—No.

38,719. Did you take any part in the election besides voting?—None at all.

E. B. Dawson.

EDWARD BOUSFIELD DAWSON sworn and examined.

38,720. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a barrister-at-law?—Yes.

38,721. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,722. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election either for yourself or for any other person?—No.

Rev. H. Fielding.

Rev. HENRY FIELDING sworn and examined.

38,723. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—Chaplain of the Castle.

38,724. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,725. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the last election?—No.

38,726. Did you pay any money?—No.

R. Whiteside.

ROBERT WHITESIDE recalled and further examined.

38,727. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You were examined before us on the 4th of September last?—Yes.

38,728. We understand you wish to make some statement?—Yes; I wish to make a statement respecting one party, to whom I said I had given 5*l.*; since then, circumstances have come before me, which make me believe the contrary, and I have felt it my duty to come and state that here.

38,729. What do you mean by "the contrary?"—That I did not give the party 5*l.*

38,730. Who was the party?—That party is Mrs. Fawcett.

38,731. Mr. Robert Fawcett, a freeman?—Yes; but I stated that I gave the 5*l.* to his mother.

38,732. And you stated it with great circumstantiality, and with a very ample prelude about this young man being so anxious to do his duty to his country?—That is true.

38,733. But what you said as to giving his mother 5*l.* is not true?—As to the money, I have thought about it, and I have felt it my duty to come and state that now to you publicly.

38,734. Do you mean to say that you gave no sum of money at all to the mother?—I believe I gave no sum at all, now; circumstances have occurred which have convinced me to the contrary. I had no doubt on my mind, at the time, that I did give her the money.

38,735. And now you have no doubt the other way?—I have a doubt, but I wish to give the person the benefit of the doubt.

38,736. How do you account for the 5*l.*, supposing you did not give it to Mrs. Fawcett?—I did not receive it from Mr. Welch.

38,737. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you mean to tell us now that a whole column of your evidence is false?—No.

38,738. You were cross-examined by me and by Mr. Barstow, as to all the details, putting your statement against that of a Mr. James Turner?—No; I received the money from Mr. James Turner.

38,739. In your evidence you gave a very minute explanation as to how the whole thing took place; as to who paid for the chair, and whether it should be a sedan chair, and so on?—All that is true.

38,740. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did you or did you not give 5*l.* to the mother?—I have a doubt that I did not give it to the mother.

38,741. What is the reason for your doubt?—The reason is this; since then I have heard she says that I did not give it to her; I was told so.

38,742. Have you seen her?—I saw her last night; she sent for me, and she said the statement was doing her mischief. I said I had no intention to tell a falsehood; and, after we had talked the matter over, I said I would come before you and make this statement.

38,743. What did she say?—She said I did not give the money to her.

38,744. What made you come here and tell us that lie?—It was not a lie.

38,745. You stated it in your evidence with all the details, and you went fully into all the circumstances, and now you come here and tell us that what you told us before was all a lie?—No; I was not wilfully telling what was not true.

38,746. (*Mr. Barstow.*) This happens to be the most circumstantial evidence of the whole; you said you polled the dying man, and that you paid the bribe to his mother. Do you mean now to say that you have a doubt about it?—Yes.

38,747. (*Mr. Newton.*) You told us a deliberate falsehood, and put the 5*l.* into your own pocket?—I

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beg your pardon, I did not do either; at the time I had no doubt that I had paid her the money.

38,748. If you did not pay the 5*l.* to the mother, you put it into your own pocket?—I did not.

38,749. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You account for a portion of the money you received, by saying that you paid 5*l.* to Mrs. Fawcett; if you did not pay Mrs. Fawcett the 5*l.* how do you account for the expenditure of it?—If you will look at my statement you will see that I said I received the money from Mr. Henry Welch after the election was over.

38,750. This 5*l.* from Mr. Turner?—Yes.

38,751. (*Mr. Hill.*) But you received at half-past 7 in the evening, from Henry Welch, 48*l.*?—Yes; Mr. Welch says I only received about 40*l.* I have since seen him, and he is still of the same opinion.

38,752. (*Mr. Barstow.*) 48*l.* is a broken sum, not a round sum?—I put down what I had paid, as I thought, and reckoned it up, and came to the conclusion that that was the amount he gave me.

38,753. You try to get out of this by saying that you have "cooked" your accounts?—No, I did not "cook" them; may I tell you the circumstance that produced a doubt on my mind?

38,754. By all means.—When I was told that Mrs. Fawcett said I did not pay her, the fact of the woman being a woman of respectability created a doubt upon my mind of itself; I then went to Mr. Henry Welch, to ask him if he could remember any particulars respecting this matter; and he stated to me that the sum he felt sure was something less than 40*l.* that he gave to me. I then went home, and looked to see if I could find any documents that I had made those statements out on, and I found the book in which the original transaction took place, and that has been the cause of my coming here. I should not have come if I had not found that.

38,755. Where is the book?—I have it in my pocket (*producing a pocket-book, and handing it to the Commissioners.*)

38,756. Why did you not look for that book before?—I did not know that I had such a thing.

38,757. It is strange that you should not know in September what you know in January?—I may tell you that I entirely forgot Mrs. Fawcett altogether till Mr. Turner gave his evidence. I went to Mr. Turner immediately after I had been told of his evidence, to mention the matter to him. I did not remember receiving the 5*l.* from him; but the conversation brought the thing to my mind clearly, that he did give me the 5*l.*

38,758. What has Mr. Welch to do with it, when you say that this money came from Turner?—You will find it is accounted for.

38,759. Mr. Turner says that he gave the money to you to pay Fawcett, the voter, and you say you did not pay it to him, but that you paid it to his mother?—I had no doubt in my mind at the time that I did so.

38,760. I have no doubt in my mind that you either paid it, or else that you put it into your own pocket?—I am sorry you have that impression. I had no intention of entering into electioneering matters in order to make money; if I had seen that book at first I should not have made the statement.

38,761. But Turner would have made the statement that he gave you the money?—Yes, there is no doubt that I received the money from Turner, but I accounted for it to Mr. Welch. I received 1*l.* previous to that which is accounted for also.

38,762. Who is Richard Bonnell, who is mentioned in this pocket book?—He is a voter; you will see I returned that money back to Mr. Welch.

38,763. When did you scratch out the name R. Fawcett?—Just at the time; just as it occurred.

38,764. Where do you think you paid Mrs. Fawcett, if you paid her at all?—I do not think I paid her now; the conversation took place in her parlour respecting what I stated before.

T. Sale.

THOMAS SALE sworn and examined.

38,765. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are of Springfield?—Yes.

38,766. What are you?—A book-keeper.

38,767. For whom did you vote at the last election? For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,768. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,769. Did you pay any?—No.

38,770. Did anybody pay any for you?—No.

38,771. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

38,772. You had nothing to do with the money part of the election?—Nothing whatever.

J. Sanderson.

JOHN SANDERSON sworn and examined.

38,773. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in the Ulleswater Road?—Yes.

38,774. What are you?—A book-keeper.

38,775. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,776. Did you receive anything?—No.

38,777. Neither for yourself nor for anybody else?—No.

J. Newton.

JAMES NEWTON sworn and examined.

38,778. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you live in Sun Street?—We did, but we have left it now.

38,779. What are you?—A chemist and druggist.

38,780. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,781. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

38,782. Nothing at all?—No.

38,783. And paid nothing?—No.

38,784. Had you anything to do with any money?—No, nothing.

(*Mr. Johnson.*) Mr. Welch's name having been mentioned by me last Friday, Mr. Welch wishes to make a statement of his own with reference to it, and I am attending here for the purpose of hearing it.

(*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Henry Welch.*) Do you wish to make a statement?

(*Mr Welch.*) Yes, I only wish to say that Mr. Johnson made a mistake altogether.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) You wish to correct some statement that he made.

(*Mr. Welch.*) Yes, Mr. Johnson stated that in a conversation which he had with me I said to him that if he would add two ciphers to the 55*l.* which he returned to me, or which he gave me rather, that would be nearer the amount of the cost of the election in 1864; now the conversation which I had with Mr. Johnson was after the election in 1865, and after the Commission had been ordered, and he named the matter to me for this reason; he said that if he had a summons he would be asked how much money he had had for the purposes of the legitimate expenses of the election, and that he would have to say that he had 1,000*l.*; that he had returned accounts to the town clerk amounting only to 945*l.*, and that he would then be asked what he had done with the 55*l.* which he ought to have given back to the parties who had paid it to him; but that he had paid it to me, and that he would have to tell the Commissioners so. Mr. Johnson and I never had any conversation about the expenses of the election of 1864; he objected to knowing anything about them; it was no business of his, he being the authorized person to pay the legitimate expenses;

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with regard to the conversation as to the 55*l.* and the two ciphers, that referred to the election of 1865, not to the election of 1864.

38,785. (*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Welch.*) When did Mr. Johnson pay you over this balance?—I suppose about three months after the election in 1864; from two to three months after.

38,786. This conversation then related to transactions which had taken place as long ago as 1864?—With regard to the 55*l.*

38,787. Now you are here you can perhaps tell us what that election in 1864 really did cost?—I cannot tell exactly, but I can pretty nearly. I had 1,000*l.* in the first instance, two or three days before the election, and on the morning of the election between 9 and 10 o'clock, either 200*l.* or 300*l.* was brought to me, I do not remember which, it was either the one or the other; there was no money paid after half-past 9 o'clock in the morning, except in very small amounts, and after 10 nothing; the money that was brought to me on the morning of the election was never touched for the purposes of the election.

38,788. Did you receive any money to pay away after the election?—None whatever, except the 55*l.* I received from Mr. Johnson.

38,789. What did you do with the 200*l.* or 300*l.* you received and did not use?—That was paid away subsequently in public-house bills.

38,790. Then as far as you know the cost of that election was 1,200*l.* or 1,300*l.* besides the legal expenses?—Besides the legal expenses.

38,791. Have you reason to think that no money was spent in that election except what passed through your hands?—I do not think anybody else paid a penny.

38,792. (*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Johnson.*) You have heard what Mr. Welch has said; is that correct?—I gave my version, speaking from memory, but it is quite possible that I may have misunderstood the observation made by Mr. Welch, and his explanation I believe to be consistent with the facts.

38,793. (*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Welch.*) Were you here when Robert Whiteside was giving his evidence just now?—No.

38,794. With reference to a man named Robert Fawcett. Whiteside in his first examination told us that he had received 5*l.* from Turner, and gave it to Mrs. Fawcett; he now says that he was mistaken as to that, and that he accounted for it to you?—He did return me some money.

38,795. Do you know how much?—I could not swear to it; it was from five to six or seven or eight, or it might be ten pounds.

38,796. Have you had any conversation lately with him on the subject?—No, I have not seen him about it.

38,797. Have you not had any conversation with Whiteside on the subject?—No.

38,798. Not since the election?—It is possible, but I do not remember it.

38,799. Has Whiteside been to you within the last few days to ask you about it?—No.

38,800. (*Mr. Hill.*) Do you know what became of that 500*l.* note that was changed by Mr. Schneider? I never knew anything about it till it was named in the court.

38,801. It was named by Mr. Schneider in conversation with you and you told us of it?—Yes, I never heard of it before. I told you at the time I believed it to have been in that parcel.

38,802. You mentioned it yourself; you said that Mr. Schneider told you of certain monies, and of a 500*l.* note that you changed into gold?—Mr. Sanderson had named it previously; what I said was that I thought it very likely that it would be in that parcel in the room at the "Queen's," on the morning of the election, which I never counted, but which I presumed to be 1,000*l.*. I believe that the 500*l.* in gold that was changed for that note would be in that parcel also.

38,803. Then you believe that that parcel actually contained 1,500*l.*?—I have reason to believe so.

38,804. And the fact of its being 1,500*l.* instead of 1,000*l.* would, as far as your belief goes, square with your accounts?—It would.

38,805. (*Mr. Newton.*) Have you been able to discover who it was who placed that parcel in the room?—No, I never did.

38,806. Have you made inquiries about it since we were here before?—No.

38,807. No more light has broken in upon you as to who left the first parcel in your shop?—No. It has been stated in evidence,

38,808. (*Mr. Barstow.*) The 310*l.*?—No. I do not know how it came there, except from the evidence of somebody at Barrow. I believe it had 290*l.* in it instead of 300*l.* according to what he said.

38,809. Did you not count the money in the first parcel?—I did, but it is a long time since. It was 300*l.* to the best of my recollection. The man from Barrow said it was 290*l.*

38,810. The second would be 710*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes, there was a half-sovereign over. I believe the first parcel was 290*l.* The 10*s.*, I think, was an oversight.

W. Lofthouse.

WILLIAM LOFTHOUSE sworn and examined.

38,811. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Cross Street?—Yes.

38,812. What are you?—Nothing. I voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

38,813. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Never in my life.

E. Simpson.

EDWARD SIMPSON sworn and examined.

38,814. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Derwent Road?—Yes.

38,815.—What are you?—A labourer.

38,816. For whom did you vote at the last election? For Mr. Lawrence.

38,817. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

38,818. How much?—5*l.*

38,819. From whom did you have that?—John Bradshaw, draper.

38,820. Was that all the money you had?—Yes, it was all the money I had.

38,821. What else did you get?—My wife got a dress, that was 1*l.*

38,822. Anything else?—No.

38,823. You got some money for drink I suppose?—No, none, only a glass at my own expense.

38,824. Did you not get put on to any committee?—No.

38,825. 6*l.* was all you got?—Yes.

J. Simpson.

JAMES SIMPSON sworn and examined.

38,826. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in St. Leonard Gate?—Yes.

38,827. What are you?—A grocer.

38,828. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,829. What money did you get for the purposes of the election?—Ten guineas.

38,830. From whom?—From Christopher Hartley.

38,831. Anything else?—No.

38,832. Was ten guineas all you got?—Yes.

38,833. Did you not get on to any committee?—No.

38,834. Do you keep a shop yourself?—My wife keeps a shop.

EDWARD GRAHAM PALEY sworn and examined. *E. G. Paley.*

38,835. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are an architect?—I am.

38,836. For whom did you vote at the last election? Mr. Lawrence.

38,837. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No, I did not.

38,838. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

JOHN SLATER sworn and examined. *J. Slater.*

38,839. (*Mr. Hill.*) You are a hairdresser?—Yes.

38,840. In Church Street?—Yes.

38,841. For whom did you vote at the last election? For Mr. Lawrence.

38,842. Did you receive any money for the purpose of the election?—No, none whatever.

38,843. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No, I had nothing whatever to do with the election beyond voting.

38,844. Did you not assist in paying anyone?—No, I never saw anyone paid. There was a man stated that I was a captain, he is an ironmonger—Kirby—but I had nothing at all to do with it.

WILLIAM SLINGER sworn and examined. *W. Slinger.*

38,845. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Rosemary Lane?—Yes.

38,846. What are you?—A tailor.

38,847. For whom did you vote at the last election? For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,848. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—3*l.*

38,849. That would be from Allinson?—Yes, from Allinson, Knowles Allinson.

38,850. Was that all you got?—Yes.

38,851. What was that 3*l.* for?—I was on the committee.

WILLIAM STEPHENSON sworn and examined. *W. Stephenson.*

38,852. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live at Springfield?—Yes.

38,853. What are you?—A book-keeper.

38,854. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,855. Did you receive any money?—No.

38,856. Not of any sort?—Of no sort whatever.

38,857. Did you pay any money for anybody?—No.

38,858. Had you anything to do with the money part of the election?—No, I took no interest whatever in the election beyond voting.

CHRISTOPHER SMITH sworn and examined. *C. Smith.*

38,859. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Queen Street?—Yes.

38,860. What are you?—I am in no business.

38,861. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,862. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election either for yourself or for anyone else?—I believe I have been an elector since the year 1813, and I never had the value of a pin during any election since I first was an elector.

38,863. Then I suppose you had not any money at the last election?—I voted at the last election.

38,864. But you received nothing at the last election?—Nothing. I never received anything in my life.

38,865. Did you pay anything?—I never paid or received anything—not even to the value of a pin.

[Thomas Smith of Market Street is called but does not answer.]

The following certificate is read by the Secretary:—"Lancaster, January 8, 1867. I hereby certify that "Mr. Thomas Smith, tobacconist, has been confined to the house since the 2nd of November by a serious "attack of illness, and that although his health is now much improved it is unsafe for him to leave his own "house even yet. (Signed) EDWD. D. DE VITRÉ, M.D."

RICHARD SMITH sworn and examined. *R. Smith.*

38,866. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in East Road?—Yes.

38,867. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,868. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No, not any.

38,869. Did you pay any?—No.

38,870. Had you anything to do with money matters during the election?—No.

38,871. What occupation do you follow?—A hosier and glover.

THOMAS DAVIDSON SMITH sworn and examined. *T. D. Smith.*

38,872. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Penny Street?—Yes.

38,873. What are you?—A grocer.

38,874. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,875. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election, either for yourself or for any other person?—Nothing whatever.

JOHN SOUTHWORTH sworn and examined. *J. Southworth.*

38,876. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Market Street?—Yes.

38,877. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,878. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—None.

38,879. Did you pay any?—No.

38,880. You had nothing to do with any money?—No.

38,881. Nor anybody on your behalf?—No.

38,882. What are you by trade?—I am collector of the district rates.

GEORGE STOREY sworn and examined. *G. Storey.*

38,883. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A painter.

38,884. You are not a voter?—No.

38,885. Do you know Isaac Jackson, of Liverpool?—Yes.

38,886. Did you receive any money from him during the last election?—5*l.*

38,887. What was that for?—To give to a man named Varley.

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38,888. Did you give it to him?—No.

38,889. What did you do with it?—I spent it.

38,890. Varley never got the money from you?—No. When I went to him I found that he had voted.

38,891. And you did not return the money?—No.

38,892. Were you ever asked for the money again?—No.

38,893. One cannot help laughing, but really it was a very blackguard act, and many a man has been in Lancaster Gaol for less?—Mr. Jackson knew that I was interested in the election for Mr. Lawrence.

38,894. Did Mr. Jackson know that you kept the money?—Yes.

38,895. You kept it with his consent then?—No.

38,896. Did you ever promise Varley to get the money for him?—No. There was a party came up to the place where I was at, and said he had not voted, and so Mr. Jackson asked me if I would look after him. I had not seen him during the morning at all.

Adjourned for a short time.

T. Yates.

THOMAS YATES sworn and examined.

38,897. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Queen Street?—Yes.

38,898. What are you?—A coal agent.

38,899. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,900. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,901. None whatever?—No.

38,902. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

J. Redshaw.

JOHN REDSHAW sworn and examined.

38,903. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Skerton?—Yes.

38,904. What are you?—A fellmonger and woolstapler.

38,905. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,906. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Not a farthing in any respect.

38,907. And I suppose you did not pay any money?—No.

38,908. Did you see anyone paid?—No.

J. Morley.

JAMES MORLEY sworn and examined.

38,909. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,910. What are you?—I live at Skerton. I am in no business.

38,911. What money did you get for the purposes of the election?—I got 10*l.* for three weeks services before the election.

38,912. Was that from Bakewell?—I believe it was Bakewell.

38,913. You got it at the "Bull Inn"?—Yes.

38,914. What were your services?—Canvassing.

38,915. Who did you canvass?—There were about 60 of them in Skerton to canvass.

38,916. Who did you canvass?—I canvassed them all.

38,917. You went and asked everyone for his vote?—Everyone many a time. I have had 55 years of it canvassing.

H. Sumner.

HARRY SUMNER sworn and examined.

38,918. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A tobacconist.

38,919. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,920. What money did you get for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

38,921. Neither for yourself nor for anybody else?—No.

38,922. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

J. Swindells.

JOHN SWINDELLS sworn and examined.

38,923. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Factory Hill?—Yes.

38,924. What are you?—A power-loom overlooker.

38,925. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,926. What did you get for your vote?—I got nothing for my vote.

38,927. What did you get for your services?—2*l.*

38,928. Who paid you?—Samuel Mason. It came through Robert Roberts.

38,929. When did he pay you?—About three weeks after the election.

38,930. What services did you render?—I did what I could in assisting.

38,931. What was it that you did to assist?—I could not detail it.

M. Todd.

MARK TODD sworn and examined.

38,932. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—A shoemaker.

38,933. In King Street?—Yes.

38,934. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,935. What money did you get?—Nothing.

38,936. Nothing at all?—No.

38,937. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

F. Townson.

FRANCIS TOWNSON sworn and examined.

38,938. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A furniture broker.

38,939. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,940. Did you get anything for the purposes of the election?—Nothing. I got 2*l.* about two or three weeks after the election.

38,941. From whom did you get that?—From Thomas Bradley.

38,942. What for?—I suppose for services.

38,943. What services did you render?—I assisted in getting up the voters during the election.

38,944. Was that all you got?—That was all I got.

I. Isaacs.

ISAAC ISAACS recalled and further examined.

38,945. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you know a man named Henry Knowles?—I do.

38,946. Did you take him to Isaac Vickers?—I did not.

38,947. That you solemnly swear before us?—I do.

ISAAC VICKERS again sworn and further examined.

38,948. (*Mr. Barstow.*) I believe you said in your evidence that Knowles was brought to your house by Isaac Isaacs?—Yes.

38,949. Do you repeat that now?—Yes.

38,950. Do you remember the circumstances?—Yes; and I daresay Mr. Isaacs will remember the circumstance when he hears me tell it. He came down to the shop. He says, "Well my friend, I want to speak to you privately." I said, "Very well." Then he says, "Here is my friend Knowles, he is a very "decent fellow, and I know there will be some money astir." And he says, "I hope you will do the same to him as to anyone else." I think Mr. Isaacs will recollect that.

(*Mr. Isaacs.*) I recollect that you have manufactured the whole of this affair. I will explain that.

JOHN TOWNLEY sworn and examined. *J. Townley.*

38,951. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A furniture broker.

38,952. In Fenton Street?—Yes.

38,953. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Lawrence.

38,954. Did you get any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,955. You did not pay any?—No.

38,956. None of your family received any?—No, not that I am aware of.

38,957. None of them received any money for you?—No.

JAMES WADSWORTH sworn and examined. *J. Wadsworth.*

38,958. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A farmer.

38,959. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,960. What money did you get for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

38,961. Neither for yourself nor for anybody else?—No.

38,962. Was any money given to you to pay any voters?—No.

38,963. Did any relation get any money for you that you know of?—No.

THOMAS WALKER sworn and examined. *T. Walker.*

38,964. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A butcher.

38,965. Where do you live?—In King Street.

38,966. How did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Fenwick.

38,967. Did you get any money for the purposes of the election?—No, I took no interest in it.

38,968. You took no interest in the election beyond recording your vote?—No.

38,969. Did any of your family get any money on your behalf?—No, I went right away to Carlisle after voting.

THOMAS WALKER sworn and examined. *T. Walker.*

38,970. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

38,971. What are you?—A slater and plasterer.

38,972. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,973. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, nothing.

38,974. Neither for yourself nor for anybody else?—No.

38,975. Did you pay any voters?—I paid no voters.

38,976. And saw no voters paid?—And saw no voters paid.

CHRISTOPHER TENNANT sworn and examined. *C. Tennant.*

38,977. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,978. What are you?—A boot and shoe maker.

38,979. What money did you get at the election. Did you get anything?—Not at all.

38,980. Nor any of your family?—Nothing at all.

THOMAS WHITE sworn and examined. *T. White.*

38,981. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live in Damside Sreet?—Yes.

38,982. What are you?—A tailor.

38,983. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

38,984. Did you get any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

38,985. Neither for yourself nor for anybody else?—No.

38,986. Did you see any voter paid?—No.

38,987. Do you know whether any relation or connexion of yours got any money on your behalf?—No, I do not.

WILLIAM WHITTAKER sworn and examined. *W. Whittaker.*

38,988. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live in Lime Street?—Yes.

38,989. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

38,989*a*. Did you get anything for your vote?—8*l*.

38,990. Who from?—Mr. Moser.

38,991. Did you get anything for being on a committee?—No.

38,992. 8*l*. was all you got?—Yes.

THOMAS MASON sworn and examined. *T. Mason.*

38,993. (*Mr. Barstow.*) For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

38,994. Did you receive anything for your vote?—Nothing.

38,995. Nothing whatever?—Nothing whatever.

38,996. Did you receive anything on behalf of any other person?—I did not.

38,997. Was anything paid to you after the election?—Nothing at all.

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W. Jackson.

William Jackson sworn and examined.

38,998. (*Mr. Newton.*) Are you William Jackson, of Scotforth, farm servant?—Yes.

38,999. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

39,000. How much money did you get for your vote?—Nothing; I got 6*l.* for my house, and 6*l.* for breakfasts and drink.

39,001. You keep a public-house?—Yes.

39,002. What is the name of your house?—The "Bowling Green Inn," in Scotforth.

39,003. Who paid you the 6*l.*?—William Halstead.

39,004. Who paid you for the breakfasts?—William Halstead.

39,005. Was that all the money that was spent in your house?—There was two nights before they spent part; 3*l.* one night before.

39,006. Who paid for that?—William Halstead.

39,007. That made 9*l.*?—Yes.

39,008. Anything besides?—There was another night or two, but I cannot rightly say what they spent the other nights.

39,009. Who paid for that?—William Halstead.

39,010. What did you put that down at?—There was 10*s.* one night and 15*s.* another.

39,011. Was that all?—That was all.

39,012. You got 3*l.* on the previous occasion?—Yes.

39,013. What did you get on the two other nights?—15*s.* and 10*s.*

H. Knowles.

Henry Knowles sworn and examined.

39,014. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You told us on the last occasion when you were before us that you received 8*l.* from Isaac Vickers?—I did.

39,015. How did you come to get that money from him?—Vickers sent for me to his place after the election and gave it to me.

39,016. Had you been there before the election?—I had.

39,017. How came you to go there then?—I was sent for.

39,018. Who by?—Some boy came up to the gates where I work and said I was wanted at Vickers's.

39,019. Do you see the boy in court now?—I should not know him if I were to see him.

39,020. Is that the boy (*pointing to Mr. Isaac Isaacs*)?—No, he is not young enough.

39,021. Did you ever go with Mr. Isaacs to Vickers' shop?—I believe before the election, on the day you allude to, I walked up the street with him a few doors from Vickers', and went into Vickers' shop.

39,022. What was the cause of your going to Vickers' shop with Mr. Isaacs?—Well, Mr. Isaacs asked me what politics I were of, and what I intended to do; and I told him what I intended to do. And he said, "Come this way with me," and we went into Vickers' shop then. It was only a door or two from it.

39,023. You and Mr. Isaacs went together to Vickers' shop?—Yes.

39,024. Had you any conversation with Vickers in Mr. Isaacs' presence?—None.

39,025. When you got to the shop what took place?—Something passed between Vickers and Mr. Isaacs, amounting to something or nothing. I do not know that I could explain it.

39,026. Did you hear what it was?—I did not.

39,027. They talked together, but you did not hear the conversation?—It was something of this description.

39,028. Answer my question. Did you hear their conversation?—Not the whole of it.

39,029. You heard a part?—It amounted to this: Mr. Isaacs said, "He is an old friend of mine," and nodded his head, and said, "You must think of him," or something of that sort.

39,030. You were looking on?—Yes.

39,031. What did you understand Mr. Isaacs to mean when he nodded his head and said, that you must be thought of?—That there would be something given which is often expected.

(*Mr. Isaacs.*) Will the court permit me to give an explanation?

(*Mr. Barstow.*) If you please.

(*Mr. Isaacs.*) I was in court when Vickers gave his evidence, and I heard him introduce my name, but the court did not hear him out. I think a reference to what was taken down will show the court that my name was merely introduced. I have not the most distant recollection of having been in Mr. Vickers' shop. I went direct from the court to his place—after the court was over—after the sitting of the court.

(*Mr. Newton.*) Excuse me, our time is precious.

(*Mr. Isaacs.*) I will be very short.

(*Mr. Newton.*) What took place between you and Vickers is quite immaterial to our inquiry. We are here to ascertain who received bribes and who bribed.

(*Mr. Isaac.*) Then I beg distinctly to declare to the court on my oath that neither directly nor indirectly from the commencement of the election to the end, did I see a shilling paid to any voter.

(*Mr. Newton.*) I am of opinion you were guilty of bribery. You may stand down.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) No one ever said you saw a shilling paid. We say that you introduced Henry Knowles to Vickers for the purpose of having him paid.

(*Mr. Isaacs.*) And I say I did not.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) Do you say that what Knowles and Vickers have both said is untrue?

(*Mr. Isaacs.*) It is coloured.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you take Knowles to Vicker's shop?

(*Mr. Isaacs.*) I did not.

T. Howitt.

Thomas Howitt sworn and examined.

39,032. (*Mr. Newton.*) How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

39,033. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

39,034. Did any of your family?—No.

39,035. You are quite certain?—Quite certain. I never was in any committee room in my life. I am opposed to the whole system of electioneering as it is carried on at present.

R. Simpson.

Robert Simpson sworn and examined.

39,036. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Moor Lane?—Yes.

39,037. What are you?—A cooper.

39,038. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

39,039. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

39,040. Neither directly or indirectly?—Nothing.

39,041. Did you pay anything?—I paid nothing.

WILLIAM WILDMAN sworn and examined.

39,042. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A builder.

39,043. In Springfield Terrace?—Yes.

39,044. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

39,045. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

39,046. Did any of your family receive anything on your behalf?—Not anything at all.

30,047. Were you engaged in any way in the election?—No, not in any way.

WILLIAM WILLIAMSON sworn and examined.

39,048. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live in Penny Street?—Yes.

39,049. What are you?—A gardener.

39,050. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

39,051. Did you get any money for the purposese of the election?—Nothing at all.

39,052. Did you pay anything?—Nothing.

39,053. Did you see any voters paid?—No.

HENRY WOODS sworn and examined.

39,054. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live in New Street?—Yes.

39,055. What are you?—A boot and shoe maker.

39,056. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

39,057. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Not any.

39,058. Did any of your family receive any money on your behalf?—No.

WILLIAM WRIGHT sworn and examined.

39,059. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You live at Springfield?—Yes.

39,060. What are you?—An architect.

39,061. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

39,062. Did you get any money for the purposes of the election?—Nothing.

39,063. You got no money whatever?—No money whatever.

39,064. Did you pay any money?—No.

DAVID WRIGHT sworn and examined.

39,065. (*Mr. Newton.*) You live in King Street?—Yes.

36,066. What are you?—A saddler.

39,067. How did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

39,068. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—Yes.

39,069. How much?—3*l.*

39,070. From whom did you receive it?—1*l.* from Mr. Wearing, another 1*l.* from Mr. Allinson, and 1*l.* from Mr. Welch through Mr. Gardener, of Church Street.

36,071. Was that all you got?—Yes.

39,072. Was it got before the election?—Before the polling day.

39,073. Did you get any money after the election?—No.

39,074. You only got this 3*l.*?—That was all.

39,075. What did you do with the 3*l.*?—It was spent. I was on the Long Street District Committee.

39,076. What did you do with the money?—It was spent in committee meetings on voters.

39,077. All before the election?—All before the election.

39,078. That was all you got?—Yes.

39,079. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was any money left with you for the payment of voters?—No; my father paid the voters in that district.

39,080. Is that Roger Wright?—Yes.

JAMES YEWDALE sworn and examined.

39,081. (*Mr. Barstow.*)What are you?—A cabinet maker.

39,082. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Lawrence and Schneider.

39,083. Did you get anything?—No.

39,084. Did you get nothing from either side?—No.

39,085. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, quite sure.

39,086. Did you receive any money from anyone else?—No.

39,087. Had you nothing to do with the election except to vote?—That is all.

39,088. How came you to vote for Schneider and Lawrence?—Well, I saw Mr. Schneider in the street, and he asked me, and so I promised him one.

39,089. And did you also promise Mr. Lawrence one?—No.

39,090. And you got nothing for voting for Mr. Lawrence?—No.

39,091. Or for voting for Mr. Schneider?—No.

39,092. Were you promised anything?—No.

39,093. No bargain whatever was made for your vote?—No.

ROBERT ATKINSON sworn and examined.

39,094. (*Mr. Newton.*) What are you?—A farmer.

39,095. Where do you live?—At Skerton.

39,096. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

39,097. What did you get for your vote?—7*l.*

39,098. Who paid you?—I do not know.

39,099. Where were you paid?—At the "Black Bull" at Skerton.

39,100. By a stranger?—Yes.

39,101. Was that all you got?—I got 1*l.* 10*s.* for being on the committee.

39,102. Who paid you that?—I do not know; it was sent to the house.

39,103. What committee were you on?—Lawrence's committee.

39,104. Do you know Mr. George Danson?—Yes.

39,105. Did he send to you?—Very likely.

39,106. How many acres do you farm?—Ten.

39,107. What is your rent?—50*l.* a year.

39,108. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you not get more than 7*l.* at the "Black Bull?"—No.

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Jacob Stanley sworn and examined.

J. Stanley.

39,109. (*Mr. Barstow.*) At the time of the last election you were landlord of the "Queen's Hotel?"—Yes.

39,110. That was the head-quarters of the liberal party?—Yes, it was.

39,111. I believe Mr. Fenwick stayed at your house?—He did.

39,112. Is yours also a posting house?—Yes, it is.

39,113. Then, I presume, you let carriages, and charged for them against the Liberal party?—Yes.

39,114. Now, give us first the gross sum you received?—122*l.*

39,115. Have you your account here?—No, I have not.

39,116. Was it exactly 122*l.*?—There or thereabouts; within 1*l.* either way.

39,117. How comes it that you have not got your account here?—I have not preserved any account of the expenses, but I can give them accurately. The account was on loose foolscap paper, which, after I had been paid, I destroyed.

39,118. Can you give us generally the items of which that bill was composed?—The expenses for horses and carriages was 32*l.*; and the expenses which Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider incurred, as living in the house, and for the committee rooms, and for the other expenses, amounted to about 60*l.*

39,119. For the hotel bill of the candidates and committee rooms 60*l.*?—Yes.

39,120. I did not know that Mr. Schneider stayed there?—He did not stop at the house, but he was there to dinner every day, and occasionally for another meal. Both Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider, and their friends, were there. There were generally two or three in to dine with them. The other expenses, such as for clerks' and runners' expenses, amounted to about 30*l.*

39,121. Did you pay the clerks and runners?—No, I did not.

39,122. Then that was for refreshments supplied to clerks and runners?—Yes; and also refreshments to the booths.

39,123. That is all the money you received?—That is all the money I received.

39,124. Did you receive anything for yourself?—Not a fraction.

39,125. Did you receive any money for any other person?—Not an atom.

39,126. Did you see any voters paid?—No, I did not.

39,127. Then this 122*l.* was the whole money that came to your hands on account of the Lancaster election?—Yes, every farthing.

39,128. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did not Mr. Lawrence have any carriages from you?—No; none at all. Perhaps the Commissioners will allow me to say that the statement which Mr. Wilson, of Liverpool, made—that I had received 500*l.* from Fenwick and Schneider for election purposes—is entirely without foundation.

39,129. I do not remember his having said so?—It is quite incorrect.

J.P. Langshaw.

James Pearson Langshaw sworn and examined.

39,130. (*Mr. Newton.*) You are a surgeon in this town?—Yes.

39,131. How did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

39,132. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

39,133. Nor any of your family?—No.

39,134. You are a freeman?—Yes.

J. Gardner.

James Gardner sworn and examined.

39,135. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are a solicitor at Halton?—Yes.

39,136. How did you vote at the last election?—I voted for Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Schneider.

39,137. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election?—2*l.*, I believe, from Mr. Smith, 1*l.* from Mr. Welch, during the canvass, and 5*l.* on the day of the nomination from Mr. Hewertson.

39,138. What more?—I never received any more.

39,139. All you received was 8*l.*?—That would be all, except after the election. After the election I got 20*l.* for my services, but not for any bribery.

39,140. First of all, who was this Smith; was that Benjamin Smith?—No; a corn dealer.

39,141. Joseph Smith?—Joseph Smith.

39,142. How did you spend the money you got?—By going over the country, and in treating voters, and such like.

39,143. Were you retained on behalf of Messrs. Fenwick and Schneider?—Never by a written retainer.

39,144. You were not one of their professional agents?—No; I was never retained.

39,145. (*Mr. Newton.*) How much do you say you got from Mr. Welch during the canvass?—1*l.*

39,146. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Was that all the money you received?—That is the only money that ever I received.

M. Fawcett.

Mary Fawcett sworn and examined.

39,147. (*Mr. Newton.*) You lost a son during the election in 1865?—Yes..

39,148. Do you remember Whiteside coming to your house on the day of the polling?—Yes.

39,149. Do you remember a sedan chair being talked about to take your son to the poll?—Yes.

39,150. Did you receive anything from Whiteside for your son's vote?—No.

39,151. Did you ask him for anything?—No, I did not.

39,152. When was it first brought to your knowledge that he had said you had taken 5*l.* for your son's vote?—It was seeing it in the paper.

39,153. When you saw it in the paper what did you do about it?—I went to Mr. Whiteside, and spoke to him about it.

39,154. What did you say to him about it?—I told him he was aware that I had never received anything from him, and that was nearly all that passed at the time. I said I hoped he would rectify the mistake.

39,155. And what did Mr. Whiteside say to you?—He did not say much; he said he wished he had seen me before. I was from home when he gave his statement.

39,156. What did he say to you when you said you wished him to rectify the mistake?—He said I might rest assured that if he could make it right he would do so.

39,157. Was there any pretence for his saying that you had received the 5*l.* for your son's vote?—No.

39,158. Did you ask for anything?—No, I did not.

39,159. Did your son?—No.

39,160. Then it was a pure invention on the part of Mr. Whiteside?—Well, we none of us ever asked for anything.

39,161. Then it was a pure invention of Mr. Whiteside's?—Yes.

39,162. (*Mr. Barstow.*) When did you return to Lancaster?—The same day as Mr. Whiteside gave his evidence.

39,163. When did you go to Mr. Whiteside?—The day after.

39,164. Did Mr. Whiteside then say to you that he should be glad to rectify his mistake?—Yes; he said

that if he had an opportunity he would rectify the mistake.

39,165. As soon as possible?—He did not say "as soon as possible."

39,166. (*Mr. Newton.*) Did your son say, particularly, that he wished to vote?—I cannot say what conversation took place about the voting to Mr. Whiteside.

39,167. But to you?—He said he wished to give his vote, if they were short; he told me himself he should like to give them a vote if they ran short.

39,168. I do not know that it has ever appeared; did he, in fact, record his vote?—Yes.

39,169. They came to him?—Yes.

Then it is all an invention that you received 5*l.*?—It is quite untrue.

39,170. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you return the very day on which Whiteside had given his statement?—Yes, I did.

39,171. Did you see it in the paper that day, or the next?—The night of the day.

39,172. That was on the fourth of September?—Yes.

39,173. Then on the 5th of September you went to Whiteside?—Yes.

39,174. As soon as ever you heard of it?—No; not till the next day at night.

39,175–6. On the 5th of September?—Yes.

ROBERT WHITESIDE recalled and further examined.

R. Whiteside.

39,177. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Have you heard what Mrs. Fawcett has just said?—Yes.

39,178. Is what she says true?—Respecting the money I believe it is true.

39,179. Did you see her on the 5th of September?—What day was the 5th of September. Was it a Wednesday or a Tuesday?

39,180. The day after you were examined in court here?—I saw her on Tuesday, the night.

39,181. What did she say to you?—Which night do you mean? I saw her both on the Tuesday and Wednesday.

39,182. The night after you had been examined here in court?—I saw her both nights after I had been examined.

39,183. Did you see her the very night you had been examined?—Yes.

39,184. What did she say to you then?—I had sent for her in the morning, I wanted to see her, but she was from home.

39,185. Never mind that. Tell us what she said to you when you saw her?—But it will lead to what I said at night.

39,186. Tell us what she said to you when you saw her?—She said, "What is it you want with me, Mr. Whiteside."

39,187. Did you send for her?—I sent for her in the morning, but she was not at home; but after she came home she came to my shop, and I said, "I wanted to "see you this morning before I went to make any "statement." I cannot tell the exact words, but I can tell you the spirit of the thing.

39,188. Did she say to you then that she had seen that you had said she had received 5*l.* for her son's vote?—No, not that night, it was the following night.

39,189. Did she at any time about that time say that she had seen it?—I do not remember that she did.

39,190. Did she at any time about that time say that you were wrong in having made a statement about having paid the 5*l.* to her?—She said to me last night that she had said so, but I have no recollection of her saying so.

39,191. What is *your* account of your interview with Mrs. Fawcett?—Shall I begin with it and state it in the order in which it occurred.

39,192. Just make your own statement?—It is that you might get the whole truth that I come here to-day. I just want you to see the thing as it transpired. I have no motive for telling you a falsehood.

39,193. You have had a great many opportunities of coming here before?—Yes; but I thought it possible that I might be summoned again.

39,194. Why did you not come before without being summoned, when you knew you had committed such an irregularity?—I intended to come if I was not summoned, and when I heard that this was the last day of the Commission sitting I determined to come.

39,195. But the Commissioners were sitting here for three weeks after the time when this occurred. How came you to say that you had given Mrs. Fawcett 5*l.* for her son?—It was from Mr. Turner saying that he had given me 5*l.* for Robert Fawcett. That brought the affair to my mind. I went to Mr. Turner and he told me what had occurred, and then I recollected all that had passed, and believing that the money I received from him I had handed over to Mrs. Fawcett I stated that, I had no doubt upon the subject at the time when I made the statement. I was here four days sitting in court waiting to make my statement, and during one of those days Benjamin Long made a statement that he had given Mrs. Fawcett 5*l.*; I felt that that was untrue; I sent directly for Mrs. Fawcett to see if it was true.

39,196. On what day was this?—On the morning that I was examined.

39,197. That was the 4th of September?—Yes; I sent my little girl to fetch Mrs. Fawcett. It was on Tuesday, whatever day of the month that might be; she was away, I was sorry, because I felt the statement that had been made was false, believing as I did that I had paid her the money Mr. Turner had given to me.

39,198. Tell us the facts?—She came at night in consequence of my little girl having gone for her to see what I wanted with her. I told her what I wanted with her. She said, "Mr. Long did give me 5*l.*" I said, "That settles the matter then." There was an error in Mr. Turner's statement, and if you remember, gentlemen, I rectified that error. Then Mrs. Fawcett saw my evidence on the Wednesday or Tuesday night, and on the Wednesday night she came to me again. I was busy in the shop. I said, "What do you want?" She said, "I want a private word with you;" and she said there was some mistake, or something wrong, respecting my statement in the papers. She tells me that she said that I did not give her the 5*l.*, but I have no recollection of it. I thought at the time that she was coming in respect of a mistake in the names. I had no idea she came respecting the money matters. That was all that took place respecting that, and I saw her no more. After that I heard by second hand that she said she did not receive 5*l.* from me, and I then began to investigate the matter.

39,199. When was it that you heard by second hand that she said she had not received it?—I cannot say. It was some time after the election, it might be a week or two.

39,200. After you had given your evidence?—Yes, a week or two after.

39,201. Why did you not investigate it then?—I did the best I could.

39,202. Did you go and ask her about it?—I did not go to her.

39,203. Why not?—The fact of her having said so was sufficient to my mind to make me doubt, and then I went to the best possible source I could to see whether I had or not.

39,204. When she said there was something wrong did you know she had said that she had not received the 5*l.*?—I felt certain from the parties who told me.

39,205. On the Wednesday you say she came and said there was something wrong?—That is correct.

39,206. But you did not understand her to say that she had not received the 5*l.*?—No; nor did I think she meant as to money at all.

39,207. You heard of it some time subsequently?—Yes.

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39,208. Why did you not go to her as soon as you heard of it?—I felt no necessity for it.

39,209. Why not?—I felt it was true.

39,210. Why did you not go to her and ask her whether she had received it or not?—I cannot give any reason why I did not. We were the best of friends. I had no object in telling a falsehood.

39,211. (*Mr. Hill.*) From what did you take that piece of paper you produced to us when you were being examined?—Chiefly from my memory.

39,212. You produced a piece of paper. I see here in your evidence it is stated "a paper is handed by the witness to the Commissioners?"—You will find it in the pocket-book I think.

39,213. Is this (*referring to a paper in the pocket-book*) the same piece of paper?—I believe so.

39,214. What did you take this paper from?—From my memory.

39,215. Having the pocket-book in your possession why did you rely only on your memory?—I did not know that I had the pocket-book.

39,216. I daresay if you turn to the 12th of July you will find an entry on that very day?—That is quite possible. I did not know at the time of my examination that I had the pocket-book. I generally throw them into the waste paper basket when they are done with. I have been at a deal of pains to find that pocket-book. I did not know it was in the pocket-book. I knew I had made an account out for Mr. Welch, but what it was on I did not know.

39,217. Have you seen Henry Welch about this matter?—Yes.

39,218. When?—As soon as I heard that Mrs. Fawcett denied the statement. He was the only party to whom I could go.

39,219. I ask if you saw Henry Welch about it?—I did.

39,220. When was that?—Immediately after.

39,221. When?—I cannot say when.

39,222. I think you might say very well when?—It was a good many weeks after my examination.

39,223. (*Mr. Newton.*) A good many weeks?—Yes, as soon as I could make it convenient after I heard of it.

32,224. How far do you live from Henry Welch?—Not far from his shop, it is not more than 200 to 300 yards.

39,225. Why did you not go to Henry Welch at once?—Because I knew I should see him in the way of business by-and-bye.

39,226. (*Mr. Hill.*) I certainly understood you to say in your evidence to-day that you had spoken to Mr. Henry Welch about this matter lately?—Not very lately.

39,227. You certainly left us under the impression that you had been speaking to him about it within the last two or three days.?—No, no, nor weeks either; it is a misunderstanding; I went to him because he knew what money I had had, and how much I returned.

39,228. Henry Welch says he has had no conversation with you upon the subject?—I went to his own house and had supper with him.

J. Jopson.

JOHN JOPSON sworn and examined.

39,229. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you a householder at Skerton?—Yes.

39,230. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Mr. Lawrence.

39,231. Did you receive any monies for the purposes of the election?—I did. I received 10*l.* through James Simpson Carruthers from Mr. Barker. I received the money from Mr. Barker.

39,232. Did you receive anything else?—Nothing else.

39,233. What are you?—A warehouseman.

[James Todd, of Lime Street, is called, but does not answer.]

The following certificate is read by the secretary:—

"Lancaster, January 7, 1867.—I certify that Mr. James Todd (being 83 years of age) is in such a feeble condition as to render his appearing before the Commissioners very unadvisable.

WILLIAM HALL, L.R.C.P., Ed., F.R.C.S., Eng."

H. Wells.

HENRY WELLS sworn and examined.

39,234. (*Mr. Barstow.*) What are you?—A corn dealer.

39,235. In Bath Street?—Yes.

39,236. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

39,237. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election?—No.

39,238. Neither for yourself nor for any other person?—No.

[Anthony Hargreaves is called, but does not answer.]

The following certificate is read by the secretary:—

"Lancaster, January 4, 1867.—I certify that Mr. Anthony Hargreaves is confined to bed and quite unfit to appear in court.

THOS. HOWITT, F.R.C.S., Eng."

M. Fawcett.

MARY FAWCETT recalled and further examined.

39,239. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Did you receive any money from Benjamin Long?—Yes, my son did, 5*l.*

39,240. Is that the son of whom we have been speaking?—Yes.

39,241. Did you see him receive it?—Yes.

39,242. When was that?—That was about 3 o'clock; perhaps between 3 to 4 on the election day.

39,243. It was paid to him himself?—Yes, it was paid; it was put in my hand, I believe, but it was given me for him; it was after he had voted; it was some time after he had voted.

39,244. Benjamin Long gave you 5*l.* into your hand for him?—Yes.

39,245. Was that all the money you received?—Yes.

39,246. Did you go twice to Whiteside's?—Yes.

39,247. Did you go the first time in consequence of having been sent for?—Yes.

[John Jackson, of Church Street, is called, but does not answer.]

R. Jackson.

ROBERT JACKSON sworn and examined.

39,248. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you?—I am in no occupation at present.

39,249. You come here to speak for your brother?—Yes, he is upwards of 70 years of age.

39,250. What is his name?—John Jackson, a watch maker.

39,251. He is a householder?—Yes.

39,252. Does he live in Church Street?—Yes, No. 39, Church Street.

39,253. For whom did he vote at the last election?—He voted for Fenwick and Schneider.

39,254. Do you know whether he received any money ?—Not any I believe.

39,255. What makes you believe that he did not ?—He has told me so himself.

39,256. Were you with him at the time of the election ?—Yes, I was.

39,257. Was he confined to his house except going to vote ?—Yes ; he is not able to get so far as here.

39,258. And who helps him about ?—He scarcely goes out at all.

39,259. But at the time of the election did you help him about ?—He came here with a person named Ormrod, who is since dead ; he has never been out since.

39,260. Were you living with him ?—Yes, I was.

39,261. And are you sure that nobody brought any money to the house for him ?—I am quite sure that he got no money.

M. E. Dickinson.

MARY ELLEN DICKINSON sworn and examined.

39,262. (*Mr. Hill.*) Are you the landlady of the "Shakespeare Tavern" ?—Yes.

39,263. Did you keep it at the time of the election ?—Yes.

39,264. Were you a widow then ?—Yes.

39,265. Did you receive any money for your house at the election ?—5*l.* for a room.

39,266. From whom did you get that ? — Mr. Allinson proffered it, and then I got it from Mr. Welch.

39,267. Was that all you got ?—Between 7*l.* and 8*l.* altogether for refreshments.

39,268. That is all you got ?—That is all.

39,269. Who paid the 8*l.* ?—Mr. Welch.

39,270. (*Mr. Barstow.*) Mr. Welch paid the whole ?—Yes.

39,271. (*Mr. Hill.*) Were those persons to whom you supplied the refreshment to the amount of 2*l.* or 3*l.* voters ?—Yes.

39,272. The 5*l.* you kept for yourself ?—Yes.

39,273. Did you give to any of the voters any money ?—No.

39,274. Did you supply any of them with a shilling or so ?—No.

39,275. You only gave it to them in drink ?—That was all.

J. Tomlinson.

JOHN TOMLINSON sworn and examined.

39,276. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in Moor Lane ?—Yes.

39,277. What are you ?—An iron founder.

39,278. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

39,279. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—No.

39,280. Not of any sort ?—No.

39,281. Did you pay any money to anybody ?—No.

39,282. Did you assist in fixing the price of a vote for anybody ?—No.

J. Walmsley.

JEREMIAH WALMSLEY sworn and examined.

39,283. (*Mr. Barstow.*) You are of Ulleswater Road ?—Yes.

39,284. What are you ?—A corn and flour dealer.

39,285. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

39,286. Did you receive any money for the purposes of the election ?—I received 2*l.* 18*s.* from Christopher Hartley to pay a small bill with at the "Martin's Arms," and other little expenses, which I did, at Mr. Hartley's request. I gave him an account and particulars of it at the time.

39,287. Is that all the money you received ?—Yes.

39,288. Why did not Mr. Hartley pay this himself ?—He wanted me to go to the "Martin's Arms." He wished me to go with him as far as Bell Hill and Caton.

39,289. Do you know what that 2*l.* 18*s.* was paid for ?—About 34*s.* was paid to the "Martin's Arms" for drink and refreshment for voters there.

39,290. And what was the other 1*l.* 4*s.* paid for ?—There were some expenses in going to Bell Hill and Caton.

39,291. 34*s.* was for the "Martin's Arms," and the 1*l.* 4*s.* was for your expenses ?—Yes.

39,292. What were your expenses ; treating voters ?—Yes.

J. Robertson.

JOHN ROBERTSON sworn and examined.

39,293. (*Mr. Hill.*) You live in King Street ?—Yes.

39,294. What are you ?—A joiner.

39,295. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Fenwick and Schneider.

39,296. What money did you receive for the purposes of the election ?—About 5*l.* from Henry Welch before the election, that is all.

39,297. What did you do with the 5*l.* ?—It was spent among the voters.

39,298. At what place did you refresh the voters ?—The "Bulls Head," Common Garden Street, and the "Wellington Arms."

39,299. Where else ?—And at Henry Pilkington's, in James Street.

39,300. On what day did you receive the 5*l.* ?—I received it at nearly five times—about 1*l.* once.

39,301. Did you not receive more than 1*l.* at a time ?—No, the first I got I believe was 10*s.*

39,302. Was that all the money you got ?—Yes.

39,303. Now tell me any of the people on whom you spent this large sum of 5*l.*, because it was a large sum ?—I should think there was a dozen men on the railway. Two or three different times they were there.

39,304. Were they all voters ?—They were all voters—freemen.

J. Moloney.

JOHN MOLONEY sworn and examined.

39,305. (*Mr. Hill.*) What are you ?—A boot and shoe maker.

39,306. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Fenwick and Schneider.

39,307. Did you receive any mony for the purposes of the election ?—Yes.

39,308. How much ?—21*l.*

39,309. From whom did you receive it ?—Colonel Yeadall.

39,310. Was that all the money you received ?—That was all the money I received.

39,311. From any person ?—From any person.

39,312. What did you do with that money ?—I gave 10*l.* to a man named Wilson, and 6*l.* to a man named Matthew Barrett.

39,313. Which Wilson was that ?—I am not certain as to his christian name.

39,314. Was he a householder or a freeman ?—A freeman.

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39,315. You gave him how much ?—10*l.*

39,316. What money did you give to anybody else ?—6*l.* to a man named Matthew Barrett, a freeman, and 5*l.* was given me by Colonel Yeadall for myself.

39,317. Did you give anybody anything to drink ?—Yes.

39,318. What did you say you were ?—A boot and shoe maker.

The Secretary, by the direction of the Commissioners, inquires whether there is any freeman or householder in court who has not been examined, and whether any person is present who desires to make any statement with reference to the subject matter of the inquiry, or explain any matters already in evidence.

(*Mr. Barstow to Mr. Swainson.*) We understand you wish to make a statement.

(*Mr. Swainson.*) The Commissioners at the close of my evidence on the opening of this inquiry expressed a desire for information as to the number of votes on the register next following the passing of the Reform Act, that is 1833–4. The total number on the register at that time was 1,212, consisting of 958 freemen and 254 householders, making a total of 1,212. I have four other years following closely after that first year, which I can give if the Commissioners desire it.

(*Mr. Barstow.*) If you please.

(*Mr. Swainson.*) In 1834–5, there were 918 freemen and 257 householders, making a total of 1,175. In 1835–6, there were 899 freemen and 308 householders, making a total of 1,207. In 1836–7 there were 883 freeman and 278 householders, making a total of 1,161. Then the next year as to which I have been able to obtain information is 1840–41, there were then 975 freemen and 321 householders, making a total of 1,296. Then sir, I think that in the evidence of some witness it was stated that the burgesses of the borough under the Municipal Reform Act numbered some thousands ; I am not sure whether he said 3,000 or 4,000. With reference to that, I can produce the burgess roll for the year 1864–5 (the year of the election), and the number upon that roll is 1,119. I think I stated in my former evidence that the number of freemen admitted in the year 1864 was 134. I am now able to give you the number out of those who were put upon the register of that year, namely, 77, and there were seven others of the same 134 who endeavoured to be put on the register, but whose names for various reasons were not inserted.

(*Mr. Hill.*) When you say there were 77 put on to the register, do you mean by different political parties in the borough ?

(*Mr. Swainson.*) I do not go into that. I simply say they were put upon the register. The residue of the 134 probably were minors, and would only be entitled to be admitted freemen. I believe that in my former evidence I put the Commissioners in possession of information as to the position of Lancaster in history. I also referred, I think, to its increasing trade and population ; and I think I made an observation upon the borough franchise, at present not in point of fact, including a portion of the extended town of Lancaster ; that, in truth, the 10*l.* franchise, as it now exists, leaves out a part of the new town of Lancaster, in which many of the tradesmen and professional men reside, namely, the Scotforth district. And now, sir, I may perhaps be allowed to say that after the last sitting of the Commissioners a very strong desire was felt that those who had not then had an opportunity of negativing the fact that they had been concerned in acts of bribery should have such an opportunity afforded to them, and, from my knowledge of the feeling of the town, I believe I am quite justified in saying that a very general feeling of satisfaction prevails among the more educated and independent classes in the town of Lancaster that the Commissioners have taken that course. There is among a considerable portion of the voters for this borough a strong feeling of indignation that a necessity should have arisen for this inquiry owing to conduct on the part of those of whom they are wholy independent. They entertain a deep seated feeling of regret and indignation that their position should be at all affected by the conduct of other parties. Those persons consist, I may say, very much of the professional and educated classes in this place, and of those who represent much of its wealth and general intelligence. I wish to state that, as a matter of fact, being in some measure able to form an opinion upon the subject from my knowledge of the parties here. The Commissioners on the occasion of their last visit expressed themselves generally satisfied with the conduct and demeanour of the persons they had summoned as witnesses, and I believe I may say on behalf of the town of Lancaster (if I may be allowed to express an opinion based on what I know of the general feeling of its inhabitants), that I may express their satisfaction with the mode in which this inquiry has been conducted, the extreme accessibility of the secretary, Mr. Patteson, and the impartiality of the Commissioners.

Adjourned.